



SU Department of Family and Consumer Sciences Ranks 19th in list of 50 Great Value Colleges for Family and Consumer Sciences in the nation

The academic arm of the Southern University Land-Grant Campus is excelling nationally as well as locally. The Department of Family and Consumer Sciences (FCS) in the College of Agricultural, Family and Consumer Sciences is prominently ranked in the 2016-2017 list of 50 Great Value Colleges for Family and Consumer Sciences. Ranked 19 of 50, it is the only FCS unit in Louisiana to make the list. In its discussion of Southern University's FCS program, greatvaluecolleges.net wrote, "Practical experience is a priority. All concentrations include opportunities for students to enrich their education through participation in internships, service learning, study tours, or similar activities. Students are also encouraged to join professional and student organizations and regularly participate in events held by these organizations."

FCS has a small, but dedicated faculty and staff. Faculty members are involved in the full spectrum of activities that are the lifeblood of higher education. They teach, participate in research and other scholarly activities, and engage in service and other outreach efforts. Faculty are known for mentoring and advising students. The Department consistently ranks as the 6th largest producer of Bachelor's degrees at Southern University.

The rating and ranking methodology used to arrive at the 50 Great Value Colleges for Family and Consumer Sciences includes points for presence of Master's and Doctoral degree programs, FCS awards and recognition at the national and regional levels, 20-year net ROI, research opportunities, innovative programs and/or teaching methods, study abroad opportunities, FCS internship opportunities, FCS scholarship opportunities, affiliated centers and institutes on campus, related student organizations and societies, and "Wow Factor."

The top 20 FCS schools in the ranking are: 1) Iowa State University, 2) University of Maryland-College Park, 3) Virginia Tech, 4) University of Idaho, 5) University of Texas-Austin, 6) University of Missouri-Columbia, 7) University of Georgia, 8) Alabama A&M University, 9) University of Wisconsin-Madison, 10) California State University-Fresno, 11) California State University-Long Beach, 12) San Francisco State University, 13) University of Utah, 14) Texas A&M University-Kingsville, 15) Montana State University, 16) University of Kentucky, 17) Western Michigan University, 18) North Carolina A&T State University, 19) Southern University and A&M College and 20) Eastern Kentucky University.

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