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CURRICULAR/PROGRAM CHANGE TRACKING DOCUMENT

ACADEMIC UNIT: AFE/CAFSSS **DATE SUBMITTED:** 2/5/2017

1. BRIEF EXPLANATION OF PROPOSED CHANGE:

Establishment of a certificate in Family and Consumer Science.

2. CHECK ITEM(s) BELOW FOR CHANGES DESIRED:

- ☐ New Degree Certification
- ☐ New or Revised Major
- ☐ New or Revised Minor
- ☐ New Course(s)
- ☐ Course Level (number) Change
- ☐ Deletion of Degree or Certification
- ☐ Deletion of Course
- ☐ Revised Degree or Certification
- ☐ Revised Course
- ☒ Other (specify below): Creation of a new certificate

I. Chair's/Director's Action:

☑ Approved ☐ Disapproved ☐ Returned for Recommended Change

Chair's (Signature) John D. Sellecle Date: 2/6/17

II. Curriculum Committee Action:

☑ Approved ☐ Disapproved ☐ Returned for Recommended Change

Chairperson: (signature): [illegible] Date: 2/6/17

III. Faculty Senate Action:

☐ Approved ☐ Disapproved ☐ Returned for Recommended Change

Senate President (signature): _____ Date: _____

IV. Dean's Action:

☐ Approved ☐ Disapproved ☐ Returned for Recommended Change

Dean (signature): _____ Date: _____

V. Vice President Academic Affairs (not required for courses):

☐ Approved ☐ Disapproved ☐ Returned for Recommended Change

Provost/VPAA (Signature): _____ Date: _____

IV. President's Action (not required for courses):

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President (Signature): _____ Date: _____

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PROGRAM CHANGE PROPOSAL

ACADEMIC UNIT: College of Agriculture, Food Science, and Sustainable Systems

DATE PREPARED: January 24, 2017

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ACADEMIC DISCIPLINE FACULTY APPROVED:
(Committee Chairperson's Signature) _____ 2/6/17 **(Date)**

CHAIRPERSON APPROVED:
(Chairperson's Signature) _____ 2/6/17 **(Date)**

DEAN APPROVED:
(Dean's Signature) _____ **(Date)**

1. **DESCRIPTION OF CHANGE**

The College of Agriculture, Food Science, and Sustainable Systems proposes to establish a Certificate in **Family and Consumer Sciences.** This Certificate is titled, "Family and Consumer Sciences," and will require 4 classes totaling 12 credit hours of course work.

The Family and Consumer Sciences Certificate will require 4 classes that survey an integrated, interdisciplinary approach to the study of consumer economics and resource management and other key consumer topics that relate to family functioning including: food preparation, consumer education, financial management, housing, the home environment, and human development throughout the lifespan from birth to death. The certificate offers courses to address: Principles of Food Preparation including the basics of food, nutrition, food preparation, food service, food science, food purchasing and storage, and meal management; Consumer Economics and Resource Management will explore financial management, consumer economics, resource management, consumer protection, energy, environmental concerns, and other related matters; Housing and Home Environment will explore housing trends, meeting the housing needs of a diverse society, and design and changing technology in interior environments; and Theories and Methods in Developmental Psychology focuses on human development throughout the lifespan from birth to death.

The following courses are required for the completion of the **Family and Consumer Sciences** certificate program.

Family and Consumer Sciences **12 Hours**

FCS 305 Principles of Food Preparation	3 hrs.
FCS 303 Consumer Economics and Resource Management	3 hrs.
FCS 304 Housing and Home Environment	3 hrs.
PSY 303- Theories and Methods in Developmental Psychology	3 hrs.

2. **STARTING WITH:**
   Fall 2017 Year

2. **EXPLANATION AND JUSTIFICATION FOR REQUESTED CHANGE**

This certificate program will enable AFE majors, as well as other degree majors, to obtain a certificate in another course of study to assist with student career readiness and placement. It will also increase undergraduate retention and graduation rates at KSU while complementing other degree offerings.

Need:

The undergraduate degree in Agriculture, Food & Environment is unique in the Commonwealth of Kentucky and the region as it trains a significant number of minority students in various agriculturally related disciplines.

This Certificate program will positively impact minority students, especially non-traditional students interested in obtaining certificate training in various aspects of Family and Consumer Sciences, which could include current students majoring in AFE, business, education and behavioral and social sciences. These students will find the courses complimentary to their field of study through teaching life and professional skills of value while studying food preparation, human behavior, financial management, home environment, career exploration, readiness and placement, and entrepreneurship.

Numerous conditions and societal issues are fueling the need for individuals who have training with a family and consumer sciences focus both in Kentucky and nationally. Some conditions include: poverty (14.5% nationally); unemployment (5%) and underemployment; food security and food safety concerns; housing instability; a decline in child well-being; an aging population; environmental concerns; energy costs and management; factors related to the production and consumption of clothing; creating functional, and healthy home environments; issues with family stability; and affordable healthcare. The certificate will further enhance other degree programs who may benefit from a concentration of courses that provide applied knowledge of interactions between family systems and the environment. Students will gain hands on experience in creating aesthetically pleasing and healthy home environments. They will also study family resource management, consumer education, and food, nutrition, and health. These courses will allow them to be more focused and supplement other degree programs. This certificate will complement other degree offerings, and provide an outlet for an additional area of interest.

Impact on Existing Programs:

This certificate program will complement our other degree offerings. The Certificate program also provides an interim degree for those pursuing business, education and behavioral and social sciences degrees. Interim degrees have been shown to positively impact retention and graduation rates.

Program Description:

This certificate in Family and Consumer Sciences (FCS) will enable AFE majors, as well as those majoring in Business, Behavioral and Social Sciences, and Education to obtain a certificate in another course of study to assist with student career readiness and placement. Students will learn key consumer topics that relate to family functioning including: food preparation, consumer education, financial management, housing, home environments, and lifespan development. The FCS certificate will require 4 classes totaling 12 credit hours of course work. They range in content areas of Food Preparation, Consumer Economics and Resource Management, Housing and Home Environment, and Theories and Methods in Developmental Psychology focusing on human development throughout the lifespan.