

COLLEGE OF HUMAN SCIENCES

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Mission

The College of Human Sciences advances and applies knowledge while developing effective professionals, engaged citizens and visionary leaders who promote the physical, social and economic well-being of people.

Vision

The College of Human Sciences will be a world leader in the discovery and application of knowledge, preparing the next and upcoming generations of professionals who advance the quality of life.

The College of Human Sciences (COHS) is composed of three departments—Design, Housing and Merchandising; Human Development and Family Science; and Nutritional Sciences—and the School of Hospitality and Tourism Management. Each science-based program focuses on the reciprocal relationship between people and their natural, constructed or social environments. Graduates pursue professional careers in business, health, communications, design, education, international service, research, social welfare and a variety of agencies, organizations and institutions. Pre-professional options and advisement are offered for students interested in pursuing graduate education in law, medicine and allied health fields, as well as within their major fields of study.

Core Values

Excellence - We are committed to excellence and continuous improvement in all our endeavors.
Integrity - We are committed to the principles of truth and honesty; we will be equitable, ethical and professional.
Service - We believe that serving others is a noble and worthy endeavor.
Intellectual Freedom - We believe in ethical and scholarly questioning in an environment that respects the rights of all to freely pursue knowledge.
Diversity - We respect others and value diversity of opinion, freedom of expression, and other ethnic and cultural backgrounds.
Stewardship of Resources - We are dedicated to the efficient and effective use of resources. We accept responsibility of the public's trust and are accountable for our actions.

Creativity - We foster creativity and innovation utilizing world-class facilities and leading technologies to attract and support prestigious faculty and competitive graduates.

Further information may be found at humansciences.okstate.edu (<http://humansciences.okstate.edu>).

Accreditation

The Council for Interior Design Accreditation (CIDA) has accredited the undergraduate interior design program. The preproduction and the production management apparel curricula is endorsed by the American Apparel and Footwear Association (AAFA) Education Foundation, making it one of only 13 approved programs in North America. The Child Development Laboratory is licensed by the Oklahoma Department of Human Services (DHS) and has received a Three Star Differential Quality Certification. The Child Development Laboratory is also accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC). Program approval has been granted to the Early Childhood Education Teacher Preparation program by the Oklahoma State Board of Education. In addition, the Early Childhood Education program is accredited by the Council for Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP). The Family and Consumer Sciences Education program has been accredited by the Oklahoma Commission for Teacher Preparation in cooperation with the Council for Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP). The Marriage and Family Therapy program is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation for Marriage and Family Therapy Education (COAMFTE). The Didactic Program in Dietetics and the Dietetic Internship at OSU are both currently granted continuing accreditation by the Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics of the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics, 120 South Riverside Plaza, Suite 2000, Chicago, IL 60606-6995, ph. 312.899.0040 ext 5400.

The Patricia Kain Knaub Center for Student Success

The Patricia Kain Knaub Center for Student Success is located in 101 Human Sciences on the south wing of the Human Sciences building. This location is the destination of every student and accompanying family arriving in the College. The Center provides a welcoming entry point and a continuing resource for a wealth of integrated academic programming and student services. A student interested in learning about the College of Human Sciences and its academic programs may schedule an appointment with the Coordinator for Prospective Student Services for information and a tour of the College facilities. Upon admission to the College of Human Sciences, students receive an array of services within the Center.

The Center for Student Success serves as a leader within the OSU system and to human sciences academic units nationally to elevate academic advising, the first-year experience, leadership development, and career development through highly engaging, purposeful and integrated programming that educates students to become intentional learners.

The Center offers the following comprehensive and integrated services to undergraduate students in the College of Human Sciences:

- Services to prospective students and their families that clearly articulate College of Human Sciences academic programs.
- Developmental academic advising, emphasizing a student-centered, holistic approach.
- A foundational first-year experience to facilitate transition of students to a large university.

- Strong leadership development experiences through the first-year experience courses, Freshman Scholar Leaders, Student Council, Ambassadors and other student leadership organizations.
- Career development opportunities to effectively link educational experiences with career goals and career destinations.

The Career Consultant within the Center for Student Success is a certified Global Career Development Facilitator (GCDF) and provides services designed specifically for College of Human Sciences students. The College of Human Sciences Career Services offers students opportunities to explore traditional and nontraditional careers, complete career-related assessments, and enhance their professional presence in writing, in person and online.

Career development projects are integrated into the first-year experience courses required of all freshmen and transfer students. Outside of the classroom, students are provided opportunities to refine their job search materials, interview with practicing professionals who represent Human Sciences fields of study, participate in career empowerment workshops, learn of part-time job opportunities related to Human Sciences areas of study and identify internship experiences. The College of Human Sciences Career Services provides a link to OSU Career Services, making students aware of resources available throughout campus, including career fairs, career and skill assessments, on-campus interviews and an array of other valuable opportunities. The College of Human Sciences Career Services has an online presence via our website and through participation in several major-specific LinkedIn groups. In addition, we utilize Twitter to share information about upcoming events and opportunities.

Human Sciences Outreach

The College of Human Sciences Outreach office performs a vital role in the academic programs and services mission within the College, providing support services for courses using a variety of delivery methods to serve diverse student needs. Various types of international study programs are offered to engage students in international opportunities and education. In addition, courses that take students to various locations to experience hands-on education are offered through Outreach. Web-based courses and other distance delivery methods serve students who are unable to access traditional educational offerings. As a member of the Great Plains Interactive Distance Education Alliance, the College of Human Sciences Outreach office provides support services for online master's programs in family financial planning, family and community services, gerontology, retail merchandising leadership and dietetics. Consistent with the missions of OSU and the College of Human Sciences, Outreach serves state, national and international audiences.

Honors

Outstanding students in the College of Human Sciences who meet the requirements of The Honors College may earn the Honors College Degree while completing their undergraduate degree in this college.

College honors are earned at the upper division (3000- and 4000-level classes) in the student's major and are one of the requirements for receiving a bachelor's degree with honors. College honors requires nine hours of upper-division honors credit in the department and three hours of honors thesis or creative component. For further information on the Honors College, refer to <https://honors.okstate.edu/content/awards> or visit the Honors College in 101 Old Central.

Scholarships

Oklahoma State University has a scholarship program for entering freshmen and first-year transfer students. College of Human Sciences scholarship applications are typically due for continuing students in December and scholarship awards are announced in April for the coming academic year. Freshmen and first-year transfer student scholarships are awarded during the fall and spring semester to students entering Human Sciences in the following fall semester. Criteria for and the amount of the scholarship awards vary.

Academic Programs

Undergraduate Programs

The Bachelor of Science degrees within the College of Human Sciences are offered by three departments and one school. The majors are:

- Design, Housing and Merchandising (DHM), with options in fashion design (apparel design and production), interior design and fashion merchandising.
- Human Development and Family Science (HDFS), with options in early childhood education, child and family services, and family and consumer sciences education.
- Hospitality and Tourism Management (HTM).
- Nutritional Sciences (NSCI), with options in allied health, community nutrition, dietetics, and human nutrition/premedical sciences.

Subject-focused minors are available through three departments within the College of Human Sciences. Details regarding these minors may be obtained by contacting the appropriate programs.

Transfer Student Admission Requirements

Students transferring into the College of Human Sciences from another institution or another college at OSU must have a minimum retention GPA as determined by the academic unit. See DHM, HDFS and NSCI transfer admission requirements on degree requirement sheets for details.

Departmental Clubs and Honor Societies

American Association of Textile Chemists and Colorists
 American Hotel and Lodging Association (student chapter)
 American Society of Interior Designers Student Chapter
 Club Manager's Association of America
 Early Childhood Education Club
 Eta Sigma Delta (hotel and restaurant administration honor society)
 Graduate Students in Human Sciences Association
 Graduate Students in Nutritional Sciences
 Hospitality Administration Graduate Student Association
 Human Development and Family Science Club
 Human Sciences Ambassadors
 Human Sciences Scholar Leaders
 Human Sciences Student Council
 International Facility Management Association Student Chapter
 International Interior Design Association Student Chapter
 Meeting Professionals International
 Merchandising and Apparel Design Association
 National Society of Minorities in Hospitality
 Nutritional Sciences Club
 OSU Student Restaurant Association
 Phi Upsilon Omicron (scholarship and leadership honor society)
 Sigma Phi Omega (gerontology honor society)

Student Restaurant Association
U.S. Green Building Council

Academic Areas

- Design, Housing and Merchandising (<http://catalog.okstate.edu/human-sciences/design-housing-merchandising>)
- Hospitality and Tourism Management (<http://catalog.okstate.edu/human-sciences/hospitality-and-tourism-management>)
- Human Development and Family Science (<http://catalog.okstate.edu/human-sciences/human-development-family-science>)
- Nutritional Sciences (<http://catalog.okstate.edu/human-sciences/nutritional-sciences>)

Undergraduate Programs

- Design, Housing & Merchandising: Apparel Design & Production, BSHS (<http://catalog.okstate.edu/human-sciences/design-housing-merchandising/apparel-design-production-bshs>)
- Design, Housing & Merchandising: Interior Design, BSHS (<http://catalog.okstate.edu/human-sciences/design-housing-merchandising/interior-design-bshs>)
- Design, Housing & Merchandising: Merchandising, BSHS (<http://catalog.okstate.edu/human-sciences/design-housing-merchandising/merchandising-bshs>)
- Early Child Care and Development, BSHS (<http://catalog.okstate.edu/human-sciences/human-development-family-science/early-child-care-and-development-bshs>)
- Hospitality and Tourism Management, BSHS (<http://catalog.okstate.edu/human-sciences/hospitality-and-tourism-management-bshs>)
- Human Development and Family Science: Child and Family Services, BSHS (<http://catalog.okstate.edu/human-sciences/human-development-family-science/child-family-services-bshs>)
- Human Development and Family Science: Early Childhood Education, BSHS (<http://catalog.okstate.edu/human-sciences/human-development-family-science/early-childhood-education-bshs>)
- Human Development and Family Science: Family & Consumer Sciences Education, BSHS (<http://catalog.okstate.edu/human-sciences/human-development-family-science/family-consumer-sciences-education-bshs>)
- Nutritional Sciences: Allied Health, BSHS (<http://catalog.okstate.edu/human-sciences/nutritional-sciences/allied-health-bshs>)
- Nutritional Sciences: Community Nutrition, BSHS (<http://catalog.okstate.edu/human-sciences/nutritional-sciences/community-nutrition-bshs>)
- Nutritional Sciences: Dietetics, BSHS (<http://catalog.okstate.edu/human-sciences/nutritional-sciences/dietetics-bshs>)
- Nutritional Sciences: Human Nutrition/Pre-Medical Sciences, BSHS (<http://catalog.okstate.edu/human-sciences/nutritional-sciences/human-nutrition-pre-medical-sciences-bshs>)

Minors

- Apparel Design and Production (ADP), Minor (<http://catalog.okstate.edu/human-sciences/design-housing-merchandising/apparel-design-production-minor>)
- Child Development (CHDV), Minor (<http://catalog.okstate.edu/human-sciences/human-development-family-science/child-development-minor>)

- Gerontology (GERO), Minor (<http://catalog.okstate.edu/human-sciences/human-development-family-science/gerontology-minor>)
- Human Services (HSVC), Minor (<http://catalog.okstate.edu/human-sciences/human-development-family-science/human-services-minor>)
- Merchandising (MERC), Minor (<http://catalog.okstate.edu/human-sciences/design-housing-merchandising/merchandising-minor>)
- Nutritional Sciences (NSCI), Minor (<http://catalog.okstate.edu/human-sciences/nutritional-sciences/minor>)
- Sustainable Design (SD), Minor (<http://catalog.okstate.edu/human-sciences/design-housing-merchandising/sustainable-design-sd-minor>)

Graduate Programs

Master's Programs

The Master of Science degree is available in design, housing and merchandising; hospitality administration; human development and family science and nutritional sciences.

Students seeking admission to a master's degree program in any of the departments/school must be qualified graduates of colleges and universities of recognized standing. In addition, those seeking admission must have completed 30 semester credit hours in human sciences or closely related subject matter. A student with background deficiencies must compensate for such deficiencies before admission to the master's program. Graduate Record Examination (GRE) scores are required by master's programs within the DHM, HDFS and NSCI departments with the exception of online master's programs offered by these departments. The School of HTM require submission of GRE/GMAT scores for admission consideration. The plan of study for a master's degree student is individually planned to develop academic excellence specific to the student's career goals. Refer to descriptions of specific master's degree programs for each department or school. The selection and organization of courses are made in consultation with the adviser and the student's advisory committee. At least 21 semester credit hours must be completed in courses numbered 5000 or above.

Online Master's Programs

The Master of Science degree in family financial planning (FFP) is offered collaboratively online through the Great Plains Interactive Distance Education Alliance (Great Plains IDEA), of which OSU is a member. The FFP master's curriculum is a board registered program through the Certified Financial Planner Board of Standards and requires 36 credit hours, and the graduate certificate requires 18 credit hours, meeting the educational requirements to take the Certified Financial Planner™ (CFP®) examination.

The Department of Design, Housing and Merchandising offers an online Retail Merchandising Leadership online master's program through the Great Plains Interactive Distance Education Alliance and requires 36 credit hours. The program helps strengthen emerging needs in the retail industry for consumer research skills and analytics driven problem solving.

The Human Development and Family Science master's program, with options in family and community services and gerontology, is offered through the College of Human Sciences in collaboration with the Great Plains Interactive Distance Education Alliance. The online version of the gerontology program requires 36 credit hours, as does the family and community services program.

An online master's program in dietetics is offered through the Department of Nutritional Sciences and the Great Plains IDEA. Students admitted to this program must hold the Registered Dietitian (RD) credential or must have met both the academic and supervised practice requirements of the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics and be ready to sit for the national credentialing exam to become a Registered Dietitian. The program requires 36 credit hours.

Doctoral Program

The Doctor of Philosophy degree is a multidisciplinary degree program through the College in conjunction with the departments of Design, Housing and Merchandising, Human Development and Family Science, and the School of Hospitality and Tourism Management. There is a separate PhD degree program in Nutritional Sciences. Individualized programs lead to an area of specialization in any one of the departments/school. Admission to the programs is based upon evidence that the applicant meets general requirements of the Graduate College, has demonstrated academic and professional achievements, and can successfully complete a doctoral program, as evidenced by prior academic work, minimum 3.25 GPA in graduate level coursework, letters of recommendation, a statement of purpose and goals, and GRE or GMAT scores. Applications are reviewed by a graduate faculty committee in each department or school. These programs offer a combination of courses and research experiences. The programs include a strong emphasis on research and application of statistical procedures, as well as having students gain experience in resource generation, knowledge sharing and community engagement.

A minimum of 60 semester credit hours beyond the master's degree is required for the PhD degrees. The PhD degrees prepare individuals to be researchers and educators for research positions in universities, business and industry, for university teaching and for administrative or management level positions.

Human Development and Family Science and Nutritional Sciences additionally offer a 90 semester credit hour PhD program which incorporates the requirements to achieve both a Master of Science degree and a Doctor of Philosophy degree. Students accepted into the 90-hour PhD option will complete requirements in the first 30 credit hours for either a MS degree in Human Development and Family Science (Developmental and Family Sciences option) or in Nutritional Sciences (thesis option).

- Family and Community Services, MS (<http://catalog.okstate.edu/human-sciences/human-development-family-science/#graduateprogramstext>)
- Family Financial Planning, MS (p. 3)
- Gerontology, MS (<http://catalog.okstate.edu/human-sciences/human-development-family-science/#graduateprogramstext>)
- Hospitality Administration, MS (<http://catalog.okstate.edu/human-sciences/hospitality-and-tourism-management/#graduateprogramstext>)
- Hospitality Administration, PhD (<http://catalog.okstate.edu/human-sciences/hospitality-and-tourism-management/#graduateprogramstext>)
- Human Development and Family Science, PhD (<http://catalog.okstate.edu/human-sciences/human-development-family-science/#graduateprogramstext>)
- Interior Design, MS (<http://catalog.okstate.edu/human-sciences/design-housing-merchandising/#graduateprogramstext>)
- Marriage and Family Therapy, MS (<http://catalog.okstate.edu/human-sciences/human-development-family-science/#graduateprogramstext>)
- Merchandising, MS (<http://catalog.okstate.edu/human-sciences/design-housing-merchandising/#graduateprogramstext>)
- Nutritional Sciences, PhD (<http://catalog.okstate.edu/human-sciences/nutritional-sciences/#graduateprogramstext>)
- Nutrition, MS (<http://catalog.okstate.edu/human-sciences/nutritional-sciences/#graduateprogramstext>)
- Retail Merchandising Leadership, MS (<http://catalog.okstate.edu/human-sciences/design-housing-merchandising/#graduateprogramstext>)
- Apparel Design and Production, MS (<http://catalog.okstate.edu/human-sciences/design-housing-merchandising/#graduateprogramstext>)
- Applied Human Services, MS (<http://catalog.okstate.edu/human-sciences/human-development-family-science/#graduateprogramstext>)
- Design, Housing and Merchandising, PhD (<http://catalog.okstate.edu/human-sciences/design-housing-merchandising/#graduateprogramstext>)
- Developmental and Family Science, MS (<http://catalog.okstate.edu/human-sciences/human-development-family-science/#graduateprogramstext>)
- Dietetics, MS (<http://catalog.okstate.edu/human-sciences/nutritional-sciences/#graduateprogramstext>)
- Early Childhood Education, MS (<http://catalog.okstate.edu/human-sciences/human-development-family-science/#graduateprogramstext>)