

Consumer Affairs | Bachelors

	FIRST YEAR	MIDDLE YEARS	LAST YEARS
ADVANCE your academic journey	Meet with a First Year Advisor to develop your academic planning. Explore majors with a MyMajors assessment. Take advantage of the Student Learning Assistance Center (Tutoring). Visit TXST One Stop for scholarship opportunities.	Meet with the Applied Arts Advising Center for questions about the major. Explore external scholarship opportunities such as the Fulbright Scholarship to take your expertise to unique locations abroad. Seek scholarship opportunities offered by the College of Applied Arts. Share your knowledge as a Peer Mentor or Tutor at SLAC. Meet with a faculty mentor to select an undergraduate research opportunity.	Check your Degree Audit and meet with your academic advisor. Explore next steps including potential Graduate Programs. Complement your degree with a micro credential. Meet with a faculty mentor or peer advisor. Complete a capstone project related to major.
EXPAND your personal and social development	Review your degree plan for course options that include the Service-Learning Excellence program. Build social networks by joining the Family and Consumer Sciences Association. Find additional events and organizations through the Bobcat Organization HUB. Attend Education Abroad and Study in America information sessions to plan a future opportunity to have a global or intercultural experience.	Consider study abroad options including faculty-led, exchange, virtual, and short-term affiliated programs which are available through Education Abroad. Discover Global Online Learning Experiences for courses with culturally dynamic perspectives. Participate in The Big Event to give back to the regional community. Expand your leadership skills through Student Involvement's Leadership & Service programming and workshops. Attend a Student Government Senate meeting to contribute to your fellow students and your own student experience.	Select a Service activity through Student Involvement to give back to the area community. Seek out a leadership role with the Leadership & Service. Attend a Student Government Senate meeting to contribute to your fellow students and your own student experience.
ENRICH your practical competence	Explore the TXST One Stop for more information about the scholarships provided to new and continuing students. Attend an IDEA Center workshop to learn more about undergraduate research. Visit BOSS for scholarship opportunities.	Review internship guidelines and create an internship plan with Career Services. Become a member of Phi Upsilon Omicron, a national honor society in Family and Consumer Sciences, to recognize academic excellence, develop leadership qualities, provide service opportunities, and demonstrate commitment to the profession. Review micro internship opportunities for professional development in which you learn and earn. Participate in a Leadership activity or hold a leadership role in a student organization through Student Involvement.	Learn about Global Career Accelerator options that give you experience with global companies and in-demand tech skills. Join a professional organization in your major or passion. Deliver a presentation in a student conference, workshop, seminar or community organization.
ELEVATE your career and professional development	Complete your Career Assessments, such as Focus2. Create your Handshake profile. Create your LinkedIn profile and connect with colleagues and leaders. Develop and review your resume with Career Services.	Develop and review your resume with Career Services. Build Career & Graduate School Fairs into your schedule to ensure your connection maximum opportunities. Join Employer Information Sessions at Career Services or your department. Prepare to ace your job interviews with Career Services.	Develop a full-time employment or graduate school plan with Career Services. Complete your First Destination Survey to share your post-graduation plans. Identify and establish faculty and professional references.

OUTCOMES

Marketable Skills

- Think critically
- Analyze and solve problems
- Communicate clearly and effectively
- A strong sense of personal and social responsibility (personal ethics and integrity) as one interacts with consumers
- Ability to examine issues from multiple points of view or perspectives
- Ability to work independently and with persons from different professional backgrounds as part of a team

See [more marketable skills for this major](#)

Experiences in Consumer Affairs

The bachelor of science in family and consumer sciences major in consumer affairs provides a comprehensive study of personal and family financial decisions and the role of the consumer in the economy. Three concentration options are offered. The personal financial management concentration prepares students to work in areas of consumer advocacy and protection, personal financial planning, financial counseling, nonprofit management, and governmental agencies. The family and consumer sciences concentration is a comprehensive program including preparation in specific subject matter areas of family and consumer sciences including child development, food and nutrition, housing and financial management, fashion and textiles, and consumer sciences. The family and consumer sciences teacher certification concentration is a broad program including preparation in specific subject matter areas of family and consumer sciences and teaching including preparation for teacher certification. The concentration emphasizes teaching at the middle and high school levels in the topics of child development, families, communications, food and nutrition, personal finances, housing, fashion design, fashion merchandising and textiles.

Career Opportunities

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| Banking underwriter | Consumer protection agencies & commissions |
| Better business bureau | |
| Community programs | Federal reserve commissioned examiner |
| Credit analysts | |
| Customer service | Health department (state, county or city) |
| Financial advisor | |
| Financial coach | Regulatory agencies (federal, state or city) |
| Financial counselor | |
| Government relations | |
| Human resources | |
| Insurance claims adjuster | |
| Loan officer | |
| Mortgage underwriter | |
| Personal banker | |
| Personal financial planner | |
| Policy analyst | |
| Public relations | |
| Real estate agent/broker | |
| Quality control | |