Consumer Economics and Family Financial Counseling

The Consumer Economics and Family Financial Counseling program provides students with the knowledge and skills to positively impact economic and financial decision making of individuals and families. The course work in economics, personal finance, and financial counseling provides students with a broad skill set to assist consumers in making sound financial decisions and ultimately improving overall family economic well-being and financial security.

Students will receive training that will allow for them to pursue careers in in local government agencies such as the housing authority; state agencies such as health and human services; and federal agencies such as the Social Security Administration. For students who choose to pursue the AFC (Accredited Financial Counselor) certification option, careers are available as financial counselors in credit counseling agencies and non-profits. Additionally, program graduates will have a clear understanding of consumer issues and personal finance; this educational background will result in individuals capable of making healthy and informed family and personal financial decisions leading to responsible consumerism and financial independence for themselves and their families.

To earn a Bachelor of Science in Consumer Economics and Family Financial Counseling, the student must have:
1. a minimum of 120 credit hours that meet the requirements of the UK Core, the College, and the curriculum of the major;
2. at least a 2.0 grade-point average;
3. a grade of C or higher in the following Consumer Economics and Family Financial Counseling courses required to graduate: CEF 350, CEF 351, CEF 352, CEF 402, and CEF 403; and
4. a minimum of 45 credit hours from upper division courses (300 level and above).

UK Core Requirements
See the UK Core section of the 2021-2022 Undergraduate Bulletin for the complete UK Core requirements. The courses listed below are (a) recommended by the college, or (b) required courses that also fulfill UK Core areas. Students should work closely with their advisor to complete the UK Core requirements.

I. Intellectual Inquiry in Arts and Creativity
Choose one course from approved list. ................................................................. 3

II. Intellectual Inquiry in the Humanities
Choose one course from approved list. ............................................................... 3

III. Intellectual Inquiry in the Social Sciences
Choose one course from approved list. ............................................................... 3

IV. Intellectual Inquiry in the Natural, Physical, and Mathematical Sciences
Choose one course from approved list. ............................................................... 3

V. Composition and Communication I
CIS/WRD 110 Composition and Communication I ........................................... 3

VI. Composition and Communication II
CIS/WRD 111 Composition and Communication II ........................................... 3

VII. Quantitative Foundations
Choose one course from approved list. ............................................................... 3

VIII. Statistical Inferential Reasoning
STA 210 Making Sense of Uncertainty: An Introduction to Statistical Reasoning ................................................................. 3

IX. Community, Culture and Citizenship in the USA
GEN 100 Issues in Agriculture, Food and Environment .................................. 3

Premajor Requirement hours .............................................................................. 19

Program Core
Choose one course from approved list. ............................................................... 3

X. Global Dynamics
Choose one course from approved list. ............................................................... 3

UK Core hours ................................................................................................. 30

Graduation Composition and Communication Requirement (GCCR)
CEF 390/FAM 390 Introduction to Research Methods ........................................ 3
CEF 402 Theories and Applications in Consumer Economics .......................... 3
CEF 360/FAM 360 Introduction to Family Intervention: Working With Families and Individuals ................................................................. 3

Graduation Composition and Communication Requirement hours (GCCR) ...................................................................................... 9

Premajor Requirement hours .............................................................................. 19

Program Core
Choose one course from approved list. ............................................................... 3

Electives
In addition to the major requirements, each student will select 35 hours of electives. Electives are chosen in consultation with the academic advisor and should be chosen to support the academic content of the Consumer Economics and Family Financial Counseling major; while also keeping in mind that electives should be chosen to complete the requirement of a minimum of 45 credit hours from upper division courses (300 level and above).

Elective hours ..................................................................................................... 35

TOTAL HOURS: ............................................................................................... 120

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