Program Overview

The Bachelor of Science in family and consumer sciences (B.S. FMCS) at Winthrop University is designed to prepare graduates for careers in human and consumer service agencies where children and families are the focus. The B.S. in FMCS is a strong interdisciplinary program that includes coursework in six major content areas: child development, family relationships, foods and nutrition, consumer education, housing, and apparel. Students select a specialization in adolescent studies, consumer studies or early childhood studies. FMCS is also available as a minor.

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Career Opportunities
If you are a people person, like to lead and teach, enjoy creative thinking, work well in teams, enjoy public speaking, take pride in your organizational and presentation skills, and want to make a difference in the lives of children and families, family and consumer sciences might be for you. With a degree in FACS you could create new products for consumers, provide customer services in hospitality industries, counsel others in health and fitness, train and retrain employees for the workforce, write and deliver consumer information on the Web and for print media, provide financial guidance services, serve youth and families through government and community agencies, and so much more!

The Curriculum
The Bachelor of Science in family and consumer sciences consists of 124 credits. All students complete a set of courses in the content areas of child development, family relationships, foods and nutrition, consumer education, housing, and apparel. Students select one of three specializations:
- adolescent studies
- consumer studies
- early childhood studies

Internships
In family and consumer sciences, students have opportunities for internship placements at a variety of agencies, organizations and corporations in North and South Carolina. Students complete at least 300 hours of work experience to fulfill the internship requirement.

Student Organizations
WINAFACS
Winthrop University Association of Family and Consumer Sciences provides professional development and service opportunities.

Phi Upsilon Omicron
A national family and consumer sciences honor society provides professional development, service and scholarship opportunities.