1914  Non-credit 6-week class in foods listed in summer school.

1916-17  Foods, Cookery, and Household Management was first listed in curriculum.

1917  Two courses were offered for the first time in the regular session in the College of Arts and Sciences. Home Economics Department was listed with Louisa J. Keys as Department Head. Courses in CTD and FNIM—added a course (Foods, Cookery, and Household Management, and Sewing and Dressmaking) but not applicable toward degree.

1927  First courses in child development were offered in the Sociology Department.

1927-28  UA catalog 23 courses in Home Economics were being taught in the College of Arts and Sciences.

1928  University of Alabama Index, Vol. 11, no. 10, October 1928: “A major sequence in home economics is offered in the College of Arts and Sciences to train (1) home makers, (2) dietitians, (3) home economics business women, (4) home economics journalists, (5) nutritionists, (6) home economics research workers in textiles, nutrition, living conditions, home equipment. This department has within recent years been very largely expanded. The women’s building now under construction will house the departments of music, art, and home economics.”

1929  A 4-story building to house home economics and fine arts was dedicated in April and named Doster Hall in honor of Dr. James J. Doster. It was originally built to house home economics, music and fine arts, but home economics grew so rapidly, it soon occupied the entire building. West Annex (later renamed Adams Hall) completed as Tutwiler Dorm wing (main women’s dormitory). Rose Administration is now located on this site.

1930  Ina Barbee Crane, a trained dietitian, was added to faculty of Foods and Nutrition.

A rat laboratory was started and nutrition studies were begun. An instructor, Miss Ruth Fouse, was appointed to serve in home economics and chemistry to correlate home economics and nutrition. Retailing program featuring field experience pioneered off-campus internship concept began Museum collection of clothing, textiles and home furnishings initiated. Nursery school was established.

1930-31  Home Economics had three majors—Clothing and Textiles, Institution Management, and General.

1931  Mrs. Elmer Springer was appointed as instructor for Nursery School, which was housed in the basement of Doster Hall. Eighteen children were enrolled.

1931-32  UA catalog listed the following majors: (1) General Course, (2) Institution Management, (3) Clothing, Textiles and Art; (4) Clothing, Textiles and Chemistry; (5) Nutrition and Chemistry. Graduates in institution management were accepted as student dietitians by leading hospital training schools. The curriculum in institution management met all the requirements of the American Dietetics Association. The School of Home Economics was organized. The Department of Clothing, Textiles and Interior Design was started in 1931 with Miss Henrietta Thompson as head. Students could take a general course or major in the fields of clothing and textiles, or institution management.

1933  An instructor in clothing and home management, Miss Eunice Jenkins, was appointed

1935  An instructor in home management was appointed.

1936  Under Miss Henrietta Thompson’s leadership, Psi chapter of Phi Upsilon Omicron was formed from Alpha Omicron.
1937  A nursery school was built during the administration of Dr. Richard Foster.

A Home Management House was built on Magnolia Drive. Six women lived in the house for 6-9 weeks and trained to become teachers of General Home Economics. They were taught organization, budgeting, time, and money management.

A co-operative arrangement with department stores in Birmingham and Atlanta provided apprentice experience in selling.

A curriculum in clothing and textile merchandising in the School of Commerce and Business Administration included a minor in clothing, textiles and related art.

1938  Course in Nutrition and Chemistry was first taught

1939  Lewis Clifton "Jack" Davis, Jr. was the first man to obtain a B.S. in Home Economics with a major in dietetics.

Beulah King was added as an instructor in clothing and textiles.

A major in Interior Decoration was first offered.

1940  The first course in Consumer Problems was in the Spring of with an enrollment of 10.

The nursery school became a laboratory for the Human Development Department.

1940-41  5-year program in home economics and nursing begun—1st, 2nd and 5th year in Home Economics; 3rd and 4th years in approved hospital.

UA listed three departments: Clothing & Textiles, Family Life, and Food, Nutrition Management.

1941  Associate professor, Dr. Neige Todhunter, was appointed to teach nutrition and direct nutrition research. She became head of the Food, Nutrition and Food Service Management.

Courses taught were Institutional Management and Foods and Nutrition.

Pauline Park was hired to develop a Department of Family Life. She also taught a course in family sociology.

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Interior Decoration major first offered in Clothing & Textiles Department.

A 10-year plan was adopted.

1942  Research Laboratory of Human Nutrition was established—first of its kind in a separate state university.

Infant Laboratory (called “baby laboratory”) opened, the first in the country.

1942-43  UA Catalog:

I.  Foods, Nutrition, and Institution Management
   A.  Institution management to prepare hospital dietitians
   B.  Food and Nutrition
      1.  Plan A: train cafeteria, lunchroom or restaurant managers
      2.  Plan B: train for commercial demonstration work
      3.  Plan C: train nutritionists with community and public welfare organization
      4.  Plan D: train for research and college teaching

Instructors in family life and nutrition were added.

1943  Cafeteria opened in Doster Hall under administration of UA President Raymond Paty. Students in cafeteria management gained practical experience.

1943-44  Dr. Lea Cowles Masters, specialist in infant development, was hired to direct the infant laboratory.

Family Life Department had 65 students enrolled.

1944  Mable Adams appointed as Assistant Professor in Food and Nutrition.

Course in Clothing, Textiles & Science offered.

1945  Dr. Elizabeth Carmichael named director of Family Life in the Extension Division.
Six Interior Design students were killed in the famous Winecoff Hotel fire in Atlanta on December 7. They were all interns at department stores in the Atlanta area. This remains the worst hotel fire in U.S. history, with 119 perishing.

Doster Hall was designated totally for the College of Home Economics.

Four majors were taught: Dietetics and Institutional Management, School Lunch Management, Foods, and Nutrition.

The General Course included a course in Family Economics (taught until 1954).

Three divisions in Home Economics: 1) General, 2) Clothing, Textiles and Related Art (Science and Interior Decoration), and 3) Foods, Nutrition and Institutional Management.

The General Course added a course in Household Equipment.

Dr. Bessie Davey (Fick) became head of the Food & Nutrition Department

A major in Household Equipment was added.

Dr. Jacqueline Davis established the Alabama Association for Young Children

Head Start program started

Interior Decoration changed to Interior Design

Dr. Kathleen Stitt became head of the Food & Nutrition Department.

The Head Start program was the 2nd largest in the United States.

Mrs. Ladybird Johnson visited the Head Start Center in February.

Miss Henrietta Thompson retired from the Department of Clothing, Textiles, and Interior Design.

West Annex was added to Home Economics Department and housed Department of Consumer Economics, Home Management and Household Equipment. It also housed an Interior Design lab on the 3rd floor and the Infant Lab on the 1st floor.

Dr. Helen Goetz joined HES faculty.

Courses offered in Family Economics/Home Management and Household Equipment. Dr. Helen Goetz employed as first Department Head.

Four majors offered in Clothing & Textiles: Clothing & Design, Retailing, Textile Science, and Interior Decorations


Model Day Care Center for disadvantaged infants and a training facility for day care personnel opened.

West Annex renamed Adams Hall in honor of Mable Adams. It was dedicated as the home of Home Management & Equipment, infant laboratory, and interior design laboratory

Dr. Benjamin Spock visited the Child Development Laboratory in September while on campus speaking at SGA's Emphasis Week.

Dr. Kathleen Stitt became Director of Research

Dr. Vera M. Wall became department head of Food & Nutrition

Comprehensive Child Services Program for low-income children began.

A course in Housing and Home Environment added.

Coordinated Undergraduate Program in Dietetics began in the fall.

Home Management was changed to Consumer Sciences Management.

Coordinated Undergraduate Program in Dietetics was the first to be accredited in Alabama.

The Child Development Center was renovated
1977 Two majors were taught: General Dietetics and Foods; Nutrition and Institution Management.

1978 First Coordinated Undergraduate Program in Dietetics was started.

1980 Interior Design was accredited by the Foundation for Interior Design Education Research. Dr. Mohamed Abdel-Ghany named head of Department of Consumer Sciences.

1981 Dr. Wilma Greene received UA National Alumni Association Outstanding Commitment to Teaching Award.

1983 First graduates in Consumer Sciences.

1984 Third major was started--Food Systems Administration.

1985 RHM Hall of Fame was established. Grant received for purchase of microcomputers.

1986 Food Systems Administration was changed to Restaurant and Hotel Management.

1986-87 Historic costume and textile collection located at Alumni Hall.


1989 First students enrolled in Restaurant and Hospitality Management in Fall semester. University Child Care Services moved to Human Environmental Sciences with Sally Edwards as director.

1990 Restaurant and Hotel Management was changed to Restaurant and Hospitality Management. Department of Consumer Sciences Management was changed to Consumer Sciences.

1991 Dr. Tommie Hamner received UA National Alumni Association Outstanding Commitment to Teaching Award.

1992 Wilma Greene received Joseph S. Rowland Teaching Excellence Award.

1993 Nutrition academic programs and Consumer Sciences programs first offered by distance education. Dr. Kathleen Stitt retired.

1998 Department of Health Science became part of HES.

1999 RISE received accreditation from the National Association for the Education of Young Children, a recognition achieved by only 7% of early childhood programs nationwide.

2000 Dr. Nick Stinnett received UA National Alumni Association Outstanding Commitment to Teaching Award.

2001 Interactive Technology moved to the College of Human Environmental Sciences.
Two UA degree programs (general studies/human environmental sciences, and restaurant and hospitality management) were added to the prestigious eArmyU, the U.S. Army’s largest e-learning virtual university program. UA is one of only 12 new undergraduate and graduate schools selected from around the country that will be phased into eArmyU this year bringing the total number of participating colleges and universities to 32 in 19 states.

The graduate Sport Management specialization in General Studies was established.

Knight Kiplinger, renowned economic journalist and publisher of several Kiplinger journals on business and financial planning, spoke at the Bryant Conference Center, March 6, 2003.

Dr. Deidre Leaver-Dunn received the Joseph S. Rowland Teaching Excellence Award.

RHM accepted as one of only 2 UA programs to participate in the GoArmyED (formally e Army U).

The Child Development Research Center opened as a premier interdisciplinary facility with a focus on young children by bringing together research, teaching and service in a facility with state-of-the-art electronics to study the growth and development of young children. It is the first building in the nation to house academic research facilities, outreach for the training of child care providers, academic offices, a family therapy clinic and sophisticated observational research capabilities.

The previous Child Development Center was renovated and became the Design House.

The Capstone Family Therapy Clinic opened as a service for the general public and a teaching facility for UA students working toward a master’s degree in marriage and family therapy.

Dr. Mike Perko named a Fellow of the American Association for Health Education (AAHE), the oldest learned organization in health education.

Dr. Olivia Kendrick received the Outstanding Dietetics Educator Award from the Alabama Dietetic Association.

First graduate program in RHM

Dr. Mike Perko named Health Educator of the Year for Administration (nationally and in the southern region of the United States) by the American Association for Health Education.

Lori Greene named the Recognized Young Dietitian of the Year by the Alabama Dietetic Association.

The graduate certification in Conflict Resolution was established.

Adams Hall was renovated during the summer.

March--The University Club became a part of the RHM program.

August--Departments of Human Nutrition and Hospitality Management and Health Science moved to Russell Hall

October-- The Foods Laboratory was moved to the basement of Doster and renovated

Michelle Lee received the Joseph S. Rowland Endowed Teaching Excellence Award.

The East Annex HES Computer Laboratory was renovated during the summer.

Dr. Stuart Usdan received the Joseph S. Rowland Teaching Excellence Award.

Dr. Linda Knol received an Outstanding Educator for a Coordinated Program award from the Nutrition and Dietetics Educators and Preceptors practice group in the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics