Dawson Hall Self-guided Tour

Welcome to Dawson Hall and the College of Family and Consumer Sciences! Follow these directions to tour Dawson Hall and learn about our undergraduate opportunities.

History

In the beginning, many different facilities were used to house the College of Home Economics. The food laboratories were housed by the Dairy Division, the cafeteria was located on the ground floor of Conner Hall, and the clothing laboratory was on the second floor of Lumpkin Hall. The “first twelve” women students were housed in “The Student Cottage,” a rented house on Lumpkin Street during the construction of the Woman’s Building, now Soule Hall, which began during the second year of the program. The new Woman’s Building was furnished by gifts because there were no state funds appropriated for the task. In 1930, the College of Home Economics had grown to 304 students. The facilities now included the Woman’s Building, Soule Hall, a Home Management House consisting of nine rooms, a cottage Nursery School, and a small art building. Space was borrowed in Conner Hall for the cafeteria, in Hardman Hall for a nutrition research laboratory, in the Physical Education Building for an art laboratory, and in Barrow Hall for a laboratory for electrical household equipment. In 1931, funds from the Dawson Trust of 1925 were made available by President Soule of the Georgia State College of Agriculture to construct Dawson Hall increasing the facilities of the College of Home Economics.

Dawson Points of Interest

First Floor

1. Room 110
   This is the largest classroom in Dawson Hall. Some first- and second-year classes have as many as 300 people, but once you start taking classes in your major, the classes get significantly smaller.

2. Department of Human Development and Family Science, Room 123
   The Department of Human Development and Family Science is home to our Human Development and Family Science (HDFS) major. Students studying HDFS learn how individuals and their families function throughout the lifecycle - from birth through death. This is a great major for anyone interested in working with people, as a teacher, counselor, child life specialist, social worker, nurse, or many other careers.

3. Study Abroad Bulletin Board (on the left, just before you get to the elevator)
   FACS has several great study abroad options for students to choose from: Australia, China, Costa Rica, Ghana, and London. We also have trips to Washington, D.C. and New York City.

4. Food Preparation Lab, Room 166
   In this room, students take classes that teach them all about food preparation, so the room is complete with everything needed to prepare a meal: stoves/ovens, dishes, pots and pans, mixers, utensils, and much more.

5. Sensory Testing Lab, Room 169
   Students enrolled in Dr. Swanson’s Experimental Foods class perform various food experiments in this lab. Sometimes they need taste testers, so faculty, staff, and students are asked to go in and try different samples and rate the taste of each.

Please go through the glass doors to your left and up the stairs to the second floor.
Second Floor

1. Department of Foods and Nutrition, Room 280
   The Department of Foods and Nutrition is made up of 3 majors:
   - **Consumer Foods** - This major is great for students who are interested in working for food companies like Kashi, Kraft, or General Mills; studying culinary arts; or opening their own restaurants.
   - **Dietetics** - This is the perfect major for students who want to become Registered Dietitians (also known as Nutritionists). These health professionals counsel individuals on making healthy eating choices.
   - **Nutritional Sciences** - If you want to do any kind of work in the healthcare field (doctor, pharmacist, physical therapist, dentist, etc.), then Nutritional Sciences is the major for you! You’re able to get all of the required sciences for medical/dental/pharmacy school, while also taking really interesting nutrition classes!

2. Room 264: This is one of three computer labs that we have for students in the College of Family and Consumer Sciences.

3. Department of Financial Planning, Housing and Consumer Economics, Room 213
   The Department of Financial Planning, Housing and Consumer Economics has the most majors of any department in our College:
   - **Consumer Economics** - Consumer Economics is a business major that is focused on consumers and how consumers make choices.
   - **Consumer Journalism** - This major gives students the opportunity to combine an area of interest in FACS (for example, Fashion Merchandising) with an area of interest in the College of Journalism to prepare them for numerous career opportunities (such as working for a fashion magazine).
   - **Financial Planning** - Students majoring in Financial Planning are preparing to become financial planners, which are professionals that help individuals and their families manage their finances.
   - **Housing** - Housing is a good option for students who are interested in real estate and/or residential property management.

   Please take the stairs at the end of the hallway to the third floor.

Third Floor

1. Department of Textiles, Merchandising, and Interiors, Room 321
   The Department of Textiles, Merchandising, and Interiors has 2 majors:
   - **Fashion Merchandising** - This major prepares students to work in any area of the fashion industry, though it does focus on the business side of things. Students study accounting, economics, and marketing, in addition to their fashion related coursework. Careers in Fashion Merchandising include stylists, buyers, store managers, and boutique owners.
   - **Furnishings and Interiors** - This major prepares students to becoming interior designers, teaching them how to successfully complete projects ranging from minor renovations to new construction.

2. Mannequins (at the intersection of the hallways)
   Although our Fashion Merchandising major is not a fashion design major, it is still important for students to understand how clothes get from an idea in someone's head, to a sketch on a page, to the manufacturer, to the store, and home to our closet. In one of the fashion classes, students work as a group to come up with an idea for a garment. A designer is called in to sketch the design, which is sent to a manufacturing plant, produced, and
sent back to the class for the students to sell. The clothes on the mannequins are some of the pieces the classes have created.

3. **Historic Costumes Collection** (which has been moved to the Special Collections Library): The pieces in the glass displays near room 306 are pieces from our Historic Costumes Collection, which holds over 1500 garments, accessories, and textiles that date from the 1800's to the 1990's. It includes women's, men's, and children's clothing, hats, shoes, and jewelry.

   **There are stairs at either end of the hallway; please take these back down to the first floor.**

### Additional Majors

We have two more majors:

1. **Family and Consumer Sciences Education** - This major prepares students to become Family and Consumer Science teachers in middle schools and high schools. Students in this major take a variety of classes from each of the four departments in FACS.

2. **Unspecified** - It can be hard to know what you want to do with the rest of your life when you're only 18 years old, but don't fear, because we have a major for you, too! Students who are unsure about what they want to study are encouraged to declare a major in Unspecified. This major gives you the opportunity to take courses in different subjects to narrow down your interests. You will also work closely with an academic advisor to examine your strengths, interests, and values to determine which careers might be the best fit for you.

### Tour Complete

We hope you’ve enjoyed your visit! Please let us know if you have any questions, comments, or concerns, or if you would like more information about anything you've seen today. Have a great day, and Go Dawgs!