Accelerated Graduate Degree Program (AGDP)
MA in Family and Consumer Sciences
Child Life and Family Life Education emphasis areas
http://www.wmich.edu/familyconsumer/academics/masters

Qualifying students can accumulate up to 12 credit hours toward the Master of Arts in Family and Consumer Sciences while enrolled as undergraduates in either the Family Studies major or the Child and Family Development major. Designated 5000- and 6000-level courses are counted in both the bachelor’s degree and the master’s degree.

Admission Criteria (also see admission criteria for the MA in FCS at www.wmich.edu/familyconsumer/admissions

• Declared major in Family Studies or in Child and Family Development
• Minimum GPA of 3.0 (based on at least 45 earned credit hours, 15 of which shall be earned at Western Michigan University) and 3.5 GPA in the major (based on at least 12 earned credit hours)
• Meet general admission criteria for the MA in FCS

To Apply
1. As early as possible in the academic junior year, contact Dr. Karen Blaisure (September – April) or Dr. Gary Bischof (May – August) to discuss this AGDP option and review the requirements, timelines, and application procedures.

2. Apply for a graduation audit even if you have not completed 88 credit hours. http://www.wmich.edu/registrar/graduation-undergrad

3. Complete an online admissions application. Go to http://www.wmich.edu/apply and select the application type "Accelerated degree seeking - only available to current WMU undergraduate student." In a dropdown menu look for MA in FCS – Accelerated. The application is considered complete when all required information is received, including 3 letters of reference, transcripts, resume, and a self- statement).

If Accepted
1. Meet with the graduate program and undergraduate academic advisors to prepare a program of study that meets requirements for the undergraduate and graduate degrees.

2. Maintain a grade of "B" or better in each graduate course being counted for the undergraduate degree, a 3.0 GPA overall, and a 3.5 GPA in the major.

3. Admitted as a graduate student (with the relevant graduate credit) in the next semester or session after receiving the bachelor's degree.

4. Complete the MA degree within 24 months from completion of the bachelor's degree.

For More Information
Dr. Karen Blaisure, FCS Graduate Advisor (September-April) at karen.blaisure@wmich.edu
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