

## MAJOR: Consumer and Community Studies (CCS)

**Minimum CCS Major Hours: 35** (at least 18 semester hours for the CCS major must be completed at the University of Utah). **All CCS major and allied courses must be completed with a letter grade of C- or better.**

### 1. DEPARTMENT CORE (8 Credit Hours)

FCS 3200 Research Methods	4
FCS 3210 Statistics (QB/QI)	4

### 2. CCS CORE (6 Credit Hours)

FCS 3450 Family Economic Issues (QI/BF) -or- FCS 3500 Financial Skills for Life (QI)	3
FCS 3600 Consumer and Community Policy (BF)	3

### 3. CAPSTONE (3 Credit Hours)

Choose **one course**. The other 4 courses will then become elective options.

<b>FCS 5550</b> Family Financial Planning Capstone <i>Pre-req: FCS 3500,5510,5520,5530,5540</i>	3
<b>FCS 5700</b> Analyzing Community Growth: An Evidence-based Approach (QI) <i>Pre-req: FCS 3200</i>	3
<b>FCS 5730</b> Community & Environmental Change	3
<b>FCS 4910</b> CSBS Internship	3-6
<b>FCS 5950</b> Undergraduate Research	3-6
<b>*HNKLY 4900/ 4901/4902/4903</b> Internship	3-12
<b>HNKLY 4910</b> Washington D.C. Encounter	3-12

\*All internship applications require approval from the Hinckley Institute of Politics, located in OSH 253, 801-581-8501

4. **CCS ELECTIVES** (15 Credit Hours – See list to the right): Some courses have a range of credit hours from which to select such as Internships & Undergraduate Research. Students can discuss their options for selecting CCS elective courses & hours with Advisors.

### 5. DEPARTMENT BREADTH REQUIREMENT (3 Credit Hours)

FCS 1500 Lifespan Human Development (BF) -or- FCS 2400 Modern Family: A Life Course Perspective (BF)	3
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6. **ALLIED COURSES** (12 Credit Hours): From the Human Development and Family Studies major, other areas of Social & Behavioral Science, Business, Communications, and/or other academic disciplines approved by the FCS Department. Students admitted to the U of U can use their *Degree Audit* to view all approved allied departments. Students are encouraged to consider adding a second major, minors, emphases, and/or certifications to increase career options. Students can discuss these options with Advisors.

## **CCS ELECTIVES**

15 Credit Hour minimum / 6 Credit Hours must be at the 5000 Level

FCS 3010 Intro to FCS careers	2
FCS 3180 Family, School, & Community Connections	3
FCS 3420 Housing Policy and Issues (CW)	3
FCS 3430 Family Advocacy and Policy	3
FCS 3450 Family Economic Issues (QI/BF)*	3
FCS 3470 International Consumer Policy (IR)	3
FCS 3500 Financial Skills for Life*	3
FCS 3510 Tax Prep & Community	3
FCS 3620 Environmental Psychology & Sustainability	3
FCS 4910 CSBS Internship	1-6
FCS 5200 Family and Social Policy	3
FCS 5282 Conflict and Mediation	3
FCS 5430 Families, Consumers, & Health	3
FCS 5450 Nonprofit Community Organizations	3
FCS 5510 Building Family Wealth: Investment & Life Insurance Planning <i>Pre or co-req: FCS 3450 or 3500</i>	3
FCS 5520 Retirement and Benefits Planning for Families <i>Pre or co -req: FCS 3450 or 3500</i>	3
FCS 5530 Income Tax Planning for Families <i>Pre or co-req: FCS 3450 or 3500</i>	3
FCS 5540 Protecting Family Wealth: Insurance and Estate Planning <i>Pre or co-req: FCS 3450 or 3500</i>	3
FCS 5550 Family Financial Planning Capstone * <i>Pre-Req: FCS 3500, 5510, 5520,5530,5540</i>	3
FCS 5590 Intensive Spanish Culture and Community (IR)	4
FCS 5630 Healthy Communities	3
FCS 5700 Analyzing Community Growth (QI)*	3
FCS 5730 Community & Environmental Change*	3
FCS 5950 Undergraduate Research*	1-6
FCS 5962/5964 Special Topics in CCS	3
HNKLY 4900/4901/4902/4903 Internship**-or- HNKLY 4910 Washington D.C. Encounter**	3-4

\*If NOT used to fulfill major core or capstone requirement

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**REQUIREMENTS SUBJECT TO CHANGE. Students are encouraged to meet with their advisor on a regular basis.**

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## **MINOR: Consumer and Community Studies (CCS)**

**Minimum CCS Minor Hours: 15** (at least 6 semester hours for the CCS major must be completed at the University of Utah). **All CCS minor courses must be completed with a letter grade of C- or better.**

### **1. CCS CORE (6 Credit Hours)**

FCS 3450 Family Economic Issues (QI/BF) -or- FCS 3500 Financial Skills for Life	3
FCS 3600 Consumer and Community Policy	3

### **2. CCS ELECTIVES (9 Credit Hours, at least 3 credits at 5000 level)**

FCS 3010 Intro to FCS Careers	2
FCS 3180 Family, School, & Community Connections	3
FCS 3420 Housing Policy and Issues (CW)	3
FCS 3430 Family Advocacy and Policy	3
FCS 3450 Family Economic Issues (QI/BF)	3
FCS 3470 International Consumer Policy (IR)	3
FCS 3500 Financial Skills for Life	3
FCS 3620 Environmental Psychology & Sustainability	3
FCS 4910 CSBS Internship	1-6
FCS 5200 Family and Social Policy	3
FCS 5430 Families, Consumers, & Health	3
FCS 5450 Nonprofit Community Organizations	3
FCS 5510 Building Family Wealth: Investment & Life Insurance Planning <i>Pre or co-req: FCS 3450 or 3500</i>	3
FCS 5520 Retirement and Benefits Planning for Families <i>Pre or co-req: FCS 3450 or 3500</i>	3
FCS 5530 Income Tax Planning for Families <i>Pre-req: FCS 3500</i>	3
FCS 5540 Protecting Family Wealth: Insurance and Estate Planning <i>Pre or co-req: FCS 3450 or 3500</i>	3
FCS 5550 Family Financial Planning Capstone <i>Pre-req: FCS 3500, 5510, 5520, 5530, 5540</i>	3
FCS 5590 Intensive Spanish Culture and Community 3 week study abroad Summer semester only	4
FCS 5630 Healthy Communities	3
FCS 5700 Analyzing Community Growth: An Evidence-based Approach (QI)	3
FCS 5730 Community & Environmental Change	3
FCS 5950 Undergraduate Research	1-6
FCS 5962/5964 Special Topics in CCS	3
HNKLY 4900/4901/4902/4903 Internship** -or- HNKLY 4910 Washington D.C. Encounter	3-4

\*\*A maximum of 4 credit hours will be accepted towards the 9 credit elective requirement

## **Consumer and Community Studies**

The objective of the Consumer and Community Studies (CCS) Major/ minor is to provide students with a major/ minor that focuses on the well-being of households as they are influenced by the marketplace institutions and communities in which the households are embedded. Students in the CCS major gain an interdisciplinary understanding of marketplace and community issues at the local, national and international level. This is done by examining the perspectives of consumers, businesses, community organizations, and government. Students also acquire the practical skills necessary to improve the well-being of households, with courses providing students with opportunities to acquire mediation skills and learn through community service and internships.

In keeping with the interdisciplinary character of the CCS major/ minor, faculty members are drawn from a variety of disciplinary backgrounds. These include economics, sociology, psychology, law, and business education. With about a hundred students in the major at any one time, there are ample opportunities to gain research experience by working with faculty members on their research or to receive their guidance on individually designed research projects.

Graduates of the CCS major/ minor have unique skills and, as a result, their employment prospects are strong. Students have solid grounding in economics, family finance, political science, community development, public policy and law. This makes graduates attractive to government agencies, nonprofit organizations, and businesses that deal with consumers and community issues. Students are particularly well prepared to pursue advanced degrees.

### **DEPARTMENTAL ACADEMIC ADVISING**

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### **CAREER COUNSELOR: What can you do with a Major in CCS?**

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