

# NUTRITIONAL SCIENCE (AGLS)

Nutritional science looks at the connection between diet and health. Students learn how diet can play a crucial role in the cause, treatment, and prevention of many diseases. There are degree program options within nutritional science. The pre-health professional and research option coursework prepares students for work in research laboratories, graduate study in nutrition or biological sciences, or entrance into health professional programs, such as medical, dental, physician assistant, and pharmacy schools. Students gain a strong science education along with human nutrition expertise. Additional options in health coach and nutrition and wellness prepare students for work positions in program planning and evaluation for community, public health, non-profit, and corporate wellness programs addressing the growing public interest in nutrition, wellness, and preventative health. Students learn about the role of nutrition and healthy eating for disease prevention and wellness.

The department also offers a nutrition minor (<http://catalog.iastate.edu/previouscatalogs/2022-2023/collegeofagricultureandlifesciences/foodscienceandhumannutrition/#undergraduateminortext>).

## Student Learning Outcomes

Upon graduation, students should be able to:

- Communicate effectively in their field of study using written, oral, visual and/or electronic forms.
- Demonstrate proficiency in ethical data collection and interpretation, literature review and citation, critical thinking and problem solving.
- Facilitate and participate effectively in a group, team, or organization.
- Plan life-long learning activities with the aim of improving professional skills.
- Integrate creativity, innovation, or entrepreneurship in ways that produce value.
- Describe sociocultural competence relative to diversity, equity and/or inclusion.
- Explain how human activities impact the natural environment and how societies are affected.
- Meet program specific learning outcomes for the Nutritional Science major.

## Administered by the Department of Food Science and Human Nutrition

- Pre-Health Professional and Research Option
- Health Coach Option
- Nutrition and Wellness Option

## PRE-HEALTH PROFESSIONAL AND RESEARCH OPTION

### Total Degree Requirement: 120 cr.

Students must fulfill International Perspectives and U.S. Diversity requirements by selecting coursework from approved lists. These courses may also be used to fulfill other area requirements. Only 65 cr. from a two-year institution may apply to the degree which may include up to 16 technical cr.; 9 P-NP cr. of electives; 2.00 minimum GPA.

### International Perspectives: 3 cr.

### U.S. Diversity: 3 cr.

### Communications and Library: 13 cr.

|                      |   |           |
|----------------------|---|-----------|
| ENGL 150             | Critical Thinking and Communication               | 3         |
| ENGL 250             | Written, Oral, Visual, and Electronic Composition | 3         |
| ENGL 314             | Technical Communication                           | 3         |
| LIB 160              | Introduction to College Level Research            | 1         |
| SP CM 212            | Fundamentals of Public Speaking                   | 3         |
| <b>Total Credits</b> |   | <b>13</b> |

### Humanities and Social Sciences: 6-12 cr.

|   |   |
|---|---|
| Select Humanities courses from approved list    | 3 |
| Select Social Science course from approved list | 3 |
| If H Sci student, select:                       | 6 |
| Additional Humanities course                    |   |
| Additional Humanities or Social Science course  |   |

### Ethics 3 cr.

|           |                                     |   |
|-----------|-------------------------------------|---|
| FS HN 342 | World Food Issues: Past and Present | 3 |
|-----------|-------------------------------------|---|

### Mathematical Sciences: 6-12 cr.

|                                 |                            |  |
|---------------------------------|----------------------------|--|
| Select at least 3 credits from: | 3-8                        |  |
| MATH 140                        | College Algebra            |  |
| MATH 143                        | Preparation for Calculus   |  |
| MATH 160                        | Survey of Calculus         |  |
| MATH 165                        | Calculus I                 |  |
| MATH 165 & MATH 166             | Calculus I and Calculus II |  |
| Select at least 3 credits from: | 3-4                        |  |
| STAT 101                        | Principles of Statistics   |  |
| STAT 104                        | Introduction to Statistics |  |

**Total Credits 6-12**

### Physical Sciences: 17 cr.

|           |                                    |   |
|-----------|------------------------------------|---|
| CHEM 177  | General Chemistry I                | 4 |
| CHEM 177L | Laboratory in General Chemistry I  | 1 |
| CHEM 178  | General Chemistry II               | 3 |
| CHEM 178L | Laboratory in College Chemistry II | 1 |
| CHEM 331  | Organic Chemistry I                | 3 |
| CHEM 331L | Laboratory in Organic Chemistry I  | 1 |
| CHEM 332  | Organic Chemistry II               | 3 |

|                      |                                    |           |
|----------------------|------------------------------------|-----------|
| CHEM 332L            | Laboratory in Organic Chemistry II | 1         |
| <b>Total Credits</b> |                                    | <b>17</b> |

**Biological Sciences: 24-29 cr.**

|           |  |   |
|-----------|--|---|
| BIOL 211  | Principles of Biology I                  | 3 |
| BIOL 211L | Principles of Biology Laboratory I       | 1 |
| BIOL 212  | Principles of Biology II                 | 3 |
| BIOL 212L | Principles of Biology Laboratory II      | 1 |
| BIOL 255  | Fundamentals of Human Anatomy            | 3 |
| BIOL 255L | Fundamentals of Human Anatomy Laboratory | 1 |

Select at least 3 credits from: 3-4

|                 |  |  |
|-----------------|--|--|
| BIOL 256 & 256L | Fundamentals of Human Physiology and Fundamentals of Human Physiology Laboratory |  |
| or BIOL 335     | Principles of Human and Other Animal Physiology                                  |  |

|          |                        |   |
|----------|------------------------|---|
| BIOL 313 | Principles of Genetics | 3 |
|----------|------------------------|---|

Select at least 3 credits from: 3-6

|                     |                                    |  |
|---------------------|------------------------------------|--|
| BBMB 301            | Survey of Biochemistry             |  |
| BBMB 316            | Principles of Biochemistry         |  |
| BBMB 404 & BBMB 405 | Biochemistry I and Biochemistry II |  |

|              |                              |     |
|--------------|------------------------------|-----|
| MICRO 201    | Introduction to Microbiology | 2-3 |
| or MICRO 302 | Biology of Microorganisms    |     |

|               |                                      |   |
|---------------|--------------------------------------|---|
| MICRO 201L    | Introductory Microbiology Laboratory | 1 |
| or MICRO 302L | Microbiology Laboratory              |   |

**Total Credits 24-29**

**Food Science and Human Nutrition: 36 cr.**

|           |   |   |
|-----------|---|---|
| FS HN 110 | Professional and Educational Preparation                                  | 1 |
| FS HN 167 | Introductory Human Nutrition and Health                                   | 3 |
| FS HN 203 | Contemporary Issues in Food Science and Human Nutrition                   | 1 |
| FS HN 265 | Nutrition for Active and Healthy Lifestyles                               | 3 |
| FS HN 360 | Advanced Nutrition and the Regulation of Metabolism in Health and Disease | 3 |
| FS HN 361 | Nutrition and Health Assessment   | 2 |
| FS HN 362 | Nutrition and Health Throughout the Lifecycle                             | 3 |
| FS HN 467 | Molecular Basis of Nutrition in Disease Etiology and Health Promotion     | 3 |
| FS HN 492 | Research Concepts in Human Nutrition                                      | 2 |

Select at least 15 additional credits from: 15

|                       |  |  |
|-----------------------|--|--|
| BIOL 314              | Principles of Molecular Cell Biology   |  |
| FS HN 214 & FS HN 215 | Scientific Study of Food and Advanced Food Preparation Laboratory (or FS HN 115 lab) |  |

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|--------------------|--|--|
| FS HN 242          | The US Food System   |  |
| FS HN 311          | Food Chemistry   |  |
| FS HN 365          | Obesity and Health   |  |
| FS HN 367          | Medical Terminology for Health Professionals   |  |
| FS HN 403          | Food Laws and Regulations  |  |
| FS HN 420          | Food Microbiology  |  |
| FS HN 430          | U.S. Health Systems and Policy   |  |
| FS HN 461          | Medical Nutrition and Disease I  |  |
| FS HN 463          | Community Nutrition and Health   |  |
| FS HN 464          | Medical Nutrition and Disease II   |  |
| FS HN 466          | Nutrition Counseling and Education Methods   |  |
| FS HN 490C         | Independent Study: Nutrition   |  |
| FS HN 499          | Undergraduate Research   |  |
| FS HN 575          | Processed Foods  |  |
| NUTRS 501          | Biochemical and Physiological Basis of Nutrition: Macronutrients and Micronutrients      |  |
| NUTRS 504          | Nutrition and Epigenetic Regulation of Gene Expression                                   |  |
| NUTRS 562          | Advanced Nutrition Assessment  |  |
| PHYS 131 & 131L    | General Physics I and General Physics I Laboratory                                       |  |
| or PHYS 231 & 231L | Introduction to Classical Physics I and Introduction to Classical Physics I Laboratory   |  |
| PHYS 132 & 132L    | General Physics II and General Physics II Laboratory                                     |  |
| or PHYS 232 & 232L | Introduction to Classical Physics II and Introduction to Classical Physics II Laboratory |  |

**Total Credits 36**

**Electives: 0-9 cr. Select from any university coursework to earn at least 120 total credits. Students planning to apply to health professional programs should review entrance requirements and select appropriate courses as electives.**

Concurrent B.S. and M.S. Program: Well-qualified students in Nutritional Science, pre-health professional and research option, who are interested in graduate study may apply for concurrent enrollment in the Graduate College to simultaneously pursue both a Bachelor of Science (B.S.) degree in Nutritional Science and a Master of Science (M.S.) degree in Nutritional Sciences. For more information, refer to [www.fshn.hs.iastate.edu](http://www.fshn.hs.iastate.edu) (<http://www.fshn.hs.iastate.edu>)

**CURRICULUM FOR HEALTH COACH OPTION AND NUTRITION & WELLNESS OPTION****Total Degree Requirement: 120 cr.**

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from a two-year institution may apply to the degree which may include up to 16 technical cr.; 9 P-NP cr. of electives; 2.00 minimum GPA.

**International Perspectives: 3 cr.**

**U.S. Diversity: 3 cr.**

**Communications/Library: 10 cr.**

|                      |   |           |
|----------------------|---|-----------|
| ENGL 150             | Critical Thinking and Communication               | 3         |
| ENGL 250             | Written, Oral, Visual, and Electronic Composition | 3         |
| LIB 160              | Introduction to College Level Research            | 1         |
| SP CM 212            | Fundamentals of Public Speaking                   | 3         |
| <b>Total Credits</b> |   | <b>10</b> |

**Humanities and Social Sciences: 15-18 cr.**

|   |  |   |
|---|--|---|
| Select Humanities course from approved list           |  | 3 |
| PSYCH 101   | Introduction to Psychology   | 3 |
| or PSYCH 230  | Developmental Psychology   |   |
| SOC 134   | Introduction to Sociology  | 3 |
| POL S 344   | Public Policy  | 3 |
| FS HN 342   | World Food Issues: Past and Present (this course can also meet the IP requirement) | 3 |
| If H Sci student, select additional Humanities course |  | 3 |

**Mathematical Sciences: 6-8 cr.**

|                                 |                            |            |
|---------------------------------|----------------------------|------------|
| Select at least 3 credits from: |                            | 3-4        |
| MATH 140                        | College Algebra            |            |
| MATH 143                        | Preparation for Calculus   |            |
| MATH 160                        | Survey of Calculus         |            |
| MATH 165                        | Calculus I                 |            |
| Select at least 3 credits from: |                            | 3-4        |
| STAT 101                        | Principles of Statistics   |            |
| STAT 104                        | Introduction to Statistics |            |
| <b>Total Credits</b>            |                            | <b>6-8</b> |

**Physical Sciences: 5 cr.**

|                      |                                   |          |
|----------------------|-----------------------------------|----------|
| CHEM 163             | College Chemistry                 | 4        |
| or CHEM 177          | General Chemistry I               |          |
| CHEM 163L            | Laboratory in College Chemistry   | 1        |
| or CHEM 177L         | Laboratory in General Chemistry I |          |
| <b>Total Credits</b> |                                   | <b>5</b> |

**Biological Sciences: 18-19 cr.**

|           |  |   |
|-----------|--|---|
| BIOL 211  | Principles of Biology I                  | 3 |
| BIOL 211L | Principles of Biology Laboratory I       | 1 |
| BIOL 212  | Principles of Biology II                 | 3 |
| BIOL 212L | Principles of Biology Laboratory II      | 1 |
| BIOL 255  | Fundamentals of Human Anatomy            | 3 |
| BIOL 255L | Fundamentals of Human Anatomy Laboratory | 1 |

|                      |  |              |
|----------------------|--|--------------|
| BIOL 256 & 256L      | Fundamentals of Human Physiology and Fundamentals of Human Physiology Laboratory | 3-4          |
| or BIOL 335          | Principles of Human and Other Animal Physiology                                  |              |
| MICRO 201            | Introduction to Microbiology   | 2            |
| MICRO 201L           | Introductory Microbiology Laboratory   | 1            |
| <b>Total Credits</b> |  | <b>18-19</b> |

**Food Systems: 5 cr.**

|                      |  |          |
|----------------------|--|----------|
| FS HN 242            | The US Food System                                       | 3        |
| FS HN 342            | World Food Issues: Past and Present (course shown above) | 3        |
| FS HN 442            | Issues in Food and Society                               | 2        |
| <b>Total Credits</b> |  | <b>8</b> |

**Food Science and Human Nutrition: 36 cr.**

|                      |   |           |
|----------------------|---|-----------|
| FS HN 101            | Food and the Consumer   | 3         |
| FS HN 110            | Professional and Educational Preparation                      | 1         |
| FS HN 111            | Fundamentals of Food Preparation                              | 2         |
| FS HN 115            | Food Preparation Laboratory                                   | 1         |
| FS HN 167            | Introductory Human Nutrition and Health                       | 3         |
| FS HN 203            | Contemporary Issues in Food Science and Human Nutrition       | 1         |
| FS HN 264            | Fundamentals of Nutritional Biochemistry                      | 3         |
| or BBMB 301          | Survey of Biochemistry  |           |
| FS HN 265            | Nutrition for Active and Healthy Lifestyles                   | 3         |
| FS HN 361            | Nutrition and Health Assessment                               | 2         |
| FS HN 364            | Nutrition and Prevention of Chronic Disease                   | 3         |
| FS HN 365            | Obesity and Health  | 3         |
| FS HN 430            | U.S. Health Systems and Policy                                | 2         |
| FS HN 445X           | Strategies for Personal Food Waste Reduction                  | 1         |
| FS HN 463            | Community Nutrition and Health                                | 3         |
| FS HN 495            | Practicum   | 2         |
| COMST 450B           | Special Topics in Communication Studies: Health Communication | 3         |
| <b>Total Credits</b> |   | <b>36</b> |

**HEALTH COACH OPTION: 18 credits**

|              |  |   |
|--------------|--|---|
| KIN 258      | Principles of Physical Fitness and Conditioning            | 2 |
| KIN 358      | Exercise Physiology  | 3 |
| KIN 458      | Principles of Fitness Assessment and Exercise Prescription | 4 |
| PSYCH 101    | Introduction to Psychology                                 | 3 |
| or PSYCH 230 | Developmental Psychology                                   |   |
| PSYCH 422    | Counseling Theories and Techniques                         | 3 |

|                      |                   |           |
|----------------------|-------------------|-----------|
| PSYCH 485            | Health Psychology | 3         |
| <b>Total Credits</b> |                   | <b>18</b> |

Select additional electives to reach 120 total semester credits.

**NUTRITION & WELLNESS OPTION: 10-18 credits of electives**

At least 9 credits of electives must be 300-400 level courses. Select from any university coursework to earn at least 120 total credits.

**NOTE:**

Students are encouraged to pursue a minor, such as:

- Communication studies
- Culinary food science
- Entrepreneurship
- Environmental studies
- Event management
- Exercise science
- Global health
- Health promotion
- Hospitality management
- Human development and family studies
- Leadership studies

Go to FS HN courses. ([http://catalog.iastate.edu/previouscatalogs/2022-2023/azcourses/fs\\_hn/](http://catalog.iastate.edu/previouscatalogs/2022-2023/azcourses/fs_hn/))

**Nutritional Science, B.S.**

**Options: Health Coach<sup>1</sup>, Nutrition & Wellness<sup>2</sup>**

**First Year**

| Fall                       | Credits | Spring                        | Credits   |
|----------------------------|---------|-------------------------------|-----------|
| FS HN 110                  | 3       | 1 FS HN 101                   | 3         |
| FS HN 167                  | 4       | 3 CHEM 163 or 177             | 4         |
| MATH 140, 143, 160, or 165 | 1       | 3-4 CHEM 163L or 177L         | 1         |
| BIOL 211                   | 3       | 3 BIOL 212                    | 3         |
| BIOL 211L                  | 1       | 1 BIOL 212L                   | 1         |
| ENGL 150                   | 3       | Course based on option:       | 3         |
| LIB 160                    | 1       | PSYCH 101 or 230 <sup>1</sup> |           |
|                            |         | Elective <sup>2</sup>         |           |
|                            |         | <b>15-16</b>                  | <b>15</b> |

**Second Year**

| Fall       | Credits | Spring      | Credits |
|------------|---------|-------------|---------|
| MICRO 201  | 1       | 2 FS HN 203 | 1       |
| MICRO 201L | 3       | 1 FS HN 242 | 3       |

|                         |     |                             |              |
|-------------------------|-----|-----------------------------|--------------|
| FS HN 264               | 3   | FS HN 265                   | 3            |
| BIOL 255                | 3-4 | 3 BIOL 256 and 256L, or 335 | 3-4          |
| BIOL 255L               | 2   | 1 FS HN 111                 | 2            |
| ENGL 250                | 1   | 3 FS HN 115                 | 1            |
| Course based on option: | 2-3 |                             |              |
| KIN 258 <sup>1</sup>    |     |                             |              |
| Elective <sup>2</sup>   |     |                             |              |
|                         |     | <b>15-16</b>                | <b>13-14</b> |

**Third Year**

| Fall                    | Credits | Spring                                | Credits   |
|-------------------------|---------|---------------------------------------|-----------|
| FS HN 364               | 3       | FS HN 342                             | 3         |
| PSYCH 101 or 230        | 2       | FS HN 361                             | 2         |
| SP CM 212               | 3       | FS HN 365                             | 3         |
| STAT 104 or 101         | 3       | COMST 450B                            | 3         |
| Course based on option: | 3       | Humanities (H Sci) or elective (AgLS) | 3         |
| KIN 358 <sup>1</sup>    | 3       | Course based on option:               | 3         |
| Elective <sup>2</sup>   |         | PSYCH 485 <sup>1</sup>                |           |
|                         |         | 300-400 level elective <sup>2</sup>   |           |
|                         |         | <b>15-16</b>                          | <b>17</b> |

**Fourth Year**

| Fall                                | Credits | Spring   | Credits      |
|-------------------------------------|---------|--|--------------|
| FS HN 442                           | 2       | FS HN 430  | 2            |
| FS HN 463                           | 1       | FS HN 445X   | 1            |
| Humanities                          | 2       | FS HN 495  | 2            |
| SOC 134                             | 3       | POL S 344  | 3            |
| Course based on option:             | 3       | Course based on option:                                    | 3            |
| PSYCH 422 <sup>1</sup>              |         | KIN 458 <sup>1</sup>                                       |              |
| 300-400 level elective <sup>2</sup> |         | 300-400 level elective <sup>2</sup>                        |              |
|                                     |         | Electives (choose electives to total at least 120 credits) | 2-4          |
|                                     |         | <b>14</b>  | <b>13-15</b> |

<sup>1,2</sup> Courses for options: Health Coach<sup>1</sup>, Nutrition & Wellness<sup>2</sup>

Note: This sequence is only an example. The number of credits taken each semester should be based on the individual student's situation. Factors that may affect credit hours per semester include student ability, employment, health, activities, and grade point consideration.

**Nutritional Science, B.S.**

**Option: Pre-Health Professional & Research**

| <b>Freshman</b>                        |  |                | Elective * | 3-4 Elective * | 2-3          |
|--|--|----------------|------------|----------------|--------------|
| <b>Fall</b>                            | <b>Credits Spring</b>                                | <b>Credits</b> |            | <b>14-15</b>   | <b>14-15</b> |
| FS HN 110                              | 1 FS HN 167  | 3              |            |                |              |
| CHEM 177                               | 4 CHEM 178   | 3              |            |                |              |
| CHEM 177L                              | 1 CHEM 178L  | 1              |            |                |              |
| BIOL 211                               | 3 BIOL 212   | 3              |            |                |              |
| BIOL 211L                              | 1 BIOL 212L  | 1              |            |                |              |
| ENGL 150                               | 3 MATH 140, 143, 160, or 165                         | 3-4            |            |                |              |
| LIB 160                                | 1  |                |            |                |              |
| Humanities                             | 3  |                |            |                |              |
|  | <b>17</b>  | <b>14-15</b>   |            |                |              |
| <b>Sophomore</b>                       |  |                |            |                |              |
| <b>Fall</b>                            | <b>Credits Spring</b>                                | <b>Credits</b> |            |                |              |
| CHEM 331                               | 3 CHEM 332   | 3              |            |                |              |
| CHEM 331L                              | 1 CHEM 332L  | 1              |            |                |              |
| BIOL 313                               | 3 BBMB 301 or 316, or BBMB 404 and 405 the next year | 3              |            |                |              |
| STAT 101 or 104                        | 3-4 FS HN 265  | 3              |            |                |              |
| ENGL 250                               | 3 FS HN 203  | 1              |            |                |              |
| SP CM 212                              | 3 Social Science                                     | 3              |            |                |              |
|  | <b>16-17</b>   | <b>14</b>      |            |                |              |
| <b>Junior</b>                          |  |                |            |                |              |
| <b>Fall</b>                            | <b>Credits Spring</b>                                | <b>Credits</b> |            |                |              |
| BIOL 255                               | 3 BIOL 256 and 256L, or 335                          | 3-4            |            |                |              |
| BIOL 255L                              | 1 FS HN 361  | 2              |            |                |              |
| FS HN 360                              | 3 FS HN 362  | 3              |            |                |              |
| MICRO 201 or 302                       | 2-3 Humanities/Social Sci. (H Sci) or elective*      | 3              |            |                |              |
| MICRO 201L or 302L                     | 1 Additional course from approved list**             | 3              |            |                |              |
| Humanities course (H Sci) or elective* | 3  |                |            |                |              |
| FS HN 342                              | 3  |                |            |                |              |
|  | <b>16-17</b>   | <b>14-15</b>   |            |                |              |
| <b>Senior</b>                          |  |                |            |                |              |
| <b>Fall</b>                            | <b>Credits Spring</b>                                | <b>Credits</b> |            |                |              |
| FS HN 492                              | 2 ENGL 314   | 3              |            |                |              |
| Additional course from approved list** | 3 FS HN 467  | 3              |            |                |              |
| Additional course from approved list** | 3 Additional course from approved list**             | 3              |            |                |              |
| Additional course from approved list** | 3 US Diversity (if not already taken) or elective*   | 3              |            |                |              |

\* Choose elective courses to total equal to or greater than 120 credits.

\*\* Select at least 15 additional credits from: BIOL 314; FS HN 214 with lab (FS HN 115 or 215); FS HN 242, 311, 365, 367, 403, 420, 430, 461, 463, 464, 466, 490C, 499, 575; NUTRS 501, 504; PHYS 131 or 231/L; PHYS 132 or 232/L.

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The Department of Food Science and Human Nutrition offers a Master of Science (M.S.) and Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in Nutritional Sciences. More information can be found here: <https://www.grad-college.iastate.edu/academics/programs/apresults.php?id=84>.