

# CONSUMER SCIENCE

The Department of Consumer Science studies interactions among consumers, business, and government in order to advance the well-being of consumers, families, and communities. The department is multi-disciplinary, including study in economics, finance, sociology, psychology, marketing, and public affairs. The Department of Consumer Science offers multiple undergraduate degree programs both on-campus and online. Consumer Behavior & Marketplace Studies and Personal Finance are both on-campus programs. Consumer Finance & Financial planning and Consumer Marketplace Studies are both offered online as a part of the Online Undergraduate Degree program. All programs focus broadly on the economic well-being of consumers and society. The department also offers M.S. and Ph.D. degrees in human ecology: consumer behavior and family economics.

## DEGREES/MAJORS/CERTIFICATES

- Consumer Behavior and Marketplace Studies, B.S. (<http://guide.wisc.edu/undergraduate/human-ecology/consumer-science/consumer-behavior-marketplace-studies-bs/>)
- Consumer Finance and Financial Planning, B.S. (<http://guide.wisc.edu/undergraduate/human-ecology/consumer-science/consumer-finance-financial-planning-bs/>)
- Consumer Marketplace Studies, B.S. (<http://guide.wisc.edu/undergraduate/human-ecology/consumer-science/consumer-marketplace-studies-bs/>)
- Personal Finance, B.S. (<http://guide.wisc.edu/undergraduate/human-ecology/consumer-science/personal-finance-bs/>)

## PEOPLE

For more information, visit the School of Human Ecology Consumer Science (<https://humanecology.wisc.edu/staff/sohe-department/consumer-science/>) faculty and staff directory (<https://humanecology.wisc.edu/staff/sohe-department/consumer-science/>).

## RESOURCES AND SCHOLARSHIPS

### ADVISING & CAREER CENTER

The Advising & Career Center (ACC) fosters undergraduate students' personal, academic, and professional development. Through advising, academic planning, and career education, we support students as they navigate the college experience—from exploring our majors as prospective students to becoming SoHE alumni.

### ACADEMIC ADVISING

Each SoHE student is assigned to an academic advisor in the Advising & Career Center. SoHE academic advisors support academic and personal success by partnering with current and prospective SoHE students as they identify and clarify their educational goals, develop meaningful academic plans, and pursue their own Wisconsin Experience.

To explore academic advising resources or schedule an appointment with a SoHE academic advisor, visit Advising in SoHE ([https://go.wisc.edu/acc\\_office/](https://go.wisc.edu/acc_office/)).

### CAREER DEVELOPMENT

Active engagement in the career development process is a vital component of a student's personal growth in college and future success as a lifelong learner, professional, and global citizen. SoHE career advisors help prepare students for life post-graduation through advising and integration of career readiness throughout our curriculum.

To explore career development resources or schedule an appointment with a SoHE career advisor, visit Career Development (<https://advising.humanecology.wisc.edu/careers/scheduling/>).

### SCHOLARSHIPS AND OTHER FINANCIAL RESOURCES

The School of Human Ecology awards many merit and need-based scholarships each year. The deadline to apply for scholarships is typically late January. To be eligible for these awards, scholarship recipients must be registered as full-time SoHE students.

Students who experience emergency financial situations may inquire about the availability of short-term loans through the SoHE Advising & Career Center. In addition, university scholarships, loans, and employment are available through the Office of Student Financial Aid (<https://financialaid.wisc.edu/>) (333 East Campus Mall; 608-262-3060).