BS in Nutritional Science (284325) MAP Sheet
Life Sciences, Nutrition Dietetics and Food Science

For students entering the degree program during the 2020-2021 curricular year.
Nutritional science is an excellent preprofessional sequence which prepares students for further training in medical or dental schools or for graduate study.

University Core and Graduation Requirements

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*These classes fill both university core and program requirements (15 hours overlap).

Graduation Requirements:

- Minimum residence hours required: 30.0
- Minimum hours needed to graduate: 120.0
BS in Nutritional Science (284325)
2020-2021 Program Requirements (60 - 62 Credit Hours)

REQUIREMENT 1 Complete 4 courses

CORE REQUIREMENTS:

* NDFS 100 - Essentials of Human Nutrition 3.0
NDFS 200 - Nutrient Metabolism 3.0
NDFS 294 - Nutrition Research Fundamentals 1.0
NDFS 435 - Nutritional Biochemistry and Metabolism 4.0

REQUIREMENT 2 Complete 6.0 hours from the following course(s)

NDFS 201 - Society, Nutrition, and Chronic Disease 2.0
NDFS 305 - Nutritional Implications of Disease 4.0
NDFS 310 - Nutrition and Metabolism in Sports and Exercise 3.0
NDFS 333 - Nutrigenetics and Nutrigenomics 3.0
NDFS 380 - International Nutrition 3.0
NDFS 400 - Community Nutrition 3.0
NDFS 410 - Human Obesity 3.0
NDFS 424 - Nutrition Through the Life Cycle 2.0
NDFS 440 - Nutrition Education and Counseling 3.0

REQUIREMENT 3 Complete 6.0 hours from the following course(s)

HLTH 345 - Principles of Epidemiology 3.0
MMBIO 241 - Molecular and Cellular Biology Laboratory 1.0
NDFS 201 - Society, Nutrition, and Chronic Disease 2.0
NDFS 250 - Essentials of Food Science 3.0
NDFS 251 - Essentials of Food Science Laboratory 1.0
NDFS 305 - Nutritional Implications of Disease 4.0
NDFS 310 - Nutrition and Metabolism in Sports and Exercise 3.0
NDFS 333 - Nutrigenetics and Nutrigenomics 3.0
NDFS 380 - International Nutrition 3.0
NDFS 400 - Community Nutrition 3.0
NDFS 410 - Human Obesity 3.0
NDFS 424 - Nutrition Through the Life Cycle 2.0
NDFS 440 - Nutrition Education and Counseling 3.0
NDFS 498 - Undergraduate Research in Nutrition, Dietetics, or Food Sci 3.0v
PDBIO 360 - Cell Biology 3.0
PWS 340 - Genetics 3.0

REQUIREMENT 4 Complete 1 course

PREREQUISITE TO CELL 305, REQUIRED BELOW:

CELL 210 - (Not currently offered)
CELL 220 - (Not currently offered)

REQUIREMENT 5 Complete 11 courses

*CHEM 105 - General College Chemistry 1 with Lab (Integrated) 4.0
CHEM 106 - General College Chemistry 2 3.0
CHEM 107 - General College Chemistry Laboratory 1.0
CHEM 351 - Organic Chemistry 1 3.0
CHEM 352 - Organic Chemistry 2 3.0
CHEM 481 - Biochemistry 3.0
MBBIO 240 - Molecular Biology 3.0
PDBIO 120 - Science of Biology 3.0
PDBIO 305 - Human Physiology 4.0
*PHCS 105 - General Physics 1 3.0
*STAT 121 - Principles of Statistics 3.0

REQUIREMENT 6 Complete 1 hour from the following course(s)

CHEM 353 - Organic Chemistry Laboratory - Nonmajors 2.0v

RECOMMENDED Complete 7 courses

CHEM 223 - Quantitative and Qualitative Analysis 4.0
HLTH 345 - Principles of Epidemiology 3.0
MMBIO 221 - General Microbiology 3.0
PDBIO 363 - Advanced Physiology Laboratory 1.0
PHCS 106 - General Physics 2 3.0
PHCS 107 - General Physics Lab 1 1.0
PHCS 108 - General Physics Lab 2 1.0

Note: Professional schools and graduate programs may require additional courses not required for the major, such as PHCS 106, 107, 108, or Math 119 or 112. Students should contact the program to which they may apply to determine the specific courses required.

THE DISCIPLINE:

Nutritional Science is the study of the effects of food components on the metabolism, health, performance and disease resistance of humans. It also includes the study of human behaviors related to food choices.

COURSE WORK:

Courses required for the undergraduate major in nutritional science are divided into three general areas: core courses, elective courses, and supporting courses. Core courses provide a foundation in nutritional science. Elective courses (two categories of elective courses) allow students to select a more directed and specific training in nutritional science. Supporting courses include anatomy, physiology, chemistry, biochemistry, physics statistics, and chemistry, biochemistry, physics, statistics, and molecular biology.

FINANCING:

Some assistantships and scholarships are offered through the Department of Nutrition, Dietetics, and Food Science. There are also college, university, private, and federal sources for financial help.

CAREERS:

Graduates with a B.S. in Nutritional Science find employment in major research centers; biotechnology, pharmaceutical, and nutraceutical industries; community nutrition programs; nongovernmental organizations; and the fitness industry.

Other jobs are available with food security advocacy groups (e.g., food banks, anti-poverty organizations), health advocacy organizations (preventing osteoporosis, cancer, or heart disease), trade groups for commodities (citrus fruits, vegetable growers), and people working to increase food security (farmers’ market organizers, Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Programs [formerly called food stamps] as educators or administrators). Specialized skills or training such as laboratory research experience, bilingual proficiency, journalism courses and experience, or service learning with local, national, or international community organizations make students more competitive for these jobs.

Many graduates with a BS in Nutritional Science have gone on to obtain a graduate degree (e.g., MS, MPH, PhD) at institutions such as BYU, Stanford University, the University of Illinois, the University of Utah, Utah State University, and University of Rome Tor Vergata. In addition, Nutritional Science graduates have attended medical schools at Duke, Baylor, and the Mayo Clinic (among many others), dental schools at Ohio State, University of Pittsburgh, and University of the Pacific, as well as schools of osteopathy, pharmacy, podiatry, optometry, physical therapy, and accredited physician assistant programs.

Most nutrition counseling services are provided by Registered Dietitians. Students interested in a career as a nutrition counselor should consider majoring in Dietetics.

PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE:

Students may participate in research under a professor’s direction.
Interested students should familiarize themselves with the professor's research interests and ongoing projects. Students should approach the professor whose work most interests them to discuss how they can become involved. Students may participate as a paid research assistant for academic credit (NDFS 494R - Undergraduate Research or NDFS 399R - Academic Internship). Some students who have taken advantage of this opportunity have presented the results of their research at regional, national, and international scientific meetings and have published their results in peer-reviewed scientific journals.

MAP DISCLAIMER
While every reasonable effort is made to ensure accuracy, there are some student populations that could have exceptions to listed requirements. Please refer to the university catalog and your college advisement center/department for complete guidelines.

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