NUTRITIONAL SCIENCES, PHD

for the Doctor of Philosophy in Nutritional Sciences

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Graduate Degree Programs in Nutritional Sciences

Graduate Programs:

degree: Nutritional Sciences, MS (http://catalog.illinois.edu/
graduate/aces/nutritional-science-ms/)
degree: Nutritional Sciences, PhD (p. 1)
joint degree: Nutritional Sciences, PhD and Master of Public
Health (http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/aces_ahs/joint-degree/nutritional-science-phd-public-health-mph/)

The Division of Nutritional Sciences is the interdisciplinary program for
graduate education in nutrition at the University of Illinois at Urbana-
Champaign. More than 60 faculty, representing 15 different departments
in seven colleges on the Urbana and Chicago campuses, are members of
the Division. The Division is a comprehensive program of study leading to
the M.S. and Ph.D. degrees, alone or in combination with either the M.D.
or M.P.H. degrees or the registration in dietetics (R.D.). Flexible graduate
programs of study enable students to individualize their coursework
and professional training. In addition, extensive research opportunities
are available that address the spectrum from research at the level of
the genome and proteome to clinical and population-based intervention
studies. Specialties are classified into six broad theme areas in which
our faculty and students are most active (see Research Interests (http://
nutrsci.illinois.edu/research/)). These themes best reflect the areas of
nutrition research for which the Division is recognized both nationally and
internationally.

Admission

Applicants are expected to have an admission grade point average of
3.0 (A = 4.0) for the last two years of coursework and basic courses in
chemistry, biology and mathematics. Deficiencies in these subjects must
be removed during the first year of graduate study. The Graduate Record
Examination (GRE) is required. Applicants whose native language is
not English must achieve a minimum paper-based Test of English as a
Foreign Language (TOEFL) score of 550, 213 on the computer-based test
or 79 on the iBT TOEFL. Admission in the fall, spring or summer will be
considered.

Internship in Dietetics

Students in the Division of Nutritional Sciences can participate in an
Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics (AND) accredited graduate dietetic
internship program administered through the Department of Food
Science and Human Nutrition. The program includes defined graduate
course requirements and a six-month dietetic clinical internship. In
order to be eligible for the graduate internship program, students must
complete all undergraduate course competencies required by the AND
for the Registration in Dietetics (R.D.). Students are accepted into

the internship by computer matching through the standard dietetic
internship application process. More information on the graduate dietetic
internship program can be obtained at fshn.illinois.edu/graduate/
dietetic-internship/prospective (http://fshn.illinois.edu/graduate/dietetic-internship/prospective/) or from the Department of Food Science and
Human Nutrition (260 Bevier Hall; (217)-244-4498).

Graduate Teaching Experience

Although teaching is not a general Graduate College requirement,
experience in teaching is considered an important part of the graduate
experience in this program.

Faculty Research Interests

The Division is composed of faculty whose research interests cover many
disciplines within nutrition. Descriptions of faculty research interests and
a listing of recent publications are available at the Division website. Six
broad theme areas are:

• Animal Nutrition
• Biochemical and Molecular Nutrition
• Community Nutrition, Nutrition Education and Consumer Acceptance
• Dietary Bioactive Components
• Food Safety and Toxicology
• Human and Clinical Nutrition

Facilities and Resources

The Division (http://www.nutrsci.illinois.edu/) office is located in room
240 Edward R. Madigan Laboratory. Office and research laboratory
facilities utilized by graduate students in Nutritional Sciences are
administered by the home department of the student's adviser.

Financial Aid

Financial assistance is available in the form of assistantships,
scholarships and fellowships. Applicants seeking fall admission and
expecting to be considered for financial assistance should file their
applications before the preceding December 15th. Later applications may
be considered, depending on the space and support available.

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In addition to maintaining a 3.0 average in formal coursework, Ph.D.
students are required to take a qualifying examination, an oral preliminary
examination and a final thesis examination. There is no foreign language
requirement, but students whose native language is not English are
required to demonstrate competence in English.

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<td>Nutritional Sciences Seminar (enrollment each semester and one presentation during program)</td>
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<td>NUTR 510</td>
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or NUTR 561  Advanced Clinical Nutrition

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Two additional courses in general nutrition 6-8

Research/Project/Independent Study Hours (2 max applied toward degree) 2

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<td>NUTR 599</td>
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Total Hours 64

Other Requirements

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<td>No, but Masters level requirements must be met (32 additional hours min)</td>
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1 For additional details and requirements refer to the department's Graduate Programs information (http://nutrsci.illinois.edu/about_us/program_description/degree_types/) and the Graduate College Handbook (http://www.grad.uiuc.edu/gradhandbook/).