Resolution to Discontinue Major, Family and Consumer Sciences, in Bachelor of Science in Apparel, Housing, and Resource Management

WHEREAS, the Major in Family and Consumer Sciences was established in 2015; and

WHEREAS, enrollment in the program has never exceeded eight students in any year of its existence; and

WHEREAS, only four students have graduated from the program since its creation; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Apparel, Housing, and Resource Management and the College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences are committed to supporting undergraduate programs with the potential to grow; and

WHEREAS, the teaching and research interests of the faculty of the Department of Apparel, Housing, and Resource Management no longer align well with the needs of a Major in Family and Consumer Sciences; and

WHEREAS, a teach-out plan has been developed to ensure students currently enrolled in the Major in Family and Consumer Sciences may complete and be awarded their degree; and

WHEREAS, current students in the Major in Family and Consumer Sciences have been informed that the major will be discontinued and they have until Summer 2024 to complete the requirements; and

WHEREAS, current students who plan to graduate in Fall 2024 or after will be provided with assistance transitioning into another program satisfying their needs;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Major in Family and Consumer Sciences be discontinued effective Spring 2021 and the proposal forwarded through University governance to the President for approval.
September 9, 2020

RE: Discontinuation of the Family and Consumer Sciences Major

Per university policy, please accept this letter in support of the discontinuation of the Family and Consumer Sciences Major in the College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences' Department of Apparel, Housing, and Resource Management.

Justification for Discontinuation:

The Family and Consumer Sciences Major prepares graduates to teach students, families, and communities about their well-being, relationships, and use of resources. The major offers courses in areas including financial security, housing, nutrition, health and wellness, personal and family relationships, and sustainable quality of life. Unfortunately, enrollment has remained low for many years and efforts to growth the major have proven unsuccessful. This, coupled with a curriculum that no longer aligns well with the teaching and research interests of existing faculty, have prompted the Department of Apparel, Housing, and Resource Management to discontinue the major.

Teach-Out Plan:

All of the courses in the Family and Consumer Sciences Major are required courses or controlled electives in other majors on campus. As such, there is no plan to stop offering them once efforts to discontinue the Family and Consumer Sciences Major commence. In the event of course termination unexpectedly, the Department of Apparel, Housing, and Resource Management will work with students to identify appropriate substitutions.

Previously Approved Program Requirements:

The Family and Consumer Sciences Major Checksheet for Students Graduating in the Calendar Year 2021 accompanies this letter as a summary of program requirements.

Best,

Dustin C. Read, PhD/JD
Associate Professor and Department Head
Department of Apparel, Housing, and Resource Management
January 13, 2021

RE: Addendum to Discontinuation of Family and Consumer Sciences Major

Teach-Out Plan:

Family and Consumer Sciences major currently has 7 students enrolled. The last term/year for students to enroll in the Family and Consumer Sciences major will be Summer 2021 and the last term/year for students to graduate will be Spring 2024.

Students will have the option to change their major within the College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences or to other majors within the university should they be eligible. Additionally, a student that cannot complete the Family and Consumer Sciences major by Spring 2024, may transition to another major within the College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences or another viable major on campus. The Apparel, Housing, and Resource Management academic advisor will assist all students through the transition process.

The discontinuation of the Family and Consumer Sciences major will be communicated to students through academic advising and will be communicated to faculty and staff through faculty and staff meetings.

Best,

Chelsey Hancock
Academic Advisor
Department of Apparel, Housing, and Resource Management
### Family and Consumer Sciences Major

- RED 2604 Residential Design 3
- RED 2614 Introduction to Residential Technologies 2
- RED 2634 Residential Technologies Lab (Co: RED 2614) 1
- RED 2644 Housing and the Consumer 3
- RED 2234 Housing Textiles 3
- COMM 2004 Public Speaking 3
- HD 2304 Family Relationships 3
- HNF 1004 Foods, Nutrition and Exercise 3
- FST or HNF 2544 Functional Foods for Health 3
- HTM 3414 Food Preparation, Purchasing, and Management 2
- PHS 1514 Personal Health 3

**Total Family and Consumer Sciences Major Credits**: 29 Credits

### Family and Consumer Sciences Controlled Electives

Select a minimum of 15 credits from the following list. 3 3 3 3 3

- CONS 3504 Resource Management for Individuals and Families (Pre: CONS 2304 or AAEC 2104 or FIN 2114)
- CONS 4404 Consumer Protection
- FMD 2034 History of Costume
- FMD 3224 Apparel Production (Pre: 1204)
- RED 1624 Residential Design Presentation
- RED 2654 Residential Environments (Pre: AHRM 1014)
- RED 3644 American Housing
- RED 4604 Environmental and Sustainability Issues in Housing
- RED 4664 Universal Design
- FST 2014 Introduction to Food Science (2 credits)
- HNF 2334 Introduction to Integrative Health
- HTM 1414 Intro to Hotel, Restaurant & Institutional Management
- HTM 2464 Introduction to Service
- HTM 2514 Catering Management
- HD 2314 Human Sexuality
- HD 3234 Lifespan Community Services (Pre: HD 1004, HD 2304, HD 2004)
- EDCI 3144 (HD 3144) Education of Exceptional Learners
- EDEP 3154 (PSYC 3154) Psychological Foundations of Education

**Total Family and Consumer Sciences Controlled Electives**: 15 Credits

**Total Family and Consumer Sciences Credits**: 44 Credits

### Free Electives

12 Credits

- Courses included in in-major GPA calculation; in-major and overall GPA of 2.0 required for graduation.
+ For satisfactory progress toward a degree, these courses must be completed by the time the student has attempted 72 hours.

Prerequisites: Some courses listed on this checksheet may have prerequisites; please consult the University Course Catalog or check with your advisor.

A sequence of 2 foreign language courses is required for graduation unless 2 high school credits of the same foreign language or 6 transfer credit hours of foreign language have been earned. These credits do not count toward graduation. See Catalog section on “Graduation Requirements”.

**Family and Consumer Sciences Major**

For students graduating in calendar year 2022 and for student date of entry under UG Catalog 2020-2021
AHRM Core Degree Requirements

AHRM 1104 Introduction to AHRM and Student Resources 1___+  

Economic Well-Being  
ECON 2005-2006 Principles of Economics 3___   3___  
Or AAEC 1005-1006 Economics of the Food and Fiber System  
◆ AHRM 2404 Consumer Rights 3___

Product Analysis (Choose one)  
◆ FMD 1204 Clothing and People (required for FCS major) 3___  
CONS 3504 Resource Management for Individuals and Families (Pre: CONS 2304 or AAEC 2104 or FIN 2114)  
RED 2644 Housing and the Consumer  

Business Fundamentals  
MKTG 3104 Marketing Management (Pre: Junior Standing) 3___

Action Learning (Choose one - minimum 3 credits) 3___
FCS 4964 Field Study (required for FCS major)  
FCS 4974 Independent Study  
FCS 4994 Undergraduate Research  
FMD or PM/RED 3984 Study Abroad  
FMD 4244 New York Fashion Study Tour (Pre: 12 hours Apparel areas courses; junior standing) (FMD Majors)  

Total AHRM Core Requirements 19 credits

Pathways to General Education –Core Learning Outcomes for students entering after Fall 2018

The Pathways curriculum includes seven core learning outcomes (visit https://www.apps.provost.vt.edu/pathways/table.html for a full list of approved pathway courses).

I. Discourse  
ENGL 1105; 1106 3(f)___+  3(f)___+  3(a)___

II. Critical Thinking in the Humanities 3___+  3___

III. Reasoning in the Social Sciences 3___+  3___  
◆ HD 1004 Human Development I: Child and Adolescents  
◆ HD 2004 Human Development II: Adulthood and Aging  

IV. Reasoning in the Natural Sciences 3___+  3___

V. Quantitative and Computational Thinking 3(f)___+  3(f)___+  3(a)___  
◆ CONS 2304 Consumer and Family Finances

VI. Critique and Practice in Design and the Arts 3___+  3___  
◆ AHRM 1014 Design and Art for Consumers  

VII. Critical Analysis of Equity and Identity in the United States 3___

Total Curriculum for Pathways General Education Requirements 45 credits

Minimum Total Credits 120 Credits

In accordance with University guidelines, courses satisfying Degree Core Requirements may not be double counted to satisfy other areas of a degree such as in Pathways, Major Requirements, etc.
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In regard to the discontinuation of the Family and Consumer Sciences major, it is the opinion of the Undergraduate students that this action would be beneficial to Virginia Tech and would otherwise have a very minor effect on current and future students. Additionally, it is the opinion of the student body that a teach-out plan is necessary for any current students in this major plan.
April 8, 2021

To: Vice President of Policy and Governance

The Staff Senate Committee on Policy and Issues has reviewed and approves CUSP Resolution 2020-2021H and Resolution 2020-2021I. The Staff Senate is in support of these resolutions.

Thank you,

LaTawnya Burleson, Chair Staff Senate Policies and Issues Committee