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Nutrition and Food Science (NFSC)

Combined Bachelor and Masters of Science in Dietetics (Five Year Program)



NFSC prepares Dietetics students for careers in the dynamic health care and social care systems, locally and globally. Registered dietitians work in a wide range of settings in public health and community nutrition sectors, health care, and biomedical research including:

- Hospitals, clinics, and healthcare facilities
- Private practice and consulting
- Pharmaceutical companies
- Schools and universities
- Sports nutrition
- Federal, state, and local public policy
- Public and corporate health and wellness
- Food service and management
- Research and development

Program Description

The Department of Nutrition and Food Science at the University of Maryland's College of Agriculture and Natural Resources offers a five-year combined Bachelor of Science (BS) and Masters of Science (MS) degree in Dietetics. Available as a non-thesis, nutrition science track designed for outstanding undergraduate dietetic students, this is an exciting opportunity to complete the MS degree in one year from the completion of the BS degree. The program will give you a rigorous learning experience and in-depth study of nutrition science, nutrition education and counseling, community outreach, disease prevention and management.

Program Features

- Undergraduate program is accredited by the Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics (ACEND)
- 120 BS credit hours, totaling four years of study
- 30 MS credit hours, totaling one year of study, 9 of which can be applied towards both BS and MS degrees
- Apply to the program spring semester of junior year, or as a senior
- 3.0 cumulative GPA and a GPA of 3.0 or higher in all Dietetics courses required
- Must be a full time student to graduate on time
- Low student to faculty ratio for personalized instruction and guidance aligned with your career goals
- Preparation for the workforce in clinics, hospitals, community, schools, research, sports nutrition, industry, and others
- Opportunity to complete a Master's project under the direction of a faculty member conducting research, teaching, and outreach.

You must successfully complete the undergraduate didactic track to receive a verification statement. The MS degree and the verification statement will confirm your eligibility for an accredited dietetic supervised practice program. You will be required to complete the supervised practice and take the national registered dietitian exam to become a registered dietitian.



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Just nine miles from Washington, DC, UMD College Park is within easy reach of the country's top research facilities where our students can get work experience or internships.



Curriculum

The undergraduate four-year plan is identical to the existing Bachelor of Science Degree Program except for the restricted electives that will be replaced by the MS degree courses. The graduate courses combined with a project will develop your skills in the area of your choice to make you stand out to future employers, and give you an opportunity to learn from faculty one-on-one.

The graduate level courses offered at the MS level include:

- Diet and Cancer Prevention
- Gut Microbiota Health and Metabolic Disease
- Nutraceuticals and Functional Foods
- Problems in Nutrition and Food Science
- Research Methodology
- Diet and Optimal Human Health
- Nutrition and Aging
- Biostatistics I
- General Linear Models II
- Questionnaire Design and Evaluation
- Advanced Research Design and Methods in Nutrition Education
- Health Behavior
- Behavioral Nutrition Education and Counseling
- Seminar
- Capstone Project

Students may suggest additions to this list by bringing a course syllabus to their faculty advisor and explaining how the course relates to their long-term academic or career interests.

Where Our Graduates Build Careers

Clinical Dietitians: Johns Hopkins; Children's National Medical Center; Sodexo; Body Image Therapy Center; Renfrew Center; long-term care facilities; private practice

Community Dietitians: Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program (EFNEP); Women, Infant and Children (WIC); K-12 school food services

Government Dietitians: United States Department of Agriculture (USDA); Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

Food Service Dietitians: Sodexo; SAGE Dining Services

Other Areas: Weight Watchers; Primary Healthy Coach Institute

To learn about campus visit opportunities and for more information about the College of Agriculture & Natural Resources, visit go.umd.edu/futureAGNR.



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