FCS: 3010: Career Development in FCS (2 credits)

Class Meets Online

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COURSE DESCRIPTION: This course is designed for majors in the Department of Family and Consumer Studies (and related fields) who are ready for career exploration and formulation of a career plan. Students will become acquainted with a range of professionals whose work relies on knowledge of families, consumers, and human development. Students will engage in a variety of activities that aid in defining and implementing career goals, including creating an online professional presence, constructing a resume and associated cover letter, interviewing, and researching available jobs. At the conclusion of the course, students will have an executable career plan and job search strategy.

COURSE OBJECTIVES:
1. Students will identify the key steps in the career planning process and understand the importance of planning early.
2. Students will demonstrate career-relevant self-knowledge (values, personality, interests, skills) and apply it to career planning.
3. Students will become familiar with the variety of jobs and careers that draw on knowledge of families, consumers, and human development, including jobs held by FCS graduates.
4. Students will form and refine career aspirations and explore associated career paths.
5. Students will locate, describe, and use the career planning services offered by the University of Utah.
6. Students will acquire the skills necessary for a successful job search and enhance their lifelong professional development.

TEACHING AND LEARNING METHODS: This fully online course employs a variety of teaching and learning methods, including lectures, discussions, case studies of specific people in FCS-related careers, and a variety of individually-customized projects. Typically, there is an assignment due for each week of the class. There is no textbook for this course.