

DEPARTMENT OF APPLIED HUMAN SCIENCES

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The Department of Applied Human Sciences offers Bachelor of Science degrees in Interior Design and Fashion Merchandising, Family and Consumer Sciences; and Hospitality Management and Dietetics. All AHS majors are required to take nine hours of coursework selected from the pool of approved courses with major advisor approval. The Department also offers Certificate programs in Early Childhood Education Director and Family Home Visiting.

The pool of approved courses include: HMD 211; IDFM 221; FACS 310; FACS 311; HMD 351; IDFM 421; and IDFM 431.

When planning a program of study in this department, each student should be aware of the University's academic requirements and regulations contained in this catalog in the chapter "Academic Information." Specific attention should be given to the subsections in the chapter entitled (a) Academic Programs, (b) Colonnade Requirements, and (c) Academic Requirements and Regulations. Students should be aware that some academic programs may require additional scholastic regulations and standards not specified in the catalog. To obtain a copy of these regulations, students should contact the department chair or their advisor.

In several of the department's programs, students may be required to undergo criminal background checks and drug testing and to provide proof of health insurance, liability insurance, and/or immunization records prior to participating in any required experiences at selected off-campus facilities/agencies. Additionally, there may be certifications, training seminars, or other requirements specified by the facility/agency that a student must meet in order to be eligible for field or practical experiences at the facility. It is the responsibility of the student to ensure that all institutional and/or facility requirements are met as a condition of participating in the off-campus experiences; students may be responsible in part or in full for any costs incurred to meet such requirements. Students are also responsible for transportation to and from off-campus experiences. Additional policies, requirements, and costs for concentrations are specified at the departmental website, <http://www.wku.edu/ahs> (<http://www.wku.edu/ahs/>).

Degrees

- Child and Family Services, Bachelor of Science (5011) (<http://catalog.wku.edu/undergraduate/health-human-services/applied-human-sciences/family-consumer-sciences-bs/>)
- Hospitality Management and Dietetics, Bachelor of Science (707P, 707) (<http://catalog.wku.edu/undergraduate/health-human-services/applied-human-sciences/hospitality-management-dietetics-bs/>)
- Interior Design and Fashion Merchandising, Bachelor of Science (531) (<http://catalog.wku.edu/undergraduate/health-human-services/applied-human-sciences/interior-design-fashion-merchandising-bs/>)

Minors

- Child Studies, Minor (336) (<http://catalog.wku.edu/undergraduate/health-human-services/applied-human-sciences/child-studies-minor/>)
- Family Studies, Minor (338) (<http://catalog.wku.edu/undergraduate/health-human-services/applied-human-sciences/family-studies-minor/>)
- Meeting and Convention Planning, Minor (418) (<http://catalog.wku.edu/undergraduate/health-human-services/applied-human-sciences/meeting-convention-exposition-planning-minor/>)

Certificates

- Early Childhood Education Director Certificate (1739) (<http://catalog.wku.edu/undergraduate/health-human-services/applied-human-sciences/early-childhood-education-director-certificate/>)
- Family Home Visiting, Certificate (1701) (<http://catalog.wku.edu/undergraduate/health-human-services/applied-human-sciences/family-home-visiting-certificate/>)
- Food Service Design, Certificate (1784) (<http://catalog.wku.edu/undergraduate/health-human-services/applied-human-sciences/food-service-design-certificate/>)

Faculty Professor

Darbi J. Haynes-Lawrence PhD (Special Education), Indiana University-Bloomington, 1998
 Danita M. Kelley PhD (Nutritional Science), University of Kentucky, 1994
 Travis K. Wilson MARCH (Architecture), University of Oklahoma Norman, 1998

Associate Professor

Dora Babb PhD (Human Environmental Sciences, Human Development and Family Science), Oklahoma State University Main Campus, 2010
 Ann E. Embry PhD (Hospitality Management), Iowa State University, 2017
 Soyeon Kim PhD (Hospitality Management), The Ohio State University Main Campus, 2013
 Karen G. Mason PhD (Nutritional Science), University of Kentucky, 2002
 Heather M. Payne-Emerson PhD (Nutritional Science), University of Kentucky, 2010
 Qingfang Song PhD (Developmental Psychology), Cornell University, 2016
 Adam R. West PhD (Human Development and Family Science), University of Texas at Austin, 2013

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Tannaz Soltani PhD (Health Leisure & Human Perf), Oklahoma State University Main Campus, 2015

Instructor I

Brandon A. Barber MA (Organizational Leadership), Western Kentucky University, 2018
 Kristine S. Burton MAE (Adult Education), Argosy University, 2013
 Angela G. Gott MA (Graduate Education), Georgetown College, 2003
 Seth A. Howard MR, Fashion Inst of Technology, 2015
 Deborah C. Shivel MA (Textiles and Clothing), University of Kentucky, 1987
 Matthew E. VanSchenkof PhD, Kansas State University, 2011

Instructor II

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Senior Instructor

Sheila S. Flener MA (Art (Creative)), University of Louisville, 2007