

FCS: 3010:

Introduction to FCS and Career Development

(2 credits)

Class Meets Entirely Online

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Course Description

The goals of this course are to (1) describe the interdisciplinary field of study encompassed by the Department of Family and Consumer Studies (FCS); (2) introduce the department's faculty and their research; (3) delineate the many careers in which knowledge of this field is generated and applied; (4) explore the career-development resources provided by the University of Utah; and (5) help students construct a preliminary career plan. The course is designed for students who are majoring or minoring in FCS or thinking about doing so; however, the course can be of value to students in other majors, especially those in the College of Social and Behavioral Science.

Course Outcomes

By the end of this course, students will be able to:

- Identify specific careers related to FCS
- Describe some of the research being conducted by FCS faculty
- Mark out their career goals, relevant skills, and career decision-making process
- Use career planning resources available from the University of Utah and elsewhere

Teaching and Learning Methods

This 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.

Required Materials

There is no textbook for this course; readings will be drawn from scholarly and popular sources. Students will also use (and in some cases purchase) online software designed for career development.