WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

Department of Family and Consumer Sciences

MA in FCS: Textile and Apparel Studies concentration

**Required courses – 12 hours**

FCS 5240 The Socio‐Psychological Aspects of Clothing 3 credits

FCS 5340 Consumer Behavior in the Fashion Environment    3 credits

FCS 5440 Global Aspects of the Fashion Industry 3 credits

FCS 6900 Seminar in Family and Consumer Sciences 3 credits

Elective courses

**Select 6-9 hours from the following:**

FCS 5900 Projects / Problems in FCS    3 credits

FCS 5980 Independent Study in FCS      3 credits

FCS 6000 Experimental Clothing Design 3 credits

FCS 6160 Consumer Education       3 credits

FCS 6220 Practicum in Family and Consumer Sciences     3 credits

Other course ineducation, communication, business, 3 credits

or other social, behavioral, or applied sciences fields.

These courses are planned with the advisor.

**Research methods (6 hours)**

FCS 6010 Basic Research Methods & Design 3 credits

Additional research methods course to be planned with advisor 3 credits

**Select one of the following:**

FCS 7000 Master’s Thesis 6

FCS 7100 Independent Research   3

Courses are selected under the guidance of the graduate advisor and program faculty.

A minimum of 15 of the required 30 credits must be in courses at the 6000‐level or higher.

Assistantships may be available to those wishing to pursue full‐time graduate study.

Students with a bachelor’s degree in another field may be required to take additional

undergraduate courses to qualify for entrance into this area of concentration.