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## School of Human Ecology: Fact Sheet

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**Four Departments:** Consumer Science \* Human Development and Family Studies  
Design Studies \* Non-Profit Studies

**Faculty/Staff:** 50 interdisciplinary faculty from diverse fields including economics, architecture, art, sociology, psychology, etc.  
300 employees currently at multiple facilities; many will be brought together in the expanded Human Ecology building.

**Current locations:** Staff and facilities at locations from State Street to the Odana/Westgate area.

### Research Facilities Central to Mission:

- **Helen Louise Allen Textile Collection**
  - Most pre-eminent academic research repository of more than 13,000 multi-cultural textiles and costumes, with pieces dating to 200 B.C.
  - Valued at approximately \$3.1 million.
- **The Research Preschool Laboratory**
  - Two sites (campus and Madison's near west; licensed for 117 children)
  - Budget of \$1.1 million
  - Established in 1926 as the Dorothy Roberts Preschool.
  - Faculty, graduate and undergraduate students from several departments — including Communication Arts, Curriculum and Instruction, Human Development and Family Studies, Educational Psychology, and Kinesiology — conducted research or teaching activities in past year.
  - **Significance of preschool lab with state-of-the-art research programs to central campus:** A growing expectation of world-class institutions is for research faculty to have their home department and lab space in close proximity. Completion of new facility will mark the first time that infant research facilities will be located on campus.

**Student Profile:** 1004 Undergraduate students (fall 2008)  
67 Graduate students  
14.2% Of undergraduate and graduate students represent ethnic/racial minorities.  
1 in 8 Courses include a service learning component.

**Undergraduate majors:** Community and Nonprofit Leadership \* Retailing  
Consumer Affairs \* Interior Design  
Human Development & Family Studies \* Personal Finance  
Family, Consumer & Community Education \* Textile & Apparel Design

**Graduate programs:** Consumer Behavior and Family Economics (MS, PhD)  
Design Studies (MS/MFA, PhD)  
Human Development and Family Studies (MS, PhD)

**Ranking:** Considered among the Top 10 Human Ecology programs in the nation. Faculty served as principal investigators on \$5.3 million in research grants and raised over \$3 million for outreach efforts in the period from July 1, 2007 – June 30, 2008.