

CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, LONG BEACH

POLICY STATEMENT

January 7, 1983

Number: 83-01

File: Nutritional
Science, MS

This degree program, recommended by the Academic Senate in its meeting of December 3, 1981, forwarded by the President on December 18, 1981, authorized by the Chancellor on December 18, 1982, was approved by the President on January 7, 1983.

SUBJECT: MASTER OF SCIENCE DEGREE IN NUTRITIONAL SCIENCE

A. Description

The Master of Science Degree in Nutritional Science provides an opportunity for students to:

1. Specialize in food science, food service systems administration, clinical nutrition, and community nutrition with emphasis on nutrition education.
2. Complete a master's degree and the academic requirements to qualify for membership in the American Dietetic Association concurrently.
3. Increase competence in food and nutrition subject matter in preparation for college teaching, research, graduate study beyond the master's degree, and administrative positions in public and private agencies.

Each applicant must request that a copy of the official transcript(s) of all college course work be sent to the graduate coordinator in the Department of Home Economics in addition to the copies required by the Office of Admissions and Records.

B. Prerequisites

1. A bachelor's degree with a minimum of 24 units of upper-division courses in Home Economics and the natural sciences, which will include, but not be limited to, biochemistry, chemistry, computer science, food science, mathematics, microbiology, nutrition, physiology, and statistics.

2. An undergraduate overall grade point average of at least 3.0. Students with less than a 3.0 GPA on the last 60 undergraduate units attempted, but show promise in all other aspects, may be given special consideration after petitioning for admission into the program through the Department Graduate Coordinator.
3. Prerequisites for all courses carrying graduate credit must have been completed within seven years of taking the graduate courses. If the prerequisite is outdated, the prerequisite(s) may be repeated or credit obtained by examination.
4. Students deficient in undergraduate preparation must take courses to remove these deficiencies at the discretion of the advisers after consultation with the student and faculty in the specified subject matter area.

C. Advancement to Candidacy

1. Satisfy the general University requirements for advancement to candidacy.
2. Registered for or have completed Home Economics 696, Research Methods.
3. Approval of the Department Graduate Adviser and the Associate Dean of Graduate Studies, Research, and Faculty Affairs, School of Applied Arts and Sciences.

D. Requirements for the Master of Science

1. Completion of 30 units of approved upper-division and graduate courses.
2. At least 18 units of 500/600 level courses in Home Economics, including Home Economics 533 (3), Home Economics 562 (3), and Home Economics 696 (3).
3. Professional requirements to meet career goals by advisement.
4. A thesis, Home Economics 697; OR Home Economics 698 and a comprehensive examination.

A student desiring to become a Registered Dietitian must complete a six-month, American Dietetic Association approved, supervised field experience in addition to completing the Master of Science degree requirements.

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