



Baccalaureate Degree Plan

NCCCS Associate in Arts **or** Associate in Science
transfer to

East Carolina University, **BS FASHION MERCHANDISING AND CONSUMER STUDIES**

- Students can declare the fashion merchandising and consumer studies major upon entry to the university or at any time if they are in good academic standing.
- Throughout the program students must make a C (2.0) or better in all MRCH major courses.
- As a transfer student, it is important to contact an ECU Academic Advisor, hpadvising@ecu.edu, as soon as possible.

An example of how to plan your first 2 years of the traditional 4 years of study is included at the end of this document. However, depending on when you transfer and how many recommended courses you take at the community college, it may take longer than 4 years to complete any degree at ECU.

Recommended courses to take at a North Carolina Community College

ECO 251

ENG 111
ENG 112

MAT 171

HEA 110

PSY 150

- Other courses to complete an AA or AS are student's choice; no other current department recommendations. Other equivalent courses may be listed in the degree requirements.
- Completion of an approved NCCCS AA or AS waives the General Education requirement. For more information about the waiver, [click here](#).
- For more information about General Education Core Requirements at ECU, and a list of specific course options, click [here](#).
- You do not have to complete all NCCCS equivalents or recommended courses before transferring. However, taking minimal recommendations may prolong your time to degree at ECU.

Degree Requirements

General Education Core Requirements

40 semester hours credit required; completion of an approved AA or AS waives this requirement, with the exception of Health Promotion and Health-Related Physical Activity.

Competency	Semester Hour Credits Required	Notes
Written Communication	6	<i>ENG 111 and ENG 112 should be taken at the community college to satisfy this competency.</i>
Humanities & Fine Arts	9	<i>At least one class should be labeled as Humanities (HU) and one should be labeled as Fine Arts (FA).</i>
Social Sciences	9	<i>NCCCS HIS courses are not considered a social science at ECU.</i>
Natural Sciences	7	<i>One course must include a lab.</i>
Mathematics	3	<i>Choose MAT 143 or 171.</i>
Health Promotion and Health-Related Physical Activity	3	<i>HEA 110 should be taken at the community college to satisfy this competency.</i>

Specific General Education Requirements	As part of completing the 40 required hours, please include: ECON 2113 - Principles of Microeconomics MATH 1050-Explorations in Mathematics or higher GE math PSYC 1000 - Introductory Psychology	<i>NCCCS Equivalents</i> <i>ECO 251</i> <i>MAT 143</i> <i>PSY 150</i>
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Core	Complete 49 hours. MRCH 1135 - Introduction to Fashion MRCH 2034 - Textiles MRCH 2035 - Textiles Laboratory MRCH 2239 - Fashion and Culture MRCH 2350 - Merchandising Strategies MRCH 2500 - Fashion History MRCH 2883 - Pre-Professional Seminar MRCH 3050 - Apparel Product Development MRCH 3200 - Consumer Studies in Merchandising MRCH 3300 - E-Fashion MRCH 3350 - Merchandising Analysis MRCH 3400 - Visual Merchandising, Planning, and Operations MRCH 3883 - Merchandising Internship I or MRCH 3885 – Fall Merchandising Internship I MRCH 4300 - Global Economics: Textiles, Apparel, and Interior Furnishing Industries MRCH 4350 - Merchandise, Planning, Buying and Sourcing MRCH 4883 - Merchandising Internship II or MRCH 4885 – Fall Merchandising Internship II	<i>No NCCCS equivalents exist for MRCH courses.</i> <i>Students will complete the Core courses at ECU.</i>
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	<p>MRCH 4999 - Merchandising Capstone: Executing the Concept</p> <p>Select one of the following:</p> <p>MRCH 3003 - Special Topics or MRCH 4209 - Directed Study: Research in Merchandising</p>	
<p>Minor or Certificate</p>	<p>Complete 18-30 hours.</p> <p>Choose one of the following minors:</p> <p>Art Minor Business Administration Minor Communication Minor Hospitality Management Minor Interior Design Minor</p> <p>or choose the Entrepreneurship Certificate and 12 hours of advisor approved electives.</p>	<p><i>To explore Minors and their required courses, click here.</i></p> <p><i>To view the Entrepreneurship Certificate requirements, click here.</i></p>
<p>Electives</p>	<p>Complete electives needed for graduation requirements.</p>	

Potential 2 Year Map for BS Family and Consumer Sciences Education

An example of courses to take at your community college.

First Semester at NCCCS Institution

NCCCS Course	ECU Transfer Equivalent
ENG 111	ENGL 1100
Humanities/Fine Arts course	
PSY 150	PSYC 1000
Additional General Education course	
ACA 122	COAD 1XXX

Second Semester at NCCCS Institution

NCCCS Course	ECU Transfer Equivalent
MAT 171	MATH 1065
Humanities/Fine Arts course	
ECO 251	ECON 2113
Additional General Education course	
HEA 110	HLTH 1000/KINE 1000

Third Semester at a NCCCS Institution

NCCCS Course	ECU Transfer Equivalent
ENG 112	ENGL 2201
Natural Science course	
Additional General Education course	
Elective course	
Additional General Education course	

Fourth Semester at a NCCCS Institution

NCCCS Course	ECU Transfer Equivalent
Humanities/Fine Arts course or 2 nd Math course	
Social Behavioral Science course or 2 nd Natural Science	
Additional General Education course or Elective	
Elective	
<i>Elective (if needed)</i>	

- Schedule at ECU will depend on courses completed at the community college and semester of entry (fall or spring).
- You should email hpadvising@ecu.edu as soon as possible for more specialized advising.
- This schedule is dependent on taking full-time course loads; however, it may not be realistic to take a full-time course load if you are working full-time or part-time, are a caregiver, or have other obligations. ***Ask your advisor how you can be most successful.***