Date: January 3, 2012

To: Kay Wolf, Chair, Council on Academic Affairs

From: Andrew Zircher, EHE Curriculum Coordinator

RE: Consumer Sciences undergraduate minor- Response to comments from Arts and Sciences

Dear Dr. Wolf,

Thank you for including the Consumer Sciences minor on the agenda for the January 4 Council on Academic Affairs (CAA) meeting.

The meeting materials posted online included a letter from Terry Gustafson summarizing comments from the Arts and Science Committee on Curriculum and Instruction (CCI). The purpose of this letter is to provide a response. Attached to this letter are a revised advising sheet and proposal document with revised transition policy, as well as the full proposal.

In response to CCI’s first question, the Consumer Sciences faculty intend for this proposal to be considered as “Converted with minimal changes” as the program goals are not changing, and while the curriculum is changing to five required courses, each of these had been part of the minor previously. However, if CCI and CAA believe the semester conversion designation should be changed to “re-envisioned”, the Department would comply.

The advising sheet has been edited and corrected changing CON SCI 5130 to CS CFMFNS 5130. In addition, the typo in the transition policy has been correct- “waive”.

Regarding point B of the transition policy, the Consumer Sciences faculty intended for the proposal to indicate that there would be no changes in the program in 2011-2012. The purpose was to ensure clarity for advising, and allow for ease of completion for any students who will finish before semesters begin in summer 2012.

If there are any questions, please contact me by telephone at 614-292-8225 or by email at Zircher.2@osu.edu.
The minor in consumer sciences consists of a minimum of 15 credit hours. The minor is designed to enable students to understand the consumer/market relationship, with special emphasis on identification and solution of consumer problems. Students must take five 3-credit courses:

- CON SCI 2910 Consumer Problems and Perspectives
- CON SCI 3910 Consumer Service and Satisfaction
- CON SCI 3930 Consumer Decision Making
- CON SCI 3940 The Multicultural Consumer: Methods of Data Analysis
- CS CFMFNS 5130 Solutions to Consumer Problems

The academic program coordinator in the College of Education and Human Ecology must approve the Minor Program Form. The student must file the approved form with a college or school counselor. For further information about the minor program, contact the college.

**Consumer Sciences minor program guidelines**

The following guidelines govern this minor.

**Required for graduation** No

**Credit hours required** 15

**Transfer credits allowed** A maximum of 6

**Overlap with GEC** Permitted, unless specifically disallowed by an individual minor program

**Overlap with major**
- The minor must be in a different subject than the major
- Courses specified on the major that are also a part of an established minor can be counted toward both the major and the minor when there are a minimum of 33 credit hours of courses toward the major that are not part of the minor

**Overlap between minors** Each minor completed must contain 12 unique hours

**Graded required**
- Minimum C- for a course to be listed on the minor
- Minimum 2.00 cumulative point-hour ratio required for the minor
- Course work graded Pass/Non-Pass cannot count toward the minor

**Approval required** The academic program coordinator in the College of Education and Human Ecology must approve the minor

**Filing the minor program form** The minor program form must be filed at least by the time the graduation application is submitted to a college or school counselor

**Changing the minor** Once the minor program is filed in the college office, any changes must be approved by the academic program coordinator in the College of Education and Human Ecology.
Program Rationale Statement

The existing undergraduate consumer services minor (quarter system) will be converted with minimal changes to an undergraduate consumer sciences minor (semester system). The minor is designed to enhance understanding of the consumer/market relationship with special emphasis on identifying and solving consumer problems. There are three learning goals for the minor: (1) Students will acquire fundamental concepts of Consumer Sciences; (2) Students will achieve familiarity with methods used in Consumer Sciences; and (3) Students will understand the consumer perspective as it relates to their major area of study.

Two slight changes have been made in the Consumer Sciences minor.
1. The course format of three required courses plus “select two” is being replaced with a set of five required courses (see table below). This change is in response to the creation of an undergraduate consumer sciences core. The undergraduate consumer sciences core consists of five courses that offer students greater depth of knowledge about consumers. Four of these five courses (CONSCI 2990 Professional Development is not required for the minor) are required in the Consumer Sciences minor to provide a consistent set of courses and essential subject matter for all students pursuing the minor. The “Solutions to Consumer Problems” course is also retained in the minor.

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2. The title of the minor is being changed to Consumer Sciences to reflect the name of the Department offering the minor and the undergraduate Consumer Sciences core that contributes four of the five courses required in the minor. The Program/Plan Code Abbreviation for the existing Consumer Services minor is CONSSER-MN. We request the Program/Plan Code Abbreviation for the semester minor be CONSCI-MN.

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**Transition Policy**

Students pursuing the Consumer Sciences minor who began their degree under the quarter system and must transition to the semester system before graduation will not be delayed nor disrupted toward progress toward their degree. The following policies may be used by academic advisors when working with students to assure their progress toward degree:

a. Allow students to move from their original quarter advising sheet to the new semester advising sheet.

b. The 2011-2012 Consumer Sciences minor advising sheet will not be changed to offer some consistency for at least two years of students.

c. Waive pre-requisites for newly formed semester courses when necessary.

d. Advisors will have a “suggested list” of appropriate substitution courses for those students who have taken parts of courses that have been combined for the semester conversion. Advising for these will need to be on an individual basis since students’ programs are so varied.

e. For special circumstances, in advanced courses, Individual Studies or Group Studies options may be used to allow students to take ½ of courses where two courses have been combined.

f. Any student who has completed CSCFMFNS 243, 443, CON SCI 310, 340, or 543 will automatically receive credit for the corresponding semester course.
The quarter version of the minor required three courses and then allowed students to choose any two other graded CON SCI or CSCFMFNS courses (except 300, 595, or 589.02) to complete the minor. Any student who completed a “choice” minor course in quarters should contact an advisor in Consumer Sciences to petition to use it. Students will not be harmed by the transition of the minor and will receive credit for coursework that they took towards it.

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July 21, 2011

To: W. Randy Smith, Vice Provost, Office of Academic Affairs
From: Terry L. Gustafson, Special Assistant to the Executive Dean for Semester Conversion

Re: Arts and Sciences Comments on EHE Minor

The Arts and Sciences Committee on Curriculum and Instruction (CCI) has reviewed the following minors from the College of Education and Human Ecology (EHE). The CCI recommended changes to the minors, most of which were incorporated into the revised proposals. The specific comments that were left unaddressed are indicated below. All the minors were approved unanimously by the CCI.

For each minor, I am including the specific minutes from the CCI meeting addressing any outstanding issues for each minor.

1. Education Minor
   • ASC minor program guidelines on the semester advising sheet are incorrect. The rules as given are the ones that apply to the specific minor and are correct for that minor (but require more than the ASC rules). For example, an ASC minor requires 12 credit hours (not 15); transfer credit hours allowed are 6 (not 10); overlap between minors is 12 unique hours (not 15). This could be fixed by changing the header to "Guidelines for the Education Minor" instead of "Arts and Sciences minor program guidelines."
   • Include a note on semester advising sheet regarding the credit hours of the courses.
   Stafford, Daniels, unanimously approved (items in bold will be transmitted to CAA)

2. Consumer Science Minor
   • Q: "Converted with minimal changes" but program goes from 3 required courses + 2 electives to 5 required courses. A: This has to do with when courses are offered. It will no longer be a problem offering the courses on a regular basis.
   • Name of minor is changed because dept. changed names previously.
   • Under program rationale: CSCFMFNS 5130. However, on semester advising sheet, the same course is listed as Con Sci. Dept will need to clarify which one it is.
   • Transition policy:
     - Point b: This is not clear. A: It means there won't be any changes before conversion.
     - Point c: Typo: "wave" should read "waive."
Daniels, Masters, unanimously approved (items in bold will be transmitted to CAA)

3. Developmental and Prevention Science Minor
   - PACER form: Under Assessment: Is this a degree program? "No" should have been selected.
   - The letter of the chair mentions "undergraduate specialization" but not the minor.
   - No real semester advising sheet is provided.
   - Are there any prerequisites?
   - Should 3193 ("Practicum in research") be 3998?

Vaessin, Daniels, unanimously approved (items in bold will be transmitted to CAA)

4. Human Development and Family Science Minor
   - Minor is not addressed in the Chair's letter.
   - Sentence on semester advising sheet: "All course prerequisites must be met." It would be useful to indicate what the prerequisites are.
   - Semester advising sheet: mistake in overlap between minors: 9 hours should be 12.
   - It should be stated that all courses are 3 credits.
   - "No harm" is not in transition.
   - 362: "Middle Childhood & Adolescence" course disappears. This should be addressed in the transition.

Vaessin, Daniels, unanimously approved (items in bold will be transmitted to CAA)

5. Coaching Education Minor
   - PACER chart: Credit Hour Explanation: Column A: 1st line: 27 (instead of 28); 2nd line: 27 (instead of 28); 3rd line: 33 (instead of 34).
   - Typo on rationale: second paragraph: "many students to coach while in college"
   - Semester advising sheet: third paragraph:
   - "Students who choose the minor have the choice to focus on the coaching …… (remove those words since there is no choice)
   - "The minor requires a total of 21 credit hours": replace with "a minimum of 21 credit hours"

Masters, Daniels, unanimously approved (items in bold will be transmitted to CAA)
To: Larry Krissek, Chair, Committee on Curriculum and Instruction  
From: James Fredal, CCI Sciences Subcommittee  
Re: Consumer Sciences Minor Semester Conversion Proposals  
Date: June 9, 2011

Larry:

The Sciences Subcommittee of the Committee on Curriculum and Instruction (CCI) met on Monday, Feb. 28 to review the semester conversion proposals for the Consumer Sciences Minor. The proposals were unanimously approved contingent upon a few revisions to both proposals, which have since been addressed. The minor has undergone a structural change, from a core of three courses with two elective courses, to a list of five required courses. Also, a name change is being requested for the minor, from Consumer Services to Consumer Sciences. A second review of the revised proposal has revealed a few additional issues that will need to be addressed.

- The PACER chart lists the conversion as minimal but with the name change this should be revised.
- The transition plan (item g) suggests that students will petition to have quarter electives count toward the semester minor, but it later states that students will receive credit for quarter coursework. The transition plan might be revised to clarify the inclusion of quarter elective courses into the minor under semesters.

All other issues raised by the subcommittee have been addressed and so we submit the revised proposal to the full CCI recommending its approval (with the aforementioned contingencies). If you have any questions about the revised proposal or the subcommittee’s comments, please let me know.

Thanks,

Jim Fredal  
fredal.1@osu.edu

cc: Bernadette Vankeerbergen
**Credit Hour Explanation**

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**Program Learning Goals**

- Students acquire fundamental concepts of Consumer Sciences
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**Assessment**

Assessment plan includes student learning goals, how those goals are evaluated, and how the information collected is used to improve student learning. An assessment plan is required for undergraduate majors and degrees. Graduate and professional degree programs are encouraged to complete this now, but will not be required to do so until 2012.

**Is this a degree program (undergraduate, graduate, or professional) or major proposal?** No

**Program Specializations/Sub-Plans**

If you do not specify a program specialization/sub-plan it will be assumed you are submitting this program for all program specializations/sub-plans.

**Pre-Major**
Does this Program have a Pre-Major? No

Attachments

- EHE Dean's Approval - Semester Conv - Consumer Sciences - 010911.docx: College Approval Letter
  (Letter from the College to OAA. Owner: Zircher, Andrew Paul)

- June 2011 Revised Minor in Consumer Sciences attachments Chair letter, rationale, courses, transition plan, quarter and same.pdf: Chair Letter, Rationale, etc.
  (Letter from Program offering Unit. Owner: Montalto, Catherine P)

Comments

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  4-13-2011 Requested revisions completed. Existing quarter advising sheet and proposed semester advising sheets are included. Transition plan is more specific. The omitted word “core” has been inserted into paragraph 1 of the rationale.

  Transition plan expanded (by Montalto, Catherine P on 06/06/2011 02:36 PM)

- Feedback will be provided by Professor Jim Fredal (via e-mail). (by Vankeerbergen, Bernadette Chantal on 03/02/2011 01:31 PM)

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Date: January 9, 2011

To: Randy Smith, Vice Provost for Academic Programs
Elliot Slotnick, Associate Dean, Graduate School

From: Jackie Blount, Associate Dean, EHE Academic Affairs

RE: Semester Conversion Package for Department of Consumer Sciences

I am pleased to present the complete package of semester conversion materials for the Department of Consumer Sciences. In what follows, I will outline unique college and department contexts that have shaped this package. I will include tables summarizing constituent programs/courses and describe any other pertinent considerations. Finally, you will find Dean's level approval.

College Contexts
The College of Education and Human Ecology was formed in 2006 by merging two colleges (Human Ecology and Education). Curriculum across the new college, however, has remained relatively unchanged. Given this situation, we view the semester conversion process as a fresh opportunity to deepen the merger by building curricular collaborations among our units. We also wish to rethink our pre-existing programs and find ways to make them stronger, more coherent, and streamlined.

To these ends, we have asked faculty in our units to purge their curricula of little-used or less-than-relevant courses. We have challenged faculty to reach across unit lines to forge curricular collaborations by creating new degrees, interdisciplinary specializations, or co-taught courses. We are re-instituting a number of undergraduate teacher preparation programs (B.S.Ed.), each of which draws from courses in units around our college as well as across the university. We have encouraged five of our six units to address findings of the 2008 OSU Doctoral Program Assessment and Plan by strengthening their Ph.D. programs and making them more coherent. They have responded by: 1) defining their Ph.D. programs in alignment with their units -- rather than with their pre-merger college (i.e., Ph.D. in Consumer Science rather than Ph.D. in Human Ecology); and 2) creating true cores for their Ph.D. programs if they did not previously exist. Additionally, an Ed.D. degree in Educational Leadership is being proposed to address the need of school administrators to pursue advanced degrees geared for practitioners. With approval of the Ed.D. and also with recent B.O.R. approval of our other practitioner-oriented programs, an Ed.S. (Education Specialist) program in School Psychology and another in Teaching and Learning, fewer graduate students in the college will pursue Ph.D.s by default than in the past.

We believe that, taken together, these changes will greatly strengthen our programs and clarify our new college identity.
Departmental Notes

Consumer Sciences (CS) is one of five units in the college to change its Ph.D. program to align with departmental boundaries rather than those of its previous college. CS faculty have proposed that the degree name change from “Ph.D. in Human Ecology” to “Ph.D. in Consumer Sciences.” The “Human Ecology” designation no longer makes sense because the college of that name does not exist. Also, Ph.D. degrees from other units with the “Human Ecology” designation have very little in common with each other as there is no common core. However, with the proposed Ph.D. in Consumer Science, a 12-credit hour common core will provide greatly enhanced cohesion to the degree program that will span three separate specializations. For similar reasons, CS faculty also are proposing that the name of their master’s degree change from “M.S. in Human Ecology” to “M.S. in Consumer Sciences.”

Finally, CS faculty likewise have chosen to improve the coherence of their B.S. degrees. Previously, the three main programs in the department each offered essentially independent majors. Now, though, the B.S. degrees have a true common core of courses shared by three majors. Not only will this improve quality and coherence for students, but it also will increase efficiencies in the department.

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**College Approval**

I have carefully reviewed all semester conversion materials for the Department of Consumer Sciences, having done so conjointly with the EHE Curriculum Committee. I also have discussed these materials with Dean Achterberg. This memo signifies Dean's level approval of the entire semester conversion package for the Department of Consumer Sciences.
October 25, 2010

Dear Curriculum Review Committee,

The Department of Consumer Sciences in the College of Education and Human Ecology is presenting a total of five degree programs for semester conversion in Summer of 2012. Of the five programs, three are undergraduate programs including: Hospitality Management, Fashion and Retail Studies, and Consumer and Family Financial Services and two are graduate programs in Consumer Sciences (MS and Ph.D.). The current programs in the department and college are:

a. Undergraduate majors: BS in Hospitality Management, BS in Human Ecology with majors in Fashion and Retail Studies, and Consumer and Family Financial Services
b. Undergraduate minors: Consumer Services and Textiles & Clothing
c. Graduate programs: MS and Ph.D. in Human Ecology with specializations in Hospitality Management, Fashion and Retail Studies, and Family Resource Management

The faculty in the Department of Consumer Sciences have participated in a year long review of curriculum, commencing with research on programs at benchmark institutions and a review of survey information from program alumni. Much of the work on our undergraduate programs was done within program groups representing the interests of the three areas of study in Consumer Sciences: Hospitality Management, Fashion and Retail Studies, and Consumer and Family Financial Services. The graduate faculty worked as a committee of the whole. At the start of Autumn 2009 each program faculty committee redefined program learning goals and linked these goals to a formal assessment plan. With this background, a curricular map of existing programs was drafted to identify any holes in coverage and redundancies. These maps served as the basis for program modifications.

For the undergraduate programs, common changes were the addition of new courses to cover gaps in the curriculum as seen through examination of the curricular maps, elimination of courses considered redundant, merging of existing courses facilitated by the extra time in semesters, and/or identification of courses from other units that complement learning goals in each program. Each of the three undergraduate programs is presented as a conversion to semesters with minimal changes to program goals and curricular requirements.

For the graduate programs, the department’s situation is somewhat unique. Our proposal is for two new graduate programs (MS and Ph.D.) in Consumer Sciences. Previously our graduate degree programs were in Human Ecology, encompassing students working in Human Nutrition, Human Development and Family Science, and Consumer Sciences. Faculty from all three units agreed that one single degree is not adequately representative of these three areas of study as there is no common core of study amongst the programs. To be more representative of the core area of study, each of the three units that previously
contributed to graduate degrees in Human Ecology is proposing a new graduate program. In Consumer Sciences the proposed graduate program parallels our undergraduate program with a set of core requirements in consumer sciences followed by courses derived from 3 areas of study: Hospitality Management, Fashion and Retail Studies, and Family/Consumer Economics. These are not tracks and represent only an advanced treatment of consumer sciences within a specific market setting.

Faculty approval for the five programs and new (or significantly modified) courses was recorded through a formal vote on each program and course at one of two day-long retreats held in early June and mid-September 2010. At these meetings the undergraduate proposals drafted by program area groups were presented, discussed and put forward for full faculty vote. The Fashion and Retail Studies and Consumer and Family Financial Services programs were approved unanimously in these retreats. The Hospitality Management proposal required more significant revision as a result of faculty discussion and the subsequent vote was conducted online with all Consumer Sciences faculty voting and approving the final proposal. The MS and Ph.D. programs in Consumer Sciences were also reviewed and voted upon in the September retreat and the approval was unanimous through a formal and recorded vote.

The faculty have submitted a strong rationale for programmatic changes, appropriate transition plans, and a plan to meet the resource requirements that come with these five proposals. I recommend approval of the BS degrees in Hospitality Management, Fashion and Retail Studies, and Consumer and Family Financial Services and the two graduate degrees (MS and Ph.D.) in Consumer Sciences.

Sincerely,

Jonathan Fox, Ph.D.
Interim Chair
Consumer Sciences
Program Rationale Statement

The existing undergraduate consumer services minor (quarter system) will be converted with minimal changes to an undergraduate consumer sciences minor (semester system). The minor is designed to enhance understanding of the consumer/market relationship with special emphasis on identifying and solving consumer problems. There are three learning goals for the minor: (1) Students will acquire fundamental concepts of Consumer Sciences; (2) Students will achieve familiarity with methods used in Consumer Sciences; and (3) Students will understand the consumer perspective as it relates to their major area of study.

Two slight changes have been made in the Consumer Sciences minor.

1. The course format of three required courses plus “select two” is being replaced with a set of five required courses (see table below). This change is in response to the creation of an undergraduate consumer sciences core. The undergraduate consumer sciences core consists of five courses that offer students greater depth of knowledge about consumers. Four of these five courses (CONSCI 2990 Professional Development is not required for the minor) are required in the Consumer Sciences minor to provide a consistent set of courses and essential subject matter for all students pursuing the minor. The “Solutions to Consumer Problems” course is also retained in the minor.

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2. The title of the minor is being changed to Consumer Sciences to reflect the name of the Department offering the minor and the undergraduate Consumer Sciences core that contributes four of the five courses required in the minor. The Program/Plan Code Abbreviation for the existing Consumer Services minor is CONSSER-MN. We request the Program/Plan Code Abbreviation for the semester minor be CONSCI-MN.

**List of Semester Courses**

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**Transition Policy**

Students pursuing the Consumer Sciences minor who began their degree under the quarter system and must transition to the semester system before graduation will not be delayed nor disrupted toward progress toward their degree. The following policies may be used by academic advisors when working with students to assure their progress toward degree:

a. Allow students to move from their original quarter advising sheet to the new semester advising sheet.

b. The 2011-2012 Consumer Sciences minor advising sheet will not be changed to offer some consistency for at least two years of students.

c. Wave pre-requisites for newly formed semester courses when necessary.

d. Advisors will have a “suggested list” of appropriate substitution courses for those students who have taken parts of courses that have been combined for the semester conversion. Advising for these will need to be on an individual basis since students’ programs are so varied.

e. For special circumstances, in advanced courses, Individual Studies or Group Studies options may be used to allow students to take ½ of courses where two courses have been combined.

f. Any student who has completed CSCFMFNS 243, 443, CON SCI 310, 340, or 543 will automatically receive credit for the corresponding semester course.
g. The quarter version of the minor required three courses and then allowed students to choose any two other graded CON SCI or CSCFMFNS courses (except 300, 595, or 589.02) to complete the minor. Any student who completed a “choice” minor course in quarters should contact an advisor in Consumer Sciences to petition to use it. Students will not be harmed by the transition of the minor and will receive credit for coursework that they took towards it.

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The minor in consumer affairs consists of a minimum of 23 credit hours. The minor is designed to enable students to understand the consumer/market relationship, with special emphasis on identification and solution of consumer problems. Students must take Consumer Sciences 340 and Consumer Sciences: Consumer & Family Financial Services 243, and 443, as well as at least two other graded courses in Consumer Sciences or Consumer Sciences: Consumer & Family Financial Services, except Consumer Sciences 300, 595 and 589.02.

After the academic program coordinator in the College of Education and Human Ecology has approved your Minor Program Form, you should file the form with your college or school counselor. For further information about the minor program, contact the college.

Consumer Affairs minor program guidelines

The following guidelines govern this minor.

Required for graduation  No

Credit hours required  a minimum of 23

Transfer credit hours allowed  A maximum of 10

Overlap with the GEC  Permitted, unless specifically disallowed by an individual minor program.

Overlap with the major
• The minor must be in a different subject than the major.
• Courses specified on the major that are also a part of an established minor can be counted toward both the major and the minor when there are a minimum of 50 credit hours of courses toward the major that are not a part of the minor.

Overlap between minors  Each minor completed must contain 20 unique hours.

Grades required
• Minimum C- for a course to be listed on the minor.
• Minimum 2.00 cumulative point-hour ratio required for the minor.
• Course work graded Pass/Non-Pass cannot count on the minor.

100-level course  For every five credit hours of 100-level course work on the minor, the minimum total required for the minor is increased by five.

Approval required  The minor program description sheet indicates if the minor course work must be approved by:
• The academic program coordinator in the College of Education and Human Ecology

Filing the minor program form  The minor program form must be filed at least by the time the graduation application is submitted to a college or school counselor.

Changing the minor  Once the minor program is filed in the college office, any changes must be approved by:
• The academic program coordinator in the College of Education and Human Ecology
Consumer Sciences Minor (CONSCI-MN)

The minor in consumer sciences consists of a minimum of 15 credit hours. The minor is designed to enable students to understand the consumer/market relationship, with special emphasis on identification and solution of consumer problems. Students must take five 3-credit courses:

- CON SCI 2910 Consumer Problems and Perspectives
- CON SCI 3910 Consumer Service and Satisfaction
- CON SCI 3930 Consumer Decision Making
- CON SCI 3940 The Multicultural Consumer: Methods of Data Analysis
- CON SCI 5130 Solutions to Consumer Problems

The academic program coordinator in the College of Education and Human Ecology must approve the Minor Program Form. The student must file the approved form with a college or school counselor. For further information about the minor program, contact the college.

**Consumer Sciences minor program guidelines**

The following guidelines govern this minor.

- **Required for graduation**: No
- **Credit hours required**: 15
- **Transfer credits allowed**: A maximum of 6
- **Overlap with GEC**: Permitted, unless specifically disallowed by an individual minor program

**Overlap with major**
- The minor must be in a different subject than the major
- Courses specified on the major that are also a part of an established minor can be counted toward both the major and the minor when there are a minimum of 33 credit hours of courses toward the major that are not part of the minor

**Overlap between minors**
- Each minor completed must contain 12 unique hours

**Graded required**
- Minimum C- for a course to be listed on the minor
- Minimum 2.00 cumulative point-hour ratio required for the minor
- Course work graded Pass/Non-Pass cannot count toward the minor

**Approval required**
- The academic program coordinator in the College of Education and Human Ecology must approve the minor

**Filing the minor program form**
- The minor program form must be filed at least by the time the graduation application is submitted to a college or school counselor

**Changing the minor**
- Once the minor program is filed in the college office, any changes must be approved by the academic program coordinator in the College of Education and Human Ecology.