

Updated Academic Year 2022-2023  
Master of Food and Nutrition Degree (MFN)  
Total Hours Needed for Graduation: 31



COLLEGE OF HEALTH AND  
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**FN Core (15 hours)**

- 3 \_\_\_\_\_ FN6090: Micronutrients (spring)
- 3 \_\_\_\_\_ FN6100: Macronutrients (fall)
- 3 \_\_\_\_\_ FN6070: Community and Public Health Nutrition (spring)
- 3 \_\_\_\_\_ FN6110: Advanced Clinical Nutrition (or acceptable substitute i.e., FN 6800 Seminar in FN) (fall)
- 3 \_\_\_\_\_ FN6260: Research Methods in Food and Nutrition (fall)

**Electives (12 hours)**

Students may choose electives based on professional goals and interests. No more than 6 hours can be taken outside of Food and Nutrition.

*Elective options can include, but are not limited to:*

- 3 \_\_\_\_\_ FN 5250: Sports Nutrition
- 3 \_\_\_\_\_ FN 5350: Lifecycle Nutr: Pregnancy-Adolescence
- 3 \_\_\_\_\_ FN 5360: Lifecycle Nutr: Middle and Later Years
- 3 \_\_\_\_\_ FN 5600: Applied Consumer Research in Food and Sensory Science
- 3 \_\_\_\_\_ FN 6120: Weight Management
- 3 \_\_\_\_\_ FN 6150: Phytochemicals, Functional Foods, and Dietary Supplements
- 1 \_\_\_\_\_ FN 6200: Introduction to Dietetic Internship
- 1 \_\_\_\_\_ FN 6210: Dietetic Internship I
- 1 \_\_\_\_\_ FN 6220: Dietetic Internship II
- 3 \_\_\_\_\_ FN 6300: Environmental Nutrition
- 1-3 \_\_\_\_\_ FN 6800/10: Seminar in FN
- 1-3 \_\_\_\_\_ FN 6820/30: Topics/Current Issues in FN
- 1-3 \_\_\_\_\_ FN 6860/70: Independent Study in FN
- 1-4 \_\_\_\_\_ FN 6940/50: Workshop in Food and Nutrition

Note: students completing the master's degree or thesis are encouraged to take EDFI 6410, Statistics in Education (or an acceptable substitute) as one elective.

**Culminating Experience (4 hours)**

Students can choose from a thesis or non-thesis experience. Students will choose only 1 culminating experience.

**Plan I – Thesis:**

\_\_\_\_\_ Enrollment in FN 6990: Thesis (4 hours); once a student enrolls in thesis, consecutive enrollment is required

**Plan II – Non-Thesis:**

\_\_\_\_\_ Master Project, FN 6900 (4 hours)  
\_\_\_\_\_ Comprehensive Exam (3 hours of FN graduate coursework + 1 hour of FN 6980, Readings for Comprehensive Exam)  
\_\_\_\_\_ Portfolio, FN 6960 (4 hours) this experience is limited to current dietetic interns only

This degree program is designed to be completed in 1.5 academic years. Taking courses out of sequence, academic issues, or other unforeseen circumstances may require additional semesters for completion.

**Program Learning Outcomes**

*Graduates will be able to...*

- 1.) Integrate requirements, bioavailability, and metabolism of macronutrients and micronutrients and their relationships in health and disease.
- 2.) Assess the pathophysiology and role of nutrition and food constituents in the prevention and treatment of major disease states.
- 3.) Create a community nutrition education program that includes evidence-based theories of nutrition education and principles of program evaluation.
- 4.) Integrate evidence-based practice of nutrition and health to advocate for nutrition policy.
- 5.) Evaluate research design, methods, and select appropriate statistical analysis for a variety of projects.
- 6.) Develop effective oral and written communications pertinent to food and nutrition.

The MFN degree alone does not lead to professional licensure or eligibility for the registered dietitian credentialing examination. Students may wish to combine their graduate studies with an accredited dietetic internship.

BGSU's dietetic internship program is currently accredited by the Accreditation Council for Education of Nutrition and Dietetics (ACEND) of the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics (AND). We have an on campus and distance option available.

If you wish to pursue becoming a Registered Dietitian but do not have a F&N/dietetic undergraduate degree, please contact Carrie Hamady, Undergraduate Dietetics Director at [carrieh@bgsu.edu](mailto:carrieh@bgsu.edu) to plan your course of study to meet the didactic requirements based on the Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics Standards in order to earn a verification statement. This may require one or more years of undergraduate coursework. BGSU currently has an on campus didactic or eCampus didactic program. MFN graduate courses may be used to meet some but not all of the didactic requirements. If you do not have a F&N/dietetic undergraduate degree, completion of the MFN degree alone will not provide you with a verification statement toward a dietetic internship.

Official degree requirements are found in the student's Degree Audit within MyBGSU.

Students must apply for graduation following the details here: <https://www.bgsu.edu/graduate/graduation.html>

All other questions can be directed to the FN graduate coordinator: Kerri Knippen, PhD, RDN, LD, FAND  
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