

Department: Family & Consumer Sciences
 Program: B.S. **Family Studies**
Date Implemented: 2009/2010

Program Goals	Student Learning Outcomes	Assessment
Family Studies majors will be well prepared for professional or volunteer service in Family Life Education.	Family Studies majors will graduate with all of the qualifications to be certified as Family Life Educators by the National Council on Family Relations.	Family Studies majors will complete an application form for certification showing completion of all qualifications.
Family Studies majors will develop strong critical thinking skills.	Family Studies majors will demonstrate abstract and critical thinking skills in applying Family Systems concepts to family problems and interventions.	Family Studies students will be required to submit a research paper demonstrating critical integration of theory, research and practice.
Family Studies majors will be able to apply the scientific process to generating and evaluating current knowledge.	Family studies majors will be able to critically evaluate contemporary empirical literature, and design a project to answer a specific research question.	Family studies majors will be required to complete a critical examination of contemporary research, and will design and complete a research project which answers a research question of their own design.
Family Studies majors will demonstrate excellent relationship and interpersonal skills.	Family Studies students will be able to demonstrate Empathy, Ownership of Feelings, and Conflict Resolution Skills effectively.	Family Studies majors will be required to complete a journal and reflection paper analyzing their own relationship communication. Open ended exam questions will assess skill at conflict resolution.
Family Studies majors will be skilled at oral communication.	Family Studies majors will demonstrate excellent ability to make oral presentations.	Student presentations will be required throughout the course work in the Family Studies major.
Family Studies majors will demonstrate leadership abilities in a group setting.	Family studies will be able to work well in groups, and assume leadership roles in a productive manner.	Students will assess leadership styles and competency in conjunction with a leadership challenge activity.

