

HUMAN ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES, BS

Students with specific career goals have an opportunity to develop an innovative program of study with a focus on at least one of the following areas: clothing, textiles and interior design; consumer sciences; health science; human development and family studies, and human nutrition & hospitality management. Most students drawn to human environmental sciences share the goal of improving the quality of life of individuals, families and communities.

The curriculum in human environmental sciences enables students to integrate knowledge from all areas of the field and prepares them for employment or further study. This program is designed for those interested in careers in cooperative extension, government, human services, non-profit and non-governmental organizations or an area of the communications field. Courses are selected in consultation with an advisor.

The purpose of this program is to give the student with specific career goals an opportunity to develop an innovative program of study with a focus on at least one area within the College. Each student majoring in human environmental sciences is expected to file a program of study prior to the completion of 100 hours and in accordance with the following guidelines:

- The proposed course of study must include 120 hours (including the statewide general studies requirements), The University of Alabama Core Curriculum requirements, and the College of Human Environmental Sciences core requirements.
- The proposed course of study must give evidence that the student has built a cohesive structure of interrelated ideas around a focus within the College of Human Environmental Sciences. It must include a minimum of 35 hours of coursework offered by the College of Human Environmental Sciences, 15 of which must be at the 300- or 400-level.
- The proposal must demonstrate that the proposed program could not be better served by an existing major program within the College.
- At the time of submission, the proposal must include a statement of approval by a faculty advisor chosen from the area of focus.
- The proposal must indicate that the student has examined the consequences of the proposed program in relation to career goals and post-graduation plans.
- All exceptions must be approved by the department chair.

The minimum requirements for a degree in Human Environmental Sciences at The University of Alabama are:

- An approved program of study prior to the completion of 100 hours and in accordance with the CHES guidelines and courses selected in consultation with the student's adviser
- A minimum of 120 earned semester credit hours, including all University Core Curriculum requirements and a minimum of 35 hours of coursework offered by the College of Human Environmental Sciences, including the Human Environmental Sciences core courses (HES 310 Issues in Human Environmental Sciences for all students, HES 100 Freshman Compass Human Environmental Sciences for new freshmen on campus / HES 103 Distance Compass HES for new online students) and 15 hours of 300-400 level courses.
- A 2.0 or higher grade point average for all college-level courses attempted, all courses attempted at The University of Alabama and all courses attempted in the major field of study

- At least 35 semester credit hours earned through The University of Alabama (UA) in the College of Human Environmental Sciences

It is the student's responsibility to make sure that all degree requirements have been met. Students should review the academic requirements of this catalog and under DegreeWorks through their myBama account. They must meet with their academic advisers within the college two semesters before graduation to verify that all requirements will have been fulfilled by the expected date of graduation. In order to graduate, a student must submit an application for degree, using the online application for degree available through myBama no later than the time he or she registers for their final semester at UA.

The major in human environmental sciences is designed for those interested in careers that combine two or more areas in HES. Courses are selected in consultation with an adviser in Student Services in HES. The purpose of this program is to give the student with specific career goals an opportunity to develop an innovative program of study with a focus on at least one area within the College.

Types of Jobs Accepted

Graduates are employed with large multi-national organizations, agencies with a social focus and as entrepreneurs.

Learn more about opportunities in this field at the Career Center

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