

Dietetics and Nutrition

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The Program in Dietetics and Nutrition offers a major leading to a baccalaureate degree in dietetics and nutrition, and courses in nutrition for interested students. The program also offers Master of Science and Doctor of Philosophy degrees in dietetics and nutrition. The undergraduate programs are designed to assist the student to gain basic practitioner knowledge and skills.

Bachelor of Science in Dietetics and Nutrition

Didactic Program Degree Program Hour: 120

Current accreditation information about the Didactic program in Dietetics (DPD) can be found on the departmental website.

Upon completion of this program, all students are eligible to receive a Didactic Program Verification Statement and may apply to FIU Coordinated Program (CP) or an accredited dietetic internship program or to a Master's of Science, Dietetics and Nutrition with a supervised component to obtain the supervised practice experience required to become eligible to sit for the National Registration Examination for Dietitians.

DPD courses within the department (prefix DIE, FOS, HUN, and FSS Hospitality course) will receive a grade of "C" or higher. A grade lower than a "C" will require that the student retake the course(s) and successfully pass with a grade of "C" or higher.

Students must receive a "C" or higher in all science courses and course labs required for dietetics major (Gen CHM 1045/lab and 1046/lab, Org CHM 2200/lab or Org CHM 2210/lab and 2211/lab, BCH 3033, MCB 2000/lab, PCB 3702 or HSC 3549 and BSC 1010. Any course(s) transferring into one of the above mentioned science course(s) will need to meet the criteria. Any foreign equivalence must meet the same criteria.

Admission Requirements for Undergraduate Programs

Freshmen applicants must follow regular University admission procedures and upon admission declare their specific major in Dietetics and Nutrition. Students must complete the Program Prerequisite courses as part of their 60 credit hours of lower-division course work. To remain in the program, FIU undergraduates must maintain a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.7. See Academic Standing and Satisfactory Progress for additional information.

Admission Requirements for Transfer Students

Students seeking to transfer to FIU must follow regular University Transfer Student admission procedures. Transfer students are encouraged to complete the Program Prerequisite courses as part of their 60 credit hours of lower-division coursework. In order to declare a major in Dietetics and Nutrition, Transfer students must meet the following requirements for admission:

- A.A. Degree from a Florida public institution or completion of FIU University Core Curriculum
- Minimum cumulative GPA of 2.7
- Grade of "C" or higher earned in the following courses:
 - CHM 1045/L Chemistry 1 with Lab
 - CHM 1046/L Chemistry 2 with Lab
 - BSC X010 Biology
 - HUN X201 Principles of Nutrition

Change of Major

Students who wish to declare a major in Dietetics and Nutrition will be held to the degree requirements in effect at the time of the change of major. Students with 60 or more credit hours will be held to the admissions criteria for Transfer Students; students with fewer than 60 credits must meet course requirement milestones as determined by the department and be on track to complete ALL Program Prerequisite courses in a timely manner.

Major Maps

Once accepted into an undergraduate program in the University, students must log into their my.fiu.edu account to obtain their major maps and their assigned advisor information. The major map outlines the student's program of study which details the course sequencing and requirements to ensure the successful and timely completion of their degree. For any questions about course work and degree requirements, students should contact their advisor.

Academic Standing and Satisfactory Progress

Students are expected to make good progress towards completion of degree requirements based on critical indicators such as maintaining a minimum 2.7 GPA and earning grades of "C" or higher in all science prerequisites and core courses. If a student fails to meet a critical indicator, they will be required to meet with an academic advisor to discuss their eligibility to continue in the program. In cases where students are not making good progress, a change of major may be required. Advisors work to redirect students to more appropriate majors when critical indicators are not met.

Common Prerequisite Courses and Equivalencies

Courses which form part of the statewide articulation between the State University System and the Florida

College System will fulfill the Lower Division Common Prerequisites.

For generic course substitutions/equivalencies for Common Program Prerequisites offered at community colleges, state colleges, or state universities, visit: <http://www.flvc.org>. See Common Prerequisite Manual.

Program Prerequisites

Students desiring to major in dietetics and nutrition need the following FIU course equivalents in addition to completing the general education requirements:

CHM 1045	General Chemistry I	3
CHM 1045L	General Chemistry I Lab	1
CHM 1046	General Chemistry II	3
CHM 1046L	General Chemistry II Lab	1
CHM 2210	Organic Chemistry I	4
CHM 2210L	Organic Chemistry I Lab	1
CHM 2211	Organic Chemistry II	3
CHM 2211L	Organic Chemistry II Lab	1
OR		
CHM 2200	Survey of Organic Chemistry	3
CHM 2200L	Survey of Organic Chemistry Lab	1
BSC 1010	General Biology	3
MCB 2000	Introductory Microbiology – GL	3
MCB 2000L	Introductory Microbiology Lab	1
INP 2002	Introduction to Industrial/Organizational Psychology	3
OR		
PSY 2012	Introduction to Psychology	3
ANT 3451	Anthropology of Race and Religion	3
OR		
COM 3461	Intercultural/Interracial Communication – GL	3
OR		
SYP 3000	The Individual in Society	3
ECO 2013	Principles of Macroeconomics	3
STA 3111	Statistics I	3
OR		
STA 3145	Statistics for the Health Professions	3
HUN 2201	Principles of Nutrition	3

Upper Division Program

Required Courses: (60 credits)

FOS 3021	Fundamentals of Food	3
FOS 3021L	Fundamentals of Food Lab	1
HUN 4403	Life Cycle Nutrition	3
PCB 3702	Intermediate Physiology	3
OR		
HSC 3549	Clinical Physiology for Health Professionals	3
FOS 4041	Food Science	3
FOS 4041L	Food Science Lab	1
FSS 3233C	Institutional Food Service Production	3
HUN 4240	Nutrition and Biochemistry	3
OR		
BCH 3033	General Biochemistry	4
DIE 3005	Orientation to Dietetics	1
DIE 3125	Management of Dietary Systems	3
DIE 3125L	Management of Dietary Systems Lab	1
DIE 3310	Dietetics in Community Health	3
DIE 3244	Medical Nutrition Therapy	3
DIE 3244L	Medical Nutrition Therapy Lab	1
DIE 3434	Nutrition Education – GL	2
DIE 3434L	Nutrition Education Lab	1
HUN 4241	Advanced Nutrition	3
DIE 4246	Clinical Nutrition	3

DIE 4246L	Clinical Nutrition Lab	1
DIE 4435	Nutrition Counseling	3
DIE 4435L	Nutrition Counseling Lab	1
HUN 4404	Nutrition, Physical Activity and Special Populations	3
DIE 4365	Management of Nutrition Programs	3
DIE 4377	Applied Dietetic Management of Nutrition Programs	1
DIE 4506	Senior Seminar	3
DIE 4564	Evidence Based Research in Dietetics	3
DIE 4963	Comprehensive Dietetic Examination	1

Recommended Electives

Selected courses in: computer science, education, statistics, social work, health science, adult education, business, anthropology, sociology. These courses need to be discussed with an advisor before scheduling.

Coordinated Program Degree Program Hours: 132

Current accreditation information about the Coordinated program (CP) can be found on the departmental website.

The CP is a limited enrollment program for FIU students and admission to the program is competitive based on academic performance. Students must have completed the lower division prerequisites and all Core Curriculum requirements of the university. Applicants must apply to the CP by the published deadline to be considered for admission. The CP application is due to the CP Program Director by March 1st prior to the student's junior year. Students completing the CP are eligible to sit for the National Registration Examination for Dietitians.

To progress in the CP courses within the department (prefix DIE, FOS, HUN and FSS Hospitality course) will receive a grade of "C" or higher. A grade lower than a 'C' will require that the student retake the course(s) and successfully pass with a grade of 'C' or higher.

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The supervised practice placement sites used by the Department of Dietetics and Nutrition require the disclosure of conviction records for misdemeanors and/or felonies and current screening for drug use. Students are required to submit Level II federal background checks including finger printing and drug screening tests prior to the initiation of the supervised practice. Findings in background checks and/or drug screening tests may affect a student's ability to participate in the supervised practice rotations and may not be able to complete the program. Students will also need to have a current Tetanus and PPD test. Students are required to complete and pass an adult CPR course and maintain a current CPR card during the Supervised Practice.

Costs of the program to students in addition to tuition and fees (including a \$100/credit practicum fee) include: providing transportation to practicum sites, lab coats and professional attire, annual laboratory tests at the student health services clinic.

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STA 3145	Statistics for the Health Professions	3
PCB 3702	Intermediate Human Physiology	3
OR		
HSC 3549	Clinical Physiology for Health Professionals	3
HUN 3191	World Nutrition – GL	3
HUN 2201	Principles of Nutrition	3

Upper Division Program

Required Courses: (72 credits)

FOS 3021	Fundamentals of Food	3
FOS 3021L	Fundamentals of Food Lab	1
HUN 4403	Life Cycle Nutrition	3
FOS 4041	Food Science	3
FOS 4041L	Food Science Lab	1
FSS 3233C	Institutional Food service Production	3
HUN 4240	Nutrition and Biochemistry	3
OR		
BCH 3033	General Biochemistry	4
DIE 3005	Orientation to Dietetics	1
DIE 3125	Management of Dietary Systems	3
DIE 3125L	Management of Dietary Systems Lab	1
DIE 3310	Dietetics in Community Health	3
DIE 3244	Medical Nutrition Therapy	3
DIE 3244L	Medical Nutrition Therapy Lab	1
DIE 3434	Nutrition Education – GL	2
DIE 3434L	Nutrition Education Lab	1
HUN 4241	Advanced Nutrition	3

DIE 4246	Clinical Nutrition	3
DIE 4246L	Clinical Nutrition Lab	1
DIE 4435	Nutrition Counseling	3
DIE 4435L	Nutrition Counseling Lab	1
HUN 4404	Nutrition, Physical Activity and Special Populations	3
DIE 4365	Dietetic Management of Nutrition Programs	3
DIE 4377	Applied Dietetic Management of Nutrition Programs	1
DIE 4506	Seminar in Dietetics and Nutrition	3
DIE 4564	Evidence Based Research in Dietetics	3
DIE 4963	Comprehensive Dietetic Examination	1

Summer Semester: (6 credits)

DIE 4537	Supervised Dietetics Practice I	6
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Fall Semester: (6 credits)

DIE 4538	Supervised Dietetics Practice II	6
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Minor in Nutrition

A 12-credit nutrition course sequence at the undergraduate level affords students the opportunity to study food and nutrients, their physiological functions, normal nutritional requirements, socioeconomic influences on food choices and other aspects of food technology. The required science foundation courses provide the necessary background of chemistry and biological sciences to understand the physiological and biochemical basis of nutrition, as a multi-disciplinary science with relevance to health. Students minoring in nutrition learn to interpret nutrition research and contemporary claims and theories as a basis for improving food habits. Students interested in entering health professional fields of physical or occupational therapy, schools of medicine, dentistry or veterinary medicine find the nutrition minor relevant to their future careers because of diet and health relationships.

This nutrition minor will not meet licensure requirements for qualifications as a nutritionist in the State of Florida. A license is required to provide nutritional counseling to individuals.

Minor Requirements

HUN 2201	Principles of Nutrition	3
HUN 4241	Advanced Nutrition ¹	3
HUN 4403	Life Cycle Nutrition	3

¹Prerequisite: Human Physiology, Organic Chemistry, Biochemistry

In addition, one of the following courses:

HUN 3191	World Nutrition – GL	3
FOS 3021	Fundamentals of Food	3

AND

FOS 3021L	Fundamentals of Food Lab	1
FOS 3004	Food and the Consumer	3
FOS 4041	Food Science ²	3

AND

FOS 4041L	Food Science Lab ²	1
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²Prerequisite: FOS 3021, FOS 3021L, and HUN 2201

Note: The following science courses are required to fulfill the prerequisites in the nutrition minor:

CHM 1045	General Chemistry I
CHM 1046	General Chemistry II
CHM 2210	Organic Chemistry I
CHM 2211	Organic Chemistry II or CHM 2200 for CHM 2210 and CHM 2211

CHM 2200 Survey of Organic Chemistry

BCH 3033 General Biochemistry

OR

HUN 4240 Nutrition and Biochemistry

PCB 3702 Intermediate Physiology

OR

PCB 3703, 3704 Human Physiology I, II

OR

HSC 3549 Clinical Physiology for Health

Professionals

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http://rscphsw.fiu.edu/students_affairs/index.html.