

## CONSUMER AND COMMUNITY STUDIES MINOR

Minimum Minor Hours: 15

### **1.CONSUMER & COMMUNITY STUDIES CORE (9 Credits)**

Sem	Grade	Course	Credits
		FCS 3450 Family Economic Issues(BF/QI)	3
		FCS 3600 Consumer and Community Studies (BF)	3
		FCS 5400 Families and Economic Policy	3
		-or-	
		FCS 5410 Consumer Protection	3
		-or-	
		FCS5450 Nonprofit Community Organizations	3
		-or-	
		FCS 5730 Community and Environmental Change (CW)*	3-4

\*Students must also register for FCS 3905 Modes of Learning: Writing Credit

### **2.COMSUMER & COMMUNITY STUDIES ELECTIVES (6 Credits)**

Sem	Grade	Course	Credits
		FCS 1450 Consumer and Family Finance	3
		FCS 3010 Intro to FCS Careers	2
		FCS 3180 Home, School & Community Relations	3
		FCS 3420 Housing Policy and Issues	3
		FCS 3430 U.S. & International Families and Social Policy	3
		FCS 3460 Youth Participation in a Globalizing World	3
		FCS 3470 International Consumer Policy (IR)	3
		FCS 3620 Environment and Behavior	3
		FCS 5300 Housing and Community Development	
		FCS 5430 Families, Consumers, and Health	3
		FCS 5440 Consumers, Markets, and Government(QI)	4
		FCS 5590 Intensive Spanish Culture and Community 3 week study abroad Summer semester only	4
		FCS 5600 Environments and Human Behavior	3
		FCS 5964 Special Topics in CCS(e.g. Basic Mediation)	1-5
		Any course not selected to fulfill the CCS core requirement	3

**All CCS courses must be taken for a letter grade, with a minimum grade of C-.** At least 6 semester hours in the CCS minor must be completed at the University of Utah.

## Consumer and Community Studies

The objective of the Consumer and Community Studies (CCS) Major is to provide students with a major 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, 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 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.