Nutritional Sciences Program Information and Guidelines
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Dietetics and Nutrition Options
The Department of Nutritional Sciences offers a Bachelor of Science in Nutritional Sciences (NSC) with two options, Nutrition and Dietetics. Both options are rigorous science-based programs with an emphasis in chemistry. A minimum GPA of 2.0 is required to declare this major. A minimum cumulative and major GPA of 2.0 is required to graduate.

Nutritional Sciences students MUST complete NSC 101 with a grade of B or better in order to graduate. If a grade of lower than a “B” is earned, the course must be retaken until a “B” is achieved.

Steps to Become a Registered Dietitian
The Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics (AND) awards the Registered Dietitian (RD) credential, and establishes the criteria for obtaining the credential as the following:
1. Completion of a Didactic Program in Dietetics (DPD), which includes a bachelor’s degree with specific requirements. The University of Arizona’s Dietetics program is fully accredited as a DPD.
2. Completion of an accredited supervised practice program, also known as a dietetic internship, after earning a bachelor’s degree.
3. Passing the national registration exam for dietitians, after completing a dietetic internship.

Didactic Program in Dietetics
Didactic Programs in Dietetics are accredited programs that meet specific course requirements set by the AND. Upon completion of a DPD program, students receive a bachelor’s degree, as well as a Verification Statement. Each DPD program establishes specific criteria where by students are provided a Verification Statement, which may differ from degree requirements for the college or university. The UA Dietetics program is an accredited DPD, which facilitates students’ progress toward obtaining the RD credential.

Upon successful completion of the required preliminary courses, Dietetics majors may continue to pursue the degree and obtain a Verification Statement. The University of Arizona’s DPD has established the following criteria to obtain a Verification Statement:

- Completion of all DPD courses, which include all the courses needed to fulfill a degree in Dietetics (including ENGL, MATH, and general education requirements).
- An overall grade point average of 3.0 or better, including UA and any transfer courses.
- A grade of C or better in all NSC courses. A grade of B or better must be earned in NSC 101 to continue in the major.

The DPD Director is Dr. Mary Marian (mmarian@email.arizona.edu). For questions regarding the above guidelines please contact your Undergraduate Academic Advisor.

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By Signing below you are acknowledging that these guidelines have been reviewed, that you will be held to these guidelines during your time in the Nutritional Science major, and that you have received a copy for your records.

Student Signature/Date_____________________