



MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NUTRITION

Plan B: Non-Thesis

COURSEWORK

A. The School of Graduate Studies

The School of Graduate Studies requires a **minimum of 27 semester hours** of coursework (300 level or higher): minimum of 18 semester hours at 400 level or higher: no more than 9 hours at 300 level: must past a comprehensive examination set by the department. The student must maintain a cumulative quality-point average of 2.75 in all courses taken for credit. Details of Graduate Studies requirements are in the Case Western Reserve University Bulletin.

B. Planned Program of Study (PPOS)

Students are required to submit the **Planned Program of Study (PPOS)** electronically into the **Student Information System (SIS)**. For instructions, students should visit the SIS Guides webpage at: <http://www.case.edu/projects/erp/learning/sisguides.html>. The PPOS must be submitted **no later than** the end of the second semester of graduate study. It should list all coursework, research/ project units, seminars, teaching requirements, etc. required to complete the degree program. Once the submission has been completed, the student's advisor will be notified by email and prompted to login to SIS to review and approve/deny the PPOS. Final approval will then come from Graduate Studies. Any revisions **must be** submitted **by** the student as a new version of the PPOS.

C. Nutrition Coursework

1. The **Department of Nutrition** requires a minimum of 30 semester hours to complete the **Master of Science in Nutrition** except for **The Coordinated Dietetic Internship/Master's Degree Program**, which requires 27 and the **M.S. in Public Health Nutrition** - which requires more than 30.
2. Minimum of 15 semester hours of graduate Nutrition courses of which 12 semester hours are at the 400-level or higher.

3. Includes the following **required nutrition sciences courses**: NTRN 433 and 434.
4. **Nutrition 343 is required** of students who have had no food science/dietary patterns coursework prior to enrollment in the graduate program.
5. **Minimum cumulative quality-point average of 2.75** in all graduate nutrition courses must be maintained.

D. Supportive Coursework

1. **Statistics is required** - if not taken within 10 years prior to enrollment *or* if the grade attained was **lower than a C**. There are a number of courses in the Department of Statistics *or* in the Department of Epidemiology and Biostatistics - which will satisfy the requirement.
2. A **biochemistry course is required** if taken within 3 years prior to enrollment *or* if the grade attained is **lower than a C**.
3. **Human physiology** if not taken within 5 years prior to enrollment *or* if the grade attained was **lower than a C**.

E. Electives

Each program is individualized to meet the needs and interests of each student. Students work very closely with a graduate advisor.

F. Didactic Program in Dietetics (DPD)

Students interested in a career as a nutrition practitioner (i.e.: to earn the professional credential of **R.D., Registered Dietitian**) are **required to complete the Didactic Program in Dietetics**, which can be done as part of the M.S. Program. Some of the DPD courses may count for the M.S. degree; others will not. The DPD is accredited by the [COMMISSION ON ACCREDITATION FOR DIETETICS EDUCATION \(CADE\)](#) of the **American Dietetic Association**.

The **DPD** must be completed before beginning an accredited dietetic internship. Students could complete the internship through the Department of Nutrition's Public Health Nutrition Program *or* through the hospital-based internships at **University Hospital Case Medical Center** *or* the **Louis Stokes Cleveland Veterans Affairs Medical Center** affiliated with our department. **Students are also eligible to apply to any accredited dietetic internship in the United States.**

EXAMINATION

ALL CANDIDATES ARE REQUIRED TO PASS A WRITTEN COMPREHENSIVE EXAMINATION.

- The examination is scheduled for the end of the semester in which the student expects to graduate. The examination may be on site or take-home.
- The student must demonstrate a program of sufficient and appropriate semester-hour credit at an acceptable academic level defined as a minimum of a 2.75 GPA in Nutrition courses and a cumulative GPA of 2.75 in all courses taken for credit in the Masters degree program.
- Permission to take the examination will be give upon recommendation by the student's advisor with approval of the faculty examination committee. Permission may be withheld for a student who has not completed course work or if academic standing may be in doubt.
- **The exam will be scheduled by the Department, about 3 weeks before the end of the semester.** All candidates are expected to write the examination at that time. **If a student is unable to do so, he/she may petition the Chair of the Examining Committee for an alternate time.**
- **The petition must be in writing:** It must include the reason why the student is requesting a change, and indicate alternate times.
- **The papers will be read by the faculty committee:** Students will receive written notification of results from the Chair of the committee. Any student who fails to write a satisfactory paper will be notified of the faculty committee's recommendation for completion of the program.

