

## **Department of Family Science HONORS PROGRAM**

The Department of Family Science Honors Program is designed to provide academically talented students with a more advanced and enriching educational experience in Family Science. The Honors Program gives students an opportunity to participate in scholarly independent study, interact with FMSC faculty, and examine a range of intellectual topics in greater depth than is possible in the traditional Family Science program.

### Admission into the FMSC Honors Program

Any FMSC major who meets the following criteria is eligible for the Honors Program:

- An overall GPA of 3.3 with at least 45 credits completed
- Completion of:
  - FMSC290 with a grade of “B” or better and an additional three credits in FMSC **OR**
  - ECON200 and an additional 6 credits in FMSC
- A GPA of 3.5 in all FMSC courses

Students meeting the criteria and wishing to participate in the Honors Program must apply three semesters (not including summer) prior to graduation. Application forms are available from the FMSC Honors Program Coordinator.

### Continuation in the Program

Students must maintain a 3.3 overall GPA and a 3.5 FMSC GPA to remain in the program. If a student falls below either of these standards, he or she will have one semester to meet the standards or be dropped from the program.

### Requirements for Graduation with Honors

Completion of the FMSC Honors requires:

- Nine credits of FMSC Honors courses\* (either Honors sections or Honors option)
- Six credits of Honors thesis under the direction of an FMSC faculty advisor, culminating in a thesis and satisfactory oral defense of the thesis to a committee of at least two full-time UMCP faculty (including the advisor)

### Requirements for Graduation with High Honors

Students in the FMSC Honors Program may graduate with High Honors from the department by meeting the following requirements:

- Completion of the graduation requirements listed above
- Completion of a thesis and oral defense rated “Outstanding” by members of the student’s Honors Thesis Committee
- Completion of a B.S. degree with a cumulative GPA of 3.7 or higher
- No grade below a B in any FMSC course

\*Three credits of 300-level or higher coursework from the University Honors Program can be substituted **with** the approval of the FMSC Honors Program Coordinator.

**Department of Family Science  
Undergraduate Honors Program Application**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Student ID: \_\_\_\_\_

Local Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Local Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Permanent Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Overall GPA: \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Credits Completed: \_\_\_\_\_

FMSC GPA: \_\_\_\_\_ Expected Graduation Date: \_\_\_\_\_

FMSC Courses Completed: \_\_\_\_\_

Please return the completed application to Dr. Jinhee Kim, 1204J Marie Mount Hall, with one official transcript from **each** university attended.