

Family, Youth and Community Sciences

College of Agricultural and Life Sciences

University of Florida

About Our Major

Family, Youth and Community Sciences (FYCS) is an interdisciplinary, applied social science program located in the College of Agricultural and Life Sciences at the University of Florida. This undergraduate major provides the general and technical education necessary for graduates to enter careers in a variety of fields including human services, community development, youth development, or Extension. The major also prepares students for advanced degrees in the social and behavioral sciences, counseling, or education. The program emphasizes the development of evidence-based knowledge and intervention skills that enable professionals to assist youth, families and communities in meeting their needs. It provides the student with a foundational knowledge of:

- individual and family development and functioning in the community and societal context
- contemporary problems facing youth, families and communities
- organizational policies and programs designed to address needs and improve quality of life
- program planning, management, and administration
- applied research and evaluation

Course Work Includes:

- Parenting and Family Development
- Human Services
- Youth Development
- Family Financial Management
- Ethical issues
- Methods of Family Life Education
- Applied Social Research Methods
- Contemporary Youth Problems



Unique Opportunities

- FYCS Undergraduate Club
- Nonprofit Organization Minor
- Certified Family Life Education Certificate
- Personal & Family Financial Management Certificate
- Study Abroad Opportunities
- Combined Bachelor's/Masters Program

Where do our graduates work?

Department of Juvenile Justice
Department of Children and Families
University of Central Florida
University of Florida
American Cancer Society
Family Preservation Services
Peaceful Paths
Shand's Children's Hospital
Guardian Ad Litem
Partnership for Strong Families
Jewish Youth Center
Early Learning Coalition
4-H County Extension
AmeriCorps
Children's Home Society
Non-profit organizations
Faith based organizations

For more Information...

<http://fycs.ifas.ufl.edu>

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FYCS majors must complete the following tracking, pre-requisite and College of Agricultural and Life Sciences requirements. Courses with an asterisk (*) must be completed with a grade of C or better.

_____ MAC 1105 or MAC 1140 or MAC 1147	_____ *BSC 2009	_____ *BSC 2009L
_____ *AEB 2014 or ECO 2023 or ECO 2013	_____ *STA 2023	_____ *SYG 2000
_____ ENC 2210 or AEC 3033C or ENC 3254	_____ SPC 2608 or AEC 3030C	_____ *PSY 2012
_____ CHM 1083 or PHY 2020 or SWS 2007		

Core Curriculum requirements - FYCS majors must complete the following required courses, earning a C or better in each core course.

<u>Course Number</u>	<u>Credits</u>	<u>Course Title</u>
_____ FYC 3001	(3)	Introduction to Family, Youth and Community Sciences
_____ FYC 3101	(3)	Issues in Parenting and Family Development
_____ or SYG 2430	(3)	Marriage and Family
_____ FYC 3201	(3)	Foundations of Youth Development
_____ FYC 3401	(3)	Introduction to Social and Economic Perspectives on the Community
_____ FYC 4622	(3)	Planning and Evaluating FYCS Programs
_____ FYC 4801	(4)	Applied Social Research Methods
_____ FYC 4931	(1)	Senior Seminar
_____ FYC 4941	(2-3)	Practicum in Family, Youth and Community Sciences

Select two from the following:

_____ FYC 3112	(3)	Contemporary Family Problems and Interventions
_____ FYC 4212	(3)	Contemporary Youth Problems and Solutions
_____ FYC 4126	(3)	Urban and Rural America In Transition

FYC Electives (Credits: 12) (FYC 2005 can be applied)

_____ FYC xxxx	(3)	Any four additional FYC courses that are not used to meet a requirement
_____ FYC xxxx	(3)	above (i.e., if FYC 4212 and FYC 4126 are used above, then FYC 3112 can be
_____ FYC xxxx	(3)	used here. Also, if SYG 2430 is used above, FYC 3101 can be used here).
_____ FYC xxxx	(3)	

Advisor Approved Electives (Credits: 6) Must be 3000 level or higher courses

_____	(3)	Students must take six (6) hours of advisor approved electives. The courses
_____	(3)	used in this section should be chosen and agreed upon by the student and their
		academic advisor. These electives are in addition to the FYC Electives.

Area of Specialization (AOS) or Minor - To meet this requirement, students complete 14 upper division credit hours (3000 or higher) with a C or better. The student can select an Area of Specialization or apply 14 credits from an approved minor to this section. Courses that are used to meet a requirement above CANNOT be used in this section.

Area of Specialization or Minor (14 credits)

<u>Credits</u>	<u>Course Title</u>	<u>Credits</u>	<u>Course Title</u>
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____



MINIMUM CHANGE OF MAJOR REQUIREMENTS

Lower Division Students

1. Have an overall GPA of 2.0 or higher
2. On track with Universal Tracking courses with minimum GPA of 2.5 or higher
3. No deficit points
4. Complete FYCS Major Application (including written statement)
5. Complete CALS Change of Major Form

Upper Division Students

1. Have an overall GPA of 2.0 or higher; have an upper division GPA of 2.0 or higher
2. Must have completed 50% of UT courses with minimum GPA of 2.5 or higher
3. No deficit points
4. Minimum of 27 hours of General Education requirements met
5. Must have less than 90 hours. (Any AP, IB, Dual Enrollment, etc courses will be subtracted from total)
6. Complete FYCS Major Application (including written statement)
7. Complete CALS Change of Major Form

How do I know what my critical-tracking semester is?

Your tracking semester is the number of fall and spring semesters that you have been a student at UF. As shown below, all Universal Tracking courses should be completed by your fifth semester.

Universal Tracking

Semester 1: Complete 1 of 5 universal tracking courses, excluding labs:

BSC 2007/2009L	SYG 2000
PSY 2012	AEB 2014 or ECO 2023 or ECO 2013
STA 2023	

Semester 2: Complete 1 additional universal tracking course

Semester 3: Complete 2 additional universal tracking courses

Semester 4: Complete 1 additional universal tracking course

Semester 5: Completion of all universal tracking courses, including labs

Tracking Requirements

1. Each course must have a grade of C or better
2. 2.5 GPA on all attempted universal tracking course work for semesters 1-5

CALS Change of Major form

http://www.cals.ufl.edu/faculty_staff/pdfs/forms/CALS%20Change%20of%20Major%202013.pdf



Change of Major Worksheet

Name: _____ UFID: _____ GPA (overall): _____

GPA (upper division): _____ Current Major: _____ Total Hours: _____

Personal Statement: Write a personal statement on a separate piece of paper and staple it to this application form. Use the questions below as a guide to writing your personal statement. Your statement must be in paragraph form, typed, double spaced, 12 point font, and black ink. **The statement will be evaluated for content, spelling, grammar, and punctuation.**

1. Why are you changing majors? Why do you want to major in Family, Youth and Community Sciences?
2. How will this degree help you achieve your career goals?
3. Describe any work, volunteer, or personal experiences that have contributed to your desire to major in Family, Youth and Community Sciences.

Student's Signature: _____ Date: _____

For Office Use Only

Date Submitted:

Signature:

Change of Major Form Signed? _____ YES _____ NO

Conditions: