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Swanlund Administration Building
601 East John Street
Champaign, IL 61820



September 25, 2009

Abbas Aminmansour, Chair
Senate Committee on Educational Policy
Office of the Senate
228 English Building, MC-461

Dear Professor Aminmansour:

Enclosed is a copy of a proposal from the Graduate College and College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences to revise the M.S. in Nutritional Sciences.

This proposal has been approved by the College and the Graduate College Executive Committee. It now requires Senate review.

Sincerely,



Kristi A. Kuntz
Assistant Provost

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Enclosures

c: S. Donovan
D. Dutta
L. Kramer
C. Livingstone

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Champaign, IL 61820-6210
www.grad.uiuc.edu



September 10, 2009

Sharon Donovan
Food Science & Nutrition
449 Bevier Hall
905 S Goodwin
M/C 186

Dear Dr. Donovan:

The Graduate College Executive Committee has reviewed and voted unanimously to approve the 'Proposal for Reduction of the Hour Requirement for the Nutritional Sciences Non-Thesis M.S. degree' Because the M.S. in Nutritional Sciences degree is approved for 32 hours, and the reduction to the non-thesis program reduces the hours needed from 36 to the approved 32 level, this proposal needs no further review. You are free to implement this revision immediately.

Sincerely,

Debasish Dutta
Dean of the Graduate College

c: L. Kramer
K. Kuntz

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GRADUATE COLLEGE

College of Agricultural, Consumer
and Environmental Sciences

Academic Programs
104 Mumford Hall, MC-710
1301 West Gregory Drive
Urbana, IL 61801



June 26, 2009

Dr. Kelly Tappenden
Associate Dean, Graduate College
204 Coble Hall
Campus MC-322

Dear Kelly:

Please find enclosed a proposal to modify the non-thesis M.S. degree program in the Division of Nutritional Sciences. Since this appears to constitute a minor change to the already existing curriculum, it has been reviewed and approved by our Associate Dean, Dr. Laurie Kramer. I am now forwarding it to you for consideration by the Graduate College. The proposed effective date, as indicated in the attached letter from Dr. Sharon Donovan, is fall 2009.

Thank you for your consideration. I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'F. William Simmons'.

F. William Simmons
Assistant Dean, College of ACES

FWS/rhc

cc: S. M. Donovan
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UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS
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Division of Nutritional Sciences

College of Agricultural, Consumer
and Environmental Sciences
449 Bevier Hall, MC-186
905 South Goodwin Avenue
Urbana, IL 61801



June 24, 2009

Dr. Laurie Kramer
Associate Dean
Academic Programs, College of ACES
101 Mumford Hall
MC 710

Dear Laurie,

Please find enclosed a proposal to the Senate Educational Policy Committee to modify the hour requirement for the non-thesis M.S. in Nutritional Sciences.

The justification for reducing the hour requirement is that the Division of Nutritional Sciences does not accept students directly into the non-thesis M.S. degree option. Therefore, students who select the non-thesis M.S. degree have been working towards the M.S. thesis requirements of 24 h coursework and 8 h of research (NUTR 599). If they move to the non-thesis option after 2-3 semesters, it becomes impossible for the student to complete the additional 12 h of coursework required for the non-thesis M.S. within a 4-semester M.S. degree program. In addition, the 36 h requirement exceeds the Graduate College's requirement for 32 total hours for the M.S. degree. Lastly, all non-thesis M.S. students must pass an oral final examination that tests their knowledge in nutrition. Therefore, we feel that 32h of coursework for the non-thesis M.S. is consistent with campus policy and is achievable within the 4-semester M.S. degree program.

There are no bugetary or staff implications for the requested change.

Our goal is to have this change in place for the Fall 2009 semester, if possible. Please let me know if you require any additional information.

Sincerely yours,

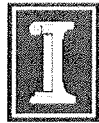


Sharon M. Donovan, Ph.D.
Professor and Director
Division of Nutritional Sciences

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Proposal to the Senate Educational Policy Committee

PROPOSAL TITLE: Reduction of the Hour Requirement for the Nutritional Sciences Non-Thesis M.S. degree.

SPONSOR: Sharon M. Donovan, PhD, Professor and Director of the Division of Nutritional Sciences, 333-2289, sdonovan@illinois.edu

COLLEGE CONTACT: Laurie Kramer, Associate Dean for Academic Programs, College of ACES, 101 Mumford Hall, MC-710, 333-3380, lfkramer@illinois.edu

BRIEF DESCRIPTION: Our proposal is to reduce the number of hours required for the Nutritional Sciences non-thesis M.S. degree from 36 to 32 hours.

JUSTIFICATION: The Division of Nutritional Sciences does not accept students directly into the non-thesis M.S. degree option. Therefore, students who select the non-thesis M.S. degree have been working towards the M.S. thesis requirements of 24 h coursework and 8 h of research (NUTR 599). If they move to the non-thesis option after 2-3 semesters, it becomes impossible for the student to complete the additional 12 h of coursework required for the non-thesis M.S. within a 4-semester M.S. degree program. In addition, the 36 h requirement exceeds the Graduate College's requirement for 32 total hours for the M.S. degree. Lastly, all non-thesis M.S. students must pass an oral final examination that tests their knowledge in nutrition. Therefore, we feel that 32h of coursework for the non-thesis M.S. is consistent with campus policy and is achievable within the 4-semester M.S. degree program.

BUDGETARY AND STAFF IMPLICATIONS: There are no budgetary or staff implications.


- a. Additional staff and dollars needed: None
- b. Internal reallocations (e.g., change in class size, teaching loads, student-faculty ratio, etc.): None
- c. Effect on course enrollment in other units and explanations of discussions with representatives of those departments: None
- d. Impact on the University Library: None
- e. Impact on computer use, laboratory use, equipment, etc.: None

DESIRED EFFECTIVE DATE: August 24, 2009

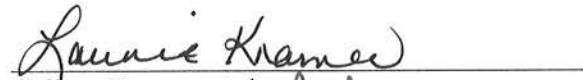
STATEMENT FOR PROGRAMS OF STUDY CATALOG: The only change to the Program of Study will be to change the Total Hours from 36 to 32 in the Non-thesis option – Required Hours in the table outlining the Master of Science degree requirements.

CLEARANCES:


Signatures:


Unit Representative:

June 24, 2009
Date:


College Representative:

6-24-09
Date:


Graduate College Representative:

9-11-09
Date:

Provost Representative:

Date:

Educational Policy Committee Representative:

Date:

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GRADUATE COLLEGE

Programs of Study: Graduate

2009 - 2010

Nutritional Sciences

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Major: Nutritional Sciences

Degrees Offered: M.S. and Ph.D.

Medical Scholars Program: Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in Nutritional Sciences and Doctor of Medicine (M.D.) through the Medical Scholars Program

Graduate Degree Programs

The Division of Nutritional Sciences is the interdisciplinary program for graduate education in nutrition at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Approximately 60 faculty, representing 17 different departments in seven colleges on the Urbana and Chicago campuses, are members of the Division. The Division is a comprehensive program of study leading to the M.S. and Ph.D. degrees, alone or in combination with the M.D. degree or registration in dietetics (R.D.). Flexible graduate programs of study enable students to individualize their coursework and professional training. In addition, extensive research opportunities are available that address the spectrum from research at the level of the genome and proteome to clinical and population-based intervention studies. Specialties are classified into six broad theme areas in which our faculty and students are most active (see Research Interests). These themes best reflect the areas of nutrition research for which the Division is recognized both nationally and internationally.

Admission

Applicants are expected to have an admission grade point average of 3.0 (A = 4.0) for the last two years of coursework and basic courses in chemistry, biology and mathematics. Deficiencies in these subjects must be removed during the first year of graduate study. The Graduate Record Examination (GRE) is required. Applicants whose native language is not English must achieve a minimum paper-based Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) score of 560, 220 on the computer-based test or 83 on the iBT TOEFL. Admission in the fall, spring or summer will be considered.

Degree Requirements

*For additional details and requirements refer to the department's Graduate Programs information and the Graduate College Handbook.

Master of Science

| Required Courses: | Thesis option - Required Hours | Non-thesis option - Required Hours |
|--|--------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Enrollment in NUTR 500 (Seminar) each semester a student is registered in the program | 0 | 0 |
| One additional course in general nutrition | 4 | 4 |
| Statistics | 4 | 4 |
| One semester of seminar (FSHN 596) | 2 | 2 |
| NUTR 510 or 561 | 3-5 | 3-5 |
| Biochemistry (if not taken within 2 years of entry) | 3-8 | 3-8 |
| At least one additional course in general nutrition is required for the non-thesis master's degree | | 4 |
| Research/Project/Independent Study Hours (min/max applied toward degree): | max 2 | max 4 |
| Thesis Hours Required (min/max applied toward degree): | 8 | |
| Total Hours | 32 | 36 32 |
| Minimum Hours Required Within the Unit: | 8, 500 level | 8, 500 level |
| Minimum Number of 500-level Hours Required Overall in Program: | 12, not including 599 | 12 |
| Other Requirements:* | Oral final exam | Oral final exam |
| Not more than 4 hours of coursework taken on a Credit-No Credit basis will be counted towards the 32 hours total for the M.S. degree | | |
| Nutritional Sciences courses may NOT be taken on a Credit-No Credit option | | |
| Minimum GPA: | 3.0 | 3.0 |

Additional courses are available in human and animal nutrition, biochemistry, physiology, immunology, endocrinology, food science, education, anthropology, psychology, sociology, statistics, and agricultural economics. The non-thesis degree also requires an oral final exam. Students are not admitted directly into the non-thesis program.

Doctor of Philosophy

| Required Courses: | Required Hours |
|--|----------------|
| NUTR 500, enrollment each semester and one presentation during program | 1 |

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| FSHN 596 (unless taken during M.S. degree) | 2 |
| NUTR 510 or 561 | 5-9 |
| NUTR 511 | 4 |
| Two additional courses in general nutrition | 6-8 |
| Research/Project/Independent Study Hours (min/max applied toward degree): | max 2 |
| Thesis Hours Required (min/max applied toward degree): | 48 or 40 |
| Total Hours | 64 |
| Other Requirements:* | |
| Coursework: with M.S. degree in Nutritional Sciences (16) or with MS in other field (24) | |
| Minimum GPA: | 3.0 |
| Masters Degree Required for Admission to PhD? | No, but Masters level requirements must be met (32 additional hours min) |
| Qualifying Exam Required | Yes |
| Preliminary Exam Required | Yes |
| Final Exam/Dissertation Defense Required | Yes |
| Dissertation Deposit Required | Yes |

In addition to maintaining a 3.0 average in formal coursework, Ph.D. students are required to take a qualifying examination, an oral preliminary examination and a final thesis examination. There is no foreign language requirement, but students whose native language is not English are required to demonstrate competence in English.

Internship in Dietetics

Students in the Division of Nutritional Sciences can participate in an American Dietetic Association (ADA) accredited graduate dietetic internship program administered by the Department of Food Science and Human Nutrition. The program includes defined graduate course requirements and a six-month dietetic clinical internship. In order to be eligible for the graduate internship program, students must complete all undergraduate course competencies required by the ADA for Registration in Dietetics (R.D.). Students are accepted into the internship by computer matching through the standard dietetic internship application process. More information on the graduate dietetic internship program can be obtained at <http://fshn.illinois.edu/graduate/dieteticinternship> or from the Department of Food Science and Human Nutrition (260 Bevier Hall; 217-244-4498).

Medical Scholars Program

The Medical Scholars Program permits highly qualified students to integrate the study of medicine with study for a graduate degree in a second discipline, including Nutritional Sciences. Students may apply to the Medical Scholars Program prior to beginning graduate school or while in the graduate program. Applicants to the Medical Scholars Program must meet the admissions standards for and be accepted into both the doctoral graduate program and the College of Medicine. Students in the dual degree program must meet the specific requirements for both the medical and graduate degrees. On average, students take eight years to complete both degrees.

Further information on this program is available by contacting the Medical Scholars Program, 125 Medical Sciences Building, (217) 333-8146 or at www.med.uiuc.edu/msp.

Graduate Teaching Experience

Although teaching is not a general Graduate College requirement, experience in teaching is considered an important part of the graduate experience in this program.

Faculty Research Interests

The Division is composed of faculty whose research interests cover many disciplines within nutrition. Descriptions of faculty research interests and a listing of recent publications are available at the Division website. Six broad theme areas are: Animal Nutrition; Biochemical and Molecular Nutrition; Community Nutrition, Nutrition Education and Consumer Acceptance; Dietary Bioactive Components; Food Safety and Toxicology; and Human and Clinical Nutrition.

Facilities and Resources

The Division office is located in room 449 Bevier Hall. Office and research laboratory facilities utilized by graduate students in Nutritional Sciences are administered by the home department of the student's adviser.

Financial Aid

Financial assistance is available in the form of assistantships, scholarships and fellowships. Applicants seeking fall admission and expecting to be considered for financial assistance should file their applications before the preceding January 15th. Later applications will be considered, depending on the space and support available.