

Shaping People for a Better Tomorrow

The Faculty of Consumer Sciences is committed to advancing knowledge, skills and innovation that improve lives, empower communities and contribute to sustainable development in Eswatini, Africa and beyond.

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Faculty Establishment

The University council approved the establishment of the Faculty of Consumer Sciences with effect from 1 July 2016. The Faculty of Consumer Sciences evolved from the Department of Consumer Sciences, earlier known as the Department of Home Economics, was established in 1974 as part of the Faculty of Agriculture at the Luyengo Campus. It developed over years and increased its student enrolment, programme offering and graduate output.

Purpose

The Faculty of Consumer Sciences offers a diverse yet integrated menu of scientific and technical courses to enable a better understanding of factors impacting consumers' general well-being and in achieving an improved quality of life. Graduates work as development change agents in government departments and institutions, family, civic and non-governmental organisations, international agencies to facilitate the transfer of knowledge and information for 'smart' and efficient consumption.

Mission

The Faculty is to produce professionals through quality teaching, and to conduct innovative and entrepreneurial research and community engagement for sustainable development.

Core Values

Autonomy, Integrity, Relevance, Diversity, Professionalism, Quality, Transparency, Accountability, Innovation, Differentiation and Social Responsibility.

Objectives

- 1 Provide trained man power at undergraduate and postgraduate level.
- 2 Promote interdisciplinary and demand-driven programmes aimed at improving the well-being of people.
- 3 Apply Science and Technology in research for developing innovations to benefit the business sector and disseminate research outputs.
- 4 Establish linkages and collaborate with national and international academic and research institutions.
- 5 Offer short-term training.
- 6 Provide professional consultancies.
- 7 Engender innovative ways of resource mobilisation.
- 8 Inculcate entrepreneurial thinking in students.
- 8 Improve facilities for enhanced quality assurance.

Teaching Facilities

Food and Nutrition Sciences (FNS)

- Food processing laboratory
- Food analytical laboratory
- Food service management laboratory
- Modern laboratory
- Sensory evaluation laboratory

Textiles and Apparel Design (TAD)

- Clothing construction laboratory
- Garment manufacturing laboratory
- Computer-aided design (CAD) laboratory
- Textile Science and laundry laboratory
- Dry laboratory

Departments and Programmes

- 1 **Department of Consumer Science Education and Community Development (CED)**
 - B.Sc. in Consumer Science (COS)
 - B.Sc. in Consumer Science Education (COSE)
 - M.Sc. in Consumer Science Education
- 2 **Department of Food and Nutrition Sciences (FNS)**
 - B.Sc. in Food Science, Nutrition and Technology (FSNT)
 - M.Sc. in Food Science and Technology
- 3 **Department of Textiles and Apparel Design (TAD)**
 - B.Sc. in Textiles, Apparel Design and Management (TADM)
 - M.Sc. in Textiles

Career Paths and Options

- Entrepreneurship and business (self-employment)
- Production, Quality Assurance and Control Managers in food and textile processing and manufacturing industry
- Development Planning, Management and Practice
- Teaching, TVET and Curriculum Planning and Development
- Human Development and Welfare (family)
- Consumerism
- Product Development
- Nutrition Education
- Hospitality Management

Research

The Faculty of Consumer Sciences' research agenda highlights research needs across the sub-disciplines within the broader Consumer Science field:

- (i) Household food security and livelihoods
- (ii) Consumer protection
- (iii) Nutrition and health
- (iv) Sustainable development
- (v) Value addition of products (food, clothing/fibres)

Outreach

The Faculty of Consumer Sciences will continue the sterling outreach work it started as a department. It responds to community ever changing needs and promotes inclusive socio-economic participation of all its human resources.