DEPARTMENT OF NUTRITION AND FOOD SCIENCES

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Undergraduate Degrees Offered

The academic programs in nutrition and food science provide opportunities for education in liberal arts and sciences with professional specialization. Students can take courses in nutrition, food science, food service management, chemistry, physiology, mathematics, and business. Graduates are prepared for careers in clinical dietetics, foodservice systems management, food industry sales or research, health and wellness programs, culinary science, community nutrition and public health, or consultation and private practice.

- B.A.S. in Culinary Science and Food Service Management (http://catalog.twu.edu/undergraduate/health-sciences/nutrition-food-sciences/culinary-science-food-service-management-bas) degree Culinology® program is approved by the Research Chef Association (http://www.culinology.org) and builds upon the AAS in Culinary Arts degree.
- B.S. in Food and Nutrition in Business and Industry (http://catalog.twu.edu/undergraduate/health-sciences/nutrition-food-sciences/food-nutrition-business-industry-bs) program provides students with a background in both food and nutrition. A minor is required.
- B.S. in Nutrition (Dietetics) (http://catalog.twu.edu/undergraduate/health-sciences/nutrition-food-sciences/nutrition-bs-emphasis-dietetics) program is a Didactic Program in Dietetics (DPD) which is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics (ACEND) of the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics. This program requires an application.
- B.S. in Nutrition (Nutritional Sciences) (http://catalog.twu.edu/undergraduate/health-sciences/nutrition-food-sciences/nutrition-bs-emphasis-nutritional-sciences) program provides a foundation for further education at the master's and doctoral levels for the pursuit of careers in industry, research, and university level teaching positions.
- B.S. in Nutrition (Wellness) (http://catalog.twu.edu/undergraduate/health-sciences/nutrition-food-sciences/nutrition-bs-emphasis-wellness) program studies focus on qualifying students to obtain the Certified Health Education Specialist certification (CHES) often required for positions in public health.
- B.A.A.S. in Health Sciences (Nutrition) (http://catalog.twu.edu/undergraduate/health-sciences/nutrition-food-sciences/health-sciences-baas-emphasis-nutrition) program is designed for students entering with an AAS and an interest in nutrition and food.

Teacher Certification in Hospitality, Nutrition, and Food Science

Students majoring in either B.S. in Nutrition (Dietetics) or B.S. in Food and Nutrition in Business and Industry may receive teacher certification to teach Hospitality, Nutrition, and Food Science in Texas schools, grades 8-12, by completing 20 semester credit hours of education courses, 20 semester credit hours of family science courses, and 8 semester credit hours of related studies. See the Family Sciences catalog for more information.

Graduate Courses

In addition to undergraduate programs, the department offers a dietetic internship/master's program in both Denton and Houston. Graduate degrees are available in nutrition, food science and flavor chemistry, and food systems administration. The department also participates in interdisciplinary master's degrees. Please refer to the Graduate Catalog for information regarding graduate courses.

All applicants must meet the general undergraduate admission requirements. The following degrees have additional secondary admission criteria:

- B.S. in Nutrition (Dietetics) (http://catalog.twu.edu/undergraduate/health-sciences/nutrition-food-sciences/nutrition-bs-emphasis-dietetics)

Courses


NFS 2031. Food Microbiology Laboratory. Evaluations of microorganisms as spoilage agents in foods. Preservation techniques to retard microbial spoilage. Credit: One hour.


NFS 2323. Introduction to Nutrition. (TCCN BIOL 1322) Principles of normal nutrition including study of the major nutrients, their interrelationships, and their role in health. Recommended prerequisite: One semester of chemistry or physiology. Three lecture hours a week. Credit: Three hours.

NFS 2343. Nutritional Management for the Family and Child. Applications of principles of food and nutrition to the family and child. Study of nutritional needs of the social, cultural, economic, and governmental factors which influence the health and welfare of family members. Three lecture hours a week. Credit: Three hours.

NFS 3033. Nutrition throughout the Life Cycle. Relationship of nutritional requirements to the stages of the life cycle from conception through aging. Prerequisite: NFS 2323. Three lecture hours a week. Credit: Three hours.


NFS 3043. Community Nutrition. Identification of nutritional problems and resources available in the community. Management of nutrition services, provision of nutrition information/education to the public, and the legislative process. Prerequisite: NFS 2323. Three lecture hours a week. Credit: Three hours.

NFS 3063. Ecology of Foods and Nutrition. Discussion of factors which affect choice of foods. Examination of the interaction of cultural, socioeconomic, political, physiological, and ecological factors that impact food availability, consumption, and ultimately nutritional status on global basis. Three lecture hours a week. Credit: Three hours.

NFS 3083. Bionutrition. Fundamental principles of biochemistry for nutrition, covering protein, carbohydrate, fat, vitamin, and energy metabolism; underlying causes and rationale for the prevention and treatment of diseases. Prerequisites: NFS 2323; and CHEM 1023 and CHEM 1021, or Chem 2213 and CHEM 2211. Three lecture hours a week. Credit: Three hours.

NFS 3101. Advanced Nutrition Laboratory. Laboratory experience in assessing nutritional status and nutrients in food. Three laboratory hours a week. Credit: One hour.


NFS 3173. Culture and Food. Study of influence of culture on food habits in various countries and the accompanying health effects. Evolution of cultural food habits are related to nationality, ethnicity, religion, and the changing role of women. Three lecture hours a week. Credit: Three hours.


NFS 3321. Food Science Laboratory. Introduction to the techniques of food processing and preparation, food analysis, and new product development. Co-requisite: NFS 3323. Three laboratory hours a week. Credit: One hour.

NFS 3323. Food Science. Application of chemical and physical properties of basic food ingredients; major processing and preservation principles and application of science technology to various food products. Sensory evaluation of foods. Emphasis on current topics of the national and local food industry. Prerequisites: NFS 1301, NFS 1302, CHEM 1013, and CHEM 1023. Co-requisite: NFS 3321. Three lecture hours a week. Credit: Three hours.

NFS 3393. Principles of Culinary Science. Applications of basic mathematics concepts, general principles of science, and information technology to develop new products, describe and analyze basic food and food systems, and determine the objective and subjective properties of food and food ingredients. Three lecture hours a week. Credit: Three hours.

NFS 3713. Quantity Food Production and Service. Principles of food preparation, food safety, and quality improvement applied to quantity food production and service; institutional menu planning, production planning, and cost determination; food purchasing; marketing theory and materials management for foodservice systems. Prerequisites: NFS 1301 and NFS 1302, or equivalent; NFS 2323; and NFS 2033 or equivalent. Co-requisite: NFS 3722. Three lecture hours a week. Credit: Three hours.

NFS 3722. Quantity Food Production and Service Laboratory. Supervised experiences in quantity food production and service. Co-requisite: NFS 3713. Six laboratory hours a week. Credit: Two hours.

NFS 4023. Food Product Development. Group and individual experiments in development of new food products; objective and sensory evaluation of the effects of varying the type and amount of ingredients and methods of preparation on the quality of the finished product. Prerequisite: NFS 3323. Two lecture and three laboratory hours a week. Credit: Three hours.


NFS 4032. Culinary Nutrition Modification. Medical nutrition therapy, menu planning, and recipe modification for healthcare. Prerequisite: NFS 2323. Co-requisite: NFS 4031. Two lecture hours a week. Credit: Two hours.

NFS 4103. Medical Nutrition Therapy I. Concepts of appropriate therapeutic nutrition as applied in the treatment of human disease. Prerequisites: NFS 3033, NFS 3083, and NFS 3201. Prerequisite or Co-requisite: NFS 4303 or permission of instructor. Three lecture hours a week. Credit: Three hours.

NFS 4113. Medical Nutrition Therapy II. Concepts of appropriate therapeutic nutrition as applied in the treatment of human disease. Prerequisites: NFS 3033, NFS 3083, and NFS 3201. Prerequisite or Co-requisite: NFS 4303 or permission of instructor. Three lecture hours a week. Credit: Three hours.

NFS 4123. Sensory Evaluation of Food. The anatomy, physiology, and functions of human senses used to evaluate the sensory qualities of foods and food ingredients. Application of sensory evaluation methods to assess qualities of foods including taste, texture, appearance, and flavor. Use of experimental designs and statistical tests necessary to analyze and present sensory evaluation data. Prerequisite: NFS 3081. Three lecture hours a week. Credit: Three hours.

NFS 4303. Advanced Nutrition: Macronutrients. Fundamental principles of biochemistry for nutrition, covering carbohydrate, fat, protein, and energy metabolism; underlying causes and rationale for the prevention and treatment of diseases. Prerequisites: NFS 2323, NFS 3083, ZOOL 2031, and ZOOL 2033. Three lecture hours a week. Credit: Three hours.

NFS 4313. Advanced Nutrition: Micronutrients. Advanced study of fundamental concepts of micronutrients as related to both the chemistry and physiology of the human body. Prerequisites: NFS 2323, NFS 3083, Zool 2031, and Zool 2033. Three lecture hours a week. Credit: Three hours.

NFS 4473. Nutrition Therapy and Education Methods. Principles and techniques of therapy and educational methods applied to nutrition and foodservice management, communication skills, and evaluation methods. Enroll during final fall semester. Co-requisite: NFS 4103 or NFS 4113. Three lecture hours a week. Credit: Three hours.

NFS 4503. Food Processing and Unit Operations. Principles and practices of today's food processing industry; procedures for processing and manufacturing various foods for retail sale. Prerequisites: NFS 2033, NFS 3081, and NFS 3323. Three lecture hours a week. Credit: Three hours.

NFS 4601. Literature in Nutrition and Food Science Seminar. Student presentations based on library or laboratory research projects. May be repeated for a total of three credits. Prerequisite: NFS 2323 or equivalent; or permission of the instructor. One lecture hour a week. Credit: One hour.

NFS 4701. Dietetics As a Profession. A discussion of the professional responsibilities of the dietitian with emphasis on nontraditional careers; AND's organization and structure; routes to registration, and the application process for internship. Enroll during final fall semester. Co-requisite: NFS 4103 or NFS 4113. One lecture hour a week. Credit: One hour.

NFS 4744. Principles of Foodservice Systems. Management principles, strategic management, risk management, layout evaluation and equipment selection, human resources management, and financial management of foodservice systems. Prerequisites: NFS 3713 and NFS 3722, or equivalent. Four lecture hours a week. Credit: Four hours.

NFS 4901. Special Topics. Specially scheduled course on topic of current interest. May be repeated for additional credit. One lecture hour a week. Credit: One hour.

NFS 4903. Special Topics. Specially scheduled course on topic of current interest. May be repeated for additional credit. Three lecture hours a week. Credit: Three hours.

NFS 4911. Independent Study. Intensive study of a topic of individual or professional interest in nutrition and food sciences. Credit: One hour.

NFS 4913. Independent Study. Intensive study of a topic of individual or professional interest in nutrition and food sciences. Credit: Three hours.

NFS 4943. Trends and Controversies in Nutrition and Food Sciences. An in-depth examination of recent research on topics of current interest such as food safety, role of nutrients in cancer prevention, and nutrition policy. Prerequisite: NFS 2323 or equivalent. Three lecture hours a week. Credit: Three hours.

NFS 4953. Cooperative Education. Credit: Three hours.

NFS 4956. Cooperative Education. Credit: Six hours.

NFS 4983. Research in Nutrition and Food Sciences. Participate in ongoing projects of faculty. May be repeated once. Prerequisites: CHEM 1023, NFS 4302, NFS 4303, NFS 4601, and permission of the department chair. Nine laboratory hours a week. Credit: Three hours.