

FCS 575
Seminar in Recent Developments in Family and Consumer Sciences
Credit Hours: 3
Fall 2007

CLASS MEETS: Thursdays: 4:00-6:50 PM

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TEXT: NONE REQUIRED AS THE NATURE OF THE COURSE
REQUIRES A CURRENT READING LIST EACH TIME THE
COURSE IS TAUGHT.

COURSE OBJECTIVES:

This course is designed to complete the 100 hours research requirements of Dietetic Internship (DI) program. This course is intended to expose students to current trends in each discipline area of Family and Consumer Sciences with particular emphasis on Dietetics. Each seminar will consist of student and teacher investigation in a particular area of Dietetics and/or areas of Family and Consumer Sciences in general. Upon completion of the course, students will be able to:

1. analyze research data related to particular areas of Dietetics/Family and Consumer Sciences.
2. present a seminar paper reflecting the nature of a research project in the area of dietetics/family and consumer sciences in general.
3. demonstrate resourcefulness in acquiring professional skills and utilizing references for dietetics/family and consumer sciences.
4. demonstrate commitment to continuing education and participation in professional organizations.
5. assess appropriate library references needed for writing a research paper on a particular topic in Dietetics/Family and Consumer Sciences.
6. write a research paper on a particular topic in the area of Dietetics/Family and Consumer Sciences.

ACADEMIC POLICY FOR STUDENTS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

Students with disabilities that affect their academic performance are expected to arrange conference times with the instructor so that appropriate strategies may be considered to ensure that participation and achievement opportunities are not impaired. Students with disabilities are responsible for contacting the Director of the Counseling Center as chair of the Committee for Continuing Assistance for Disabled Students by telephone (936/294 -1720).

RELIGIOUS HOLY DAYS

Students who are absent from the class to observe a specific holiday will be allowed to take an exam or complete an assignment within a week after their return.

ATTENDANCE POLICY

Every student is expected to abide by the rules and regulations of the Sam Houston State University. A student shall not be penalized for three days of absences when exams and assignments are not missed. More than 3 absences in the entire semester for any reason shall require the student to withdraw from this course.

COURSE FORMAT:

This course is taught by lecture/discussions with students and teacher assistance. Classroom participation is based upon current research in particular areas in home Dietetics or Family and Consumer Sciences in general. The student is expected to write professional papers using an appropriate guide for writing. The final project is to be reflective of many hours of library work.

COURSE EVALUATION:

Three short papers	75 points
Class participation	25 points
One final Presentation	100 points

Weight Distribution of the Final Presentation Evaluation:

Teacher: 50%
Peer evaluation: 50%

COURSE OUTLINE:

1. Each student will select a topic of his/her interest in his/her field.
2. Collect 15 refereed journal articles.
3. Present three short oral reports on the topic.
4. Prepare and present final presentation supported by Powerpoint.
5. Answer questions.

RECOMMENDED OR REQUIRED READINGS:

The student should utilize adequate references to produce a professional project of high quality. This list is suggested for a starter:

Journal of The American Dietetic Association
Journal of Marriage and Family
Young Children

Nutrition Today
Architectural Digest
Interior Design
Daily News Record
Dissertation Abstracts
Today's Dietitian
Journal of Food Science
Food Technology
The American Journal of Clinical Nutrition