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(A concise, organized overview for study or reference)

### 1. Historical Evolution

| Period / Milestone              | Key Developments                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Significance                                                                 |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Late 19th century – Early 1900s | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Originated as “Domestic Science” in the U.S. and Europe.</li><li>• Influenced by the <b>Industrial Revolution</b> and the need to improve household efficiency.</li></ul>                                            | First systematic attempt to apply scientific principles to home management.  |
| 1910?1930                       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Establishment of the <b>American Home Economics Association</b> (1917) and similar bodies worldwide.</li><li>• Home economics curricula introduced in secondary schools and colleges.</li></ul>                      | Institutionalization; professional identity for practitioners.               |
| 1930?1950                       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Expansion into <b>nutrition, child development, and consumer education</b>.</li><li>• Wartime efforts (e.g., rationing, food preservation) highlighted the field’s relevance.</li></ul>                              | Demonstrated the discipline’s role in public health and national resilience. |
| 1960?1970                       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Shift from “Home Economics” to “<b>Home Science</b>” in many countries to reflect broader scientific base.</li><li>• Inclusion of <b>textile science, interior design, and family resource management</b>.</li></ul> | Broadened scope beyond cooking and sewing; interdisciplinary integration.    |
| 1980?1990                       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Emergence of <b>community development, gender studies, and sustainability</b> within the curriculum.</li><li>• Introduction of <b>computer-aided home management</b> tools.</li></ul>                                | Responded to social change and technological advances.                       |

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| Period / Milestone | Key Developments                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Significance                                                                |
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| 2000-Present       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Emphasis on <b>Food Security, Nutrition Security, Sustainable Living, and Consumer Rights.</b></li><li>• Integration with <b>STEM, public policy, and entrepreneurship.</b></li><li>• Growth of <b>online courses, research journals, and international networks</b> (e.g., IAHSS).</li></ul> | Positions Home Science as a pivotal discipline for 21st-century challenges. |

## 2. Core Disciplines (Traditional & Emerging)

| Traditional Area           | Emerging/Interdisciplinary Area         | Example Topics                                                      |
|----------------------------|-----------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Food & Nutrition           | Food Security & Sustainable Diets       | Nutrient analysis, functional foods, waste reduction.               |
| Textiles & Clothing        | Smart Textiles & Wearable Tech          | Fiber science, eco-friendly dyes, health-monitoring garments.       |
| Human Development          | Aging & Gerontology                     | Child growth, adolescent health, elder care.                        |
| Family Resource Management | Financial Literacy & Consumer Economics | Budgeting, sustainable consumption, digital finance.                |
| Home Management            | Smart Home & IoT                        | Home automation, energy-efficient design, data-driven housekeeping. |
| Community & Extension      | Public Health & Disaster Management     | Nutrition education, emergency preparedness, community outreach.    |

## 3. Scope of Home Science

### 3.1 Academic & Research Scope

- **Curriculum Design** – Undergraduate, postgraduate, and diploma programs covering the core and emerging areas.

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- **Applied Research** – Laboratory studies (food microbiology, textile testing) and field projects (community nutrition surveys, sustainability audits).
- **Interdisciplinary Collaboration** – Partnerships with **Engineering, Medicine, Business, Environmental Science, and Social Sciences**.

## 3.2 Professional Scope

| Sector    | Typical Roles                                    | Key Contributions                     |
|-----------|--------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Education | Teacher, Curriculum Developer, Extension Officer | Dissemination of knowledge and skills |