

Notice of Change for BS in Nutrition and Dietetics

Date: November 15, 2015

A. PROGRAM INFORMATION

1. Name of institution

University of Rhode Island

2. Name of department, division, school or college

Department: Nutrition and Food Sciences

College: Environment and Life Sciences

3. Intended initiation date of program change. Include anticipated date for granting first degrees or certificates, if appropriate.

Initiation date: Fall 2016

First degree date: Spring 2017

4. Intended location of the program

Kingston Campus

5. Summary description of proposed program (not to exceed 2 pages).

We are proposing removing NFS 495 (Applied Nutrition Practicum) as a required course for the Nutrition and Dietetics major. This course provides the opportunity for seniors in the major to gain teaching experience by serving as undergraduate teaching assistants in our large introductory nutrition courses. The practicum course is not being eliminated; it will now be optional for students rather than a requirement. We are requesting this change for two reasons: 1) the Department does not have enough placements for the students enrolled in the major, and 2) some students are not interested in completing a teaching practicum experience.

The Nutrition and Dietetics major has two options: the Nutrition Option and the Dietetics Option. The following degree changes will be made:

- Nutrition Option – NFS 495 (2 credits) will be removed from each track. NFS 276 Food, Nutrition, and People (3 credits) will be added to Introductory Professional Courses, and 1 credit will be removed from Free Electives. A typographical error in the catalog will also be corrected (NFS 459 should be NFS 491 in the Nutrition Science track of the Nutrition Option – NFS 459 does not exist).
- Dietetics Option – NFS 495 (2 credits) will be removed from the Concentration and 2 credits will be added to Free Electives.

- Supporting elective credits will be corrected (catalog lists 6-12 credits and it should read 9-18 credits).

If applicable, please include the existing URI catalog language and proposed catalog language changes that relate to your request.

THIS IS THE EXISTING CATALOG LANGUAGE – ITEMS IN YELLOW ARE CHANGED BELOW.

The major requires 22 credits in sciences (four in general chemistry, four in organic chemistry, three in biochemistry, seven in biology, and four in microbiology), 4 credits in applied general nutrition (NFS 210), 4 credits in introductory professional courses (NFS 110 and 212 or 276); and 32-40 credits in the concentration including the following courses: NFS 336, 394, 395, 410, 440, 441, and 458 [capstone]. WRT 104, COM 100, and STA 220 are required and may be used to fulfill general education requirements. There are 6-12 credits of supporting electives and 8-10 credits of free electives. A total of 120 credits is required for graduation.

Dietetics Option. This option is required of all students planning to become registered dietitians. URI's dietetics program is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics (ACEND), 120 South Riverside Plaza, Suite 2000, Chicago, IL 60606, 312.899.0040, ext. 5400. Please see cels.uri.edu/nfs for complete program information. In addition to the core courses specified for the major, the following courses are required: NFS 337, 375, 376, 443, 444, 495, and BUS 341. SOC 100 and PSY 113 are also required and may be used to fulfill general education requirements. Students must maintain a 3.00 average in all required courses (NFS courses, science courses, and the remaining degree courses), with no less than a C in any one class, in order to graduate. Students are encouraged to use supporting elective and free elective courses to study disciplines related to the field.

Nutrition Option. This option is for students who want to study nutrition but do not plan to become registered dietitians. There are three tracks available which provide focused training in specific areas of nutrition:

- Nutrition Science—designed for students who want to study the science of nutrition and use this background for advanced study in the field or admission to professional health programs. In addition to the core, students will complete NFS 337, 459, 495, and one additional NFS course based on their area of interest.
- Health Promotion—designed for students who want to work with the public in preventative health education programs. In addition to the core, students will complete NFS 360, 443, 444, and 495.
- Foods—designed for students who want to work in food service management, food safety, or food sustainability. In addition to the core, students will complete NFS 337, 375, 376 and 495.

THIS IS THE NEW CATALOG LANGUAGE

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6. Signature of the President

David M. Dooley