NUTRITIONAL SCIENCE

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Major: Nutritional Science
Degrees Offered: M.S. and Ph.D.

Joint Degree Program: Doctor of Philosophy in Nutritional Science and Master of Public Health (http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/graduate-majors/community-health/#jointdegreestext)
Degrees Offered: Ph.D. and M.P.H.

Graduate Degree Programs
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 449 Bevier Hall. 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.

Master of Science in Nutritional Science
Additional courses are available in:

- human and animal nutrition
- biochemistry
- physiology
- immunology
- endocrinology
- food science
- education
- anthropology
- psychology
- sociology
- statistics
- agricultural economics

The non-thesis degree also requires an oral final exam. Students are not admitted directly into the non-thesis program.
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Biochemistry (if not taken within 2 years of entry)

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

One additional course in general nutrition

NUTR 599 | Thesis Research (min/max applied toward degree) | 8 |

Total Hours 32

### Other Requirements

Other requirements may overlap

Minimum Hours Required Within the Unit: 8, 500 level

Minimum Number of 500-level Hours Required Overall in Program: 12

Not more than 4 hours of coursework taken on a Credit-No Credit basis will be counted towards the 32 hours total for the M.S. degree

Nutritional Sciences courses may NOT be taken on a Credit-No Credit option

Minimum GPA: 3.0

Oral final exam

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Biochemistry (if not taken within 2 years of entry)

At least two additional courses in general nutrition

NUTR 599 | Thesis Research (min/max applied toward degree) | 8 |

Total Hours 64

### Doctor of Philosophy in Nutritional Science

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

NUTR 599 | Thesis Research (min/max applied toward degree) | 40 or 48 |

Total Hours 64

### Other Requirements

Other requirements may overlap

Minimum Hours Required Within the Unit: 8, 500 level

Minimum Number of 500-level Hours Required Overall in Program: 12

Not more than 4 hours of coursework taken on a Credit-No Credit basis will be counted towards the 32 hours total for the M.S. degree

Nutritional Sciences courses may NOT be taken on a Credit-No Credit option

Minimum GPA: 3.0

Oral final exam

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Coursework total: with M.S. degree (16) or with MS in other field (24)
Masters Degree Required for Admission to PhD?  
No, but Masters level requirements must be met (32 additional hours min)

Qualifying Exam Required  
Yes

Preliminary Exam Required  
Yes

Final Exam/Dissertation Defense Required  
Yes

Final Exam/Dissertation Defense Required  
Yes

Minimum GPA:  
3.0

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Master of Public Health and Ph.D. in Nutritional Science

The M.P.H. can be earned jointly with the Ph.D. in Nutritional Science. In the joint program up to 12 hours of coursework may be applied to both degrees, and the degrees are conferred simultaneously at the completion of the program.

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Other Requirements

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Minimum Number of 500-level Hours Required Overall in Program:  
12 (8 within M.P.H.)

Masters Degree Required for Admission to Ph.D?  
No

Qualifying Exam Required  
Yes

Preliminary Exam Required  
Yes

Final Exam/Dissertation Defense Required  
Yes

Dissertation Deposit Required  
Yes

Minimum GPA:  
3.0

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