

Nutrition Graduate Degree Plan Worksheet

Steps:

1. Complete this worksheet in consultation with your adviser. Your adviser will sign it.
2. Submit the worksheet to Dr. Xiaoli Chen, the Director of Graduate Studies in Nutrition (FSCN 130 or xlchen@umn.edu). After she approves it, she will give it to Nancy Toedt, Graduate Program Coordinator.
3. Nancy will notify you when your plan is approved and email you a copy of the worksheet.
4. Enter your course plan into the Graduate Planning and Audit System (GPAS) and submit. (Nancy will email instructions.)
5. After your GPAS submission is approved, a milestone will be added to your record indicating you can move to the next step in your degree completion checklist. See:

<https://onestop.umn.edu/academics/degree-completion-steps>

Name	Student ID	Email	Date
Date of Program Entry		Degree (MS Plan A, MS Plan B, PhD)	
Previous Degree(s) and Institution(s)			
Do you intend to pursue a Minor? Yes___ No___ If so, in what field			

Please consult the Director of Graduate Studies in the minor department for course planning and GPAS approval. Students elect minors online - <https://onestop.umn.edu/add-or-remove-graduate-minor>. Please also indicate on this form which courses will be used for the minor.

Minimum GPA for courses included on the Degree Plan at the time of degree clearance: MS: 2.8; PhD: 3.0.

Grading Basis: The graduate level course credits in Nutrition must be taken on an A/F basis (except NUTR 8621). Biostatistics should also be taken on an A/F basis. Other required courses outside the major can be taken S/N. Maximum of 1/3 of the course credits can be completed using the S/N grading basis (except coursework transferred from an international institution and coursework only offered on the S/N grading basis).

Minor: Students can choose to pursue a minor in another field. The courses must be approved by the Director of Graduate Studies in the chosen department.

Nutrition Program Requirements

Orientation Course

Enter Grade if Course Completed

Course Name(Semester Offered)	Credits	Term/Year you plan to take it	Grade
NUTR 8621 Presentation Skills	1	(Take your first fall semester)	

Core Courses

Course Name(Semester Offered)	Credits	Term/Year you plan to take it	Grade
NUTR 5625 Nutritional Biochemistry (Fall)	3		
NUTR 5626 Nutritional Physiology (Spring)	3		
NUTR 5622 Vitamin and Mineral Biochemistry (Spr)	3		
NUTR 5624 Nutrition and Genetics (Fall)	2		

Did you take any of these core courses as an undergraduate student? If so, list them below and attach a copy of your transcripts. If you took any of the core courses as an undergraduate student you must take other graduate level courses instead to equal the same number of credits.

Required Course Name	Credits	Name of Course Taken	Where did you take it?	Term/YR	Grade
NUTR 5625 Nutritional Biochemistry (Fall)	3				
NUTR 5626 Nutritional Physiology (Spring)	3				
NUTR 5622 Vit and Min Biochem (Spring)	3				
NUTR 5624 Nutrition and Genetics (Fall)	2				
Additional Notes / Exceptions					

Advanced Topics Courses 1 course required

Course Name (Semester Offered)	Credits	Term/Year you plan to take it	Grade
NUTR 8620 Advances in Nutrition (Spr. and EO Fall)	2		
NUTR 8620 Advances in Nutrition: Obesity Prevention, from the Molecule to the Bedside (Fall)	2		
Additional Notes / Exceptions			

Outside Coursework Requirement**MS: 6 credits required****PhD: 12 credits required**

Statistics Course One graduate level Statistics course Examples: PubH 6450, Biostatistics I, PubH 6451, Biostatistics II, PubH 6414: Biostatistical Literacy, STAT 5021 Statistical Analysis

Course Name	Credits	Term/Year you plan to take it	Grade
Additional Notes / Exceptions / Courses which will be used for a minor			

Research Methods Course Students can select from a list of recommended courses offered across the university in consultation with their advisor. For examples, see Student Handbook Appendix C. Minimum 2 credits.

Course Name	Credits	Term/Year you plan to take it	Grade
Additional Notes / Exceptions / Courses which will be used for a minor			

Additional Outside Coursework:

Other courses may be from any field but must be at the 5xxx or 8xxx level. Exceptions: 6xxx Public Health courses are allowed. Example: PubH 6914 - Community Nutrition Intervention

Course Name	Credits	Term/Year you plan to take it	Grade
Will any of these courses be used for a minor?			

MS Plan B Only: Additional Coursework to reach a total of 30 course credits. This must include a minimum of 3 credits of Independent Study (Register for NUTR 8695). Additional Independent Study credits and additional coursework is chosen in consultation with your adviser.

Course Name	Credits	Term/Year you plan to take it	Grade
Additional Notes / Exceptions			

Graduate Level Transfer Coursework Request

Are you requesting to transfer any graduate level coursework from another institution to meet these course and credit

requirements? If so, list all transfer work in chronological order. Official transcripts must be attached unless previously submitted with your application for admission. Enter this information in GPAS. Transfer limits: MS: At least 60% of graduate course credits (not including thesis credits) must be completed at UMN. PhD: At least 12 graduate course credits must be completed at UMN

Term/ Year	Department/ Course number	Course Title	Credits	Grade	Institution	Which of the above categories does this requirement meet? (for DGS use only)

Additional Notes / Exceptions

DEGREE PLAN COURSEWORK TOTALS

UMN GRADUATE COURSE CREDITS _____ TRANSFER COURSE CREDITS _____ TOTAL COURSE CREDITS _____

Total Credits Required for the Degree:

MS Plan A: 30 Credits (20 course credits and 10 NUTR 8777 Master’s thesis credits)

MS Plan B: 30 Credits (30 course credits which includes a minimum of 3 credits of Independent Study NUTR 8695. Additional Independent Study credits and additional coursework is chosen in consultation with your adviser.)

PhD: 50 Credits (26 course credits and 24 NUTR 8888 Doctoral thesis credits). If you have a M.S. in Nutrition from the University of Minnesota, the minimum number of credits for the Ph.D. degree will be determined upon enrollment based on the courses included in the MS degree plan.

Additional information required before Degree Plan can be approved.

(You do not need to enter this in GPAS)

Undergraduate Coursework Requirement: (fill out a or b)

- a. I have a bachelor’s or master’s degree in nutrition from _____
- b. I took the following courses:

Course	When did you take the course or When do you plan to take it? Students need to take the courses for credit on an A-F basis and receive a grade of "B" or better.	If course completed: Signature of instructor and date OR attach transcript.
FScN 1112		
FScN 3612*		
FScN 4612*		

Signature of Student	Date
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Name of Adviser	Signature of Adviser	Date
Name of Co-Adviser	Signature of Co-Adviser	Date

Signature of DGS in Nutrition	Date
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