The Department of Family and Consumer Sciences will prepare you for a rewarding career through classroom study, hands-on training and mentorship by outstanding professors. By moving beyond theory to “learning by doing,” you will get to practice what has been taught, providing valuable experience prior to graduation. Students enjoy helping people live healthier lives, strengthening relationships, teaching life skills, fashion design and merchandising, as well as developing new food products. All of our professors are student-centered and experts in their fields. Over $20,000 in departmental scholarships is available annually.

Why Family and Consumer Sciences?

The department offers five majors which will prepare you for a rewarding and exciting career.

**Fashion Merchandising and Design Major**
Prepares graduates to work in the fashion and retail industries. Career Opportunities Include: Apparel Buying, Fashion Designing, Merchandising/Retail Management, Entrepreneur, Fashion Stylist

**Human Development and Family Science**
Teaches skills to promote optimal human development across the lifespan and healthy relationships in diverse family structures. Career Opportunities Include: Parent Educator, Early Interventionist, Child Life Specialist, Youth Development

**Family and Consumer Sciences Education Major**
Prepares graduates to teach critical life skills in middle/secondary schools, through community agencies or the Cooperative Extension Service. Career Opportunities Include: Certified Secondary/Middle School Teacher, FCS Extension Agent

**Nutrition and Dietetic Sciences**
Focuses on the role of nutrition and healthy food choices in preventing and managing disease. Career Opportunities Include: Registered Dietitian, Nutrition Educator, Corporate Wellness Coordinator, Food Service Director

**Food Science and Technology Major**
Focuses on the application of biology, chemistry and engineering to the development and production of safe, appealing and nutritious foods. Career Opportunities Include: Production Supervisor, Product Developer, Inspector, Food Plant Manager, Research Chef

**Minors**
- Clothing, Textiles & Fashion Merchandising
- Culinary Science
- Family and Child Science
- Food Science
- Nutrition

Why New Mexico State University?

- NMSU was recognized as a top-tier university by U.S. News & World Report in 2017.
- The Brookings Institution listed NMSU as a leader in research and social mobility.
- The Family & Consumer Sciences department is home to the student-run Sam Steel Café and ACES Foods.
- The department offers the only B.S. in Food Science and Technology, and the only majors in Clothing, Textiles and Fashion Merchandising and Family and Consumer Sciences Education in the state of New Mexico!

Ranked a top 10 AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE IN THE NATION
– College Values Online, 2015
Sam Steel Branding Ceremony

The College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences strives to create a family atmosphere for all students, staff and faculty. Five years ago, the College of ACES developed the Sam Steel Brand that unites all students through a shared brand.

Every freshman in the College of ACES receives the Sam Steel Brand paint brand on their shoulder as a “welcome” to the ACES Family. Seniors are also recognized to thank them for their time as Aggies.

Alumni Spotlight

Alfredo Maynez, Jr.
Bachelor of Science in Clothing, Textiles and Fashion Merchandising, May 2006
Management Team at Dior
Las Vegas, Nevada

Alfredo Maynez, Jr., has a Bachelor of Science Degree in Clothing, Textiles, and Fashion Merchandising from the Family Consumer Sciences Department at New Mexico State University. Alfredo is a member of the management team at Dior, Las Vegas, Nevada. He was formerly a member of the management team at Neiman Marcus. He was also very instrumental in getting Clothing, Textiles and Fashion Merchandising alumni and students in securing internships and placements with Neiman Marcus.