

**Application for Family and Consumer Sciences  
Major or Minor Status  
Seattle Pacific University  
Application Due Dates: November 1, February 1, and April 1**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ ID# \_\_\_\_\_

Class: Fr \_\_\_ So \_\_\_ Jr \_\_\_ Sr \_\_\_ Post-Bac \_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Address: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Advisor \_\_\_\_\_

Check One: 1<sup>st</sup> Major \_\_\_ 2<sup>nd</sup> Major \_\_\_ 1<sup>st</sup> Minor \_\_\_ 2<sup>nd</sup> Minor \_\_\_

Overall GPA: \_\_\_\_\_ FCS GPA: \_\_\_\_\_  
(please see reverse for instructions on calculating your FCS GPA)

**Check one Major/Minor:**

\_\_\_ FCS Elementary Education

\_\_\_ FCS Secondary Education

\_\_\_ Individual and Family Development\*

\_\_\_ Textiles and Clothing\* - Apparel Design

\_\_\_ Textiles and Clothing\* - Fashion Merchandising

\_\_\_ Interior Design - Merchandising

\_\_\_ Student-Designed (this requires submission of an additional  
application after major status is granted)

\* *Minors may only be selected from these options.*

**Please attach the following to this application:**

- A typed personal statement of why you have chosen this major/minor and how it relates to your career and your personal goals. Please 1.5 or double space your statement.
- Most current SPU transcript (unofficial)
- If you have taken courses for SPU at other colleges, include a copy of the SPU transfer credit evaluation or a copy of each transcript from each institution.

Applicant's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Advisor's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

School Action: Approved \_\_\_ Deferred \_\_\_ Denied \_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Director's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## Guidelines for Applying for Major or Minor Status in Family and Consumer Sciences (FCS)

### Requirements for admission to the major or minor

1. Meet the minimum GPA requirement of 2.5
2. Complete the application for admission to the major, submit your most current SPU transcript (unofficial) and write a personal statement describing why you have chosen this major/minor and how it relates to your career and personal goals. The application is available in the FCS main office. Applications are reviewed once each quarter and students will be notified by letter as to acceptance status.

### When to apply

Students should apply the quarter following the completion of the third of any three FCS courses. In general, students who enter as freshmen with an intended FCS major should apply no later than the end of their sophomore year. Transfer students should apply as soon as three courses are completed. Major status must be approved no later than the second quarter of the student's senior year. *Students who, because of low GPA, have not applied for major status by their junior year are at risk of being denied major status.*

### Calculating GPA

Each letter grade is equivalent to a certain number of quality points.

A	4.0	A-	3.7	B+	3.3	B	3.0	B-	2.7
C+	2.3	C	2.0	C-	1.7	D+	1.3	D	1.0

Given the understanding of how quality points equate to grades, here's how to compute your GPA:

1. Compute your quality points by multiplying the number of credits for each class by the quality points for the assigned grade.

#### **Example:**

Course	Grade				Credits		Quality Points
FCS 1050	A-	=	3.7	x	2	=	7.4
FCS 2702	C+	=	2.3	x	3	=	6.9
FCS 2204	B	=	3.0	x	3	=	15.0
FCS 3240	A	=	4.0	x	5	=	20.0
<b>Total:</b>					<b>13</b>		<b>49.3</b>

2. To compute your **FCS** GPA, divide the total quality points you have earned in FCS courses by the total number of credits you have earned in FCS courses.

**Example:** 49.3 divided by 13 = 3.79