



MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NUTRITION | 2021-2022

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MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NUTRITION

The primary purpose of the Master of Science in Nutrition is to prepare graduates with the knowledge and skills for advanced practice careers in nutrition and dietetics. Graduates of the program will be able to synthesize and evaluate research and disseminate findings, demonstrate professional communication skills, and demonstrate advanced-practice skills required for nutrition professionals.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

To be granted regular admission to graduate school and to the MS in Nutrition, students must have accomplished the following:

- Obtained a baccalaureate degree in nutrition or related field or successfully completed the courses for an undergraduate didactic program in dietetics from an accredited institution.
- Achieved a minimum cumulative undergraduate GPA of 2.70 on a scale of 4.00 or at least a 3.00 in the last 60 hours of undergraduate study.
- Submitted required test scores (GRE) **OR**
 - Proof of the Registered Dietitian Nutritionist (RDN) credential **OR**
 - Proof of acceptance and/or current enrollment in an ACEND accredited supervised practice program.
- Achieved a minimum 3.00 GPA on any graduate course work previously taken at another accredited institution.

SPECIFIC DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

For the MS degree, the student must fulfill one of the following options: **THESIS OR NON-THESIS (PAGE 2)**

I. THESIS OPTION - (30 hours to include thesis)

A. **CORE REQUIREMENTS (9 hours) NOTE:** Courses in ASTL, HLTH, & EXSS may not be fully online

_____ NUTR 6308 – Trends in Nutrition

_____ FACS 6335 – Evidence Based Research in Nutrition **OR** ASTL 6380 – Research Methods **OR**

_____ HLTH 6379 – Research in Health

_____ FACS 6350 – Statistical Methods in FACS (PRE-REQ: FACS 6335) **OR** ASTL 6382 – Educational Statistics (PRE-REQ: FACS 6335 OR HSC 6370) **OR** EXSS 6316 – Data Analysis

B. **THESIS RESEARCH (6 hours)** *The procedures for selecting and writing a thesis will be the same as prescribed in the current Graduate Bulletin.* Students must complete six (6) credit hours for graduation.

_____ NUTR 6V44 – Thesis (PRE-REQ: COI)

C. **NUTRITION CLASSES (15 hours)**

Courses in Nutrition content on page 2

D. **ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS**

- **Thesis:** Must be read and approved before the candidate is scheduled for oral defense.
- **Oral Defense:** Candidate will meet with the Thesis Committee for an oral examination or defense of the thesis. A majority of the student's committee must approve the thesis and its defense. If approval is denied, the candidate will not be recommended for graduation. In this event, the student may be reexamined at a later period, no sooner than two months after initial examination.
- **Recommendation:** If both the written thesis and oral defense are approved by the Thesis Committee, the candidate will be recommended to the Dean of the Graduate School for graduation.
- **Graduate portfolio:** The portfolio is required to be **completed at least three (3) weeks prior to graduation.** Please refer to the department website for guidelines and directions.

Non-thesis option on PAGE 2

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II. NON-THESIS OPTION - (36 hours)

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B. **NUTRITION (27hours)**

Courses in Nutrition content listed below.

C. **ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS**

- **Written comprehensive examination:** To be eligible to take the examination, the student must be within six (6) hours or less, of completing degree requirements of the semester in which the comprehensive examination is scheduled. Contact the department chair for guidelines and directions.
- **Graduate portfolio:** The portfolio is required to be **completed at least three (3) weeks prior to graduation.** Please refer to the department website at <https://uca.edu/nfs/master-of-science-in-family-and-consumer-sciences/> for guidelines and directions.

NUTRITION COURSES (15 HOURS WITH THESIS, 27 HOURS WITHOUT THESIS)

COURSES	PRE-REQUISITES
NUTR 5V15 – Nutrition Services Practicum* ⁺	Admission to Dietetic Internship Program
NUTR 5V17 – Community Nutrition Practicum* ⁺	Admission to Dietetic Internship Program
NUTR 5V18 – Clinical Nutrition Practicum* ⁺	Admission to Dietetic Internship Program
NUTR 5V19 – Nutrition Research Practicum* ⁺	Admission to Dietetic Internship Program
NUTR 5V20 – Dietetic Internship Practicum*	Admission to Dietetic Internship Program
NUTR 5V21 – Nutrition Services Administration	Admission to Dietetic Internship Program
NUTR 5V30 – Special Topics	COI or COC
NUTR 5324 – Nutrition Assessment*	NUTR 4374 MNT II
NUTR 5340 – Geriatric Nutrition	NUTR 1300 Foundations of Nutrition and BIOL 2405 Anatomy & Physiology
NUTR 5375 – Nutrition in Exercise & Sports	NUTR 1300 Foundations of Nutrition or equivalent
NUTR 6307 – Current Findings in Foods	
NUTR 6313 – Diet Therapy*	NUTR 3370 Lifecycle Nutrition
NUTR 6314 – Business of Entrepreneurship in the Nutrition Profession	
NUTR 6330 – Metabolic Nutrition	NUTR 3390 Nutrition Metabolism and CHEM 2450 Intro to Organic and Biochem
NUTR 6335 – Nutrition Counseling	
NUTR 6340 – Diabetes Medical Nutrition Therapy	NUTR 4374 Medical Nutrition Therapy II OR COI
NUTR 6345 – Pediatric Nutrition	NUTR 3370 Lifecycle Nutrition and BIOL 2405 Anatomy & Physiology
NUTR 6346 - Global Nutrition	
NUTR 6347 - Nutrition Public Policy	
FACS 5310 - Program Development	
FACS 6310 - Advanced Resource Management	FACS 3311 Resource Management or COI

* Indicates courses included in the dietetic internship program.

⁺ UCA Dietetic interns must successfully complete 18 hours of practicum.