Family and Consumer Sciences

Shepherd UNIVERSITY

Concentrations

- General
- Hospitality and Food Management

About the Major

Shepherd University's family and consumer sciences (FACS) curriculum includes courses in five areas: consumer economics and personal finance; nutrition and dietetics; marriage, family, and housing policy; resource management and decision making; and fashion and textiles. Courses are also designed to complement Shepherd's education program, which offers a degree in FACS education. FACS minors complement other majors by focusing on the application of concepts relative to the family and consumer.

Accreditations

- FACS faculty have certifications with the American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences (AAFCS) as **certified personal and family finance educators**.
- Nutrition faculty are **registered dietitians**.

Careers

Careers in family and consumer sciences are varied in nature and tend to be located in the **service sector of the economy** although there are many **FACS-related positions in manufacturing, business, and government**. Many students are entrepreneurs, with home-based businesses being very popular.

Some of the professions are customer services managers, financial planners, wedding planners, food service managers, hotel administrator, dietitians, energy conservation specialists, housing developers, teachers, and more.

Get Involved

We encourage students join the **American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences (AAFCS)**; the **West Virginia Association of Family and Consumer Sciences (WVAFCS)** offers scholarship opportunities.

Points of Pride

- FACS faculty have been recipients of the **Outstanding Advisor Award** and **Outstanding Community Service Award** given by Shepherd University each year.
- The **Food Science and Technology (FACS 202)** class includes a "chopped" competition at the end of each semester.
- The FACS department has participated in **study abroad opportunities** to France, England, Italy, Monaco, Russia, Finland, and Japan.

FACS students along with faculty traveled abroad to Italy to experience another culture and see first hand how Italian food is prepared. Students participated in a cook-off to test their skill in preparing food in another country.

- In 2014 the Shepherd University FACS program celebrated its **100th anniversary**.
- The FACS program sponsors a **community-wide Tuba Christmas** event each Christmas in Shepherdstown.

TubaChristmas Concert

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