NUTRITION AND FOOD SCIENCES AMP

All students must meet the Requirements for the Accelerated Master’s Degree Programs

OVERVIEW

The Accelerated Nutrition and Food Sciences Master’s degree program (ANFSMS) is designed to offer UVM Nutrition and Food Sciences (NFS) or Dietetics, Nutrition and Food Sciences (DNFS) students an opportunity to earn both the bachelor’s degree and the master’s degree in Nutrition and Food Sciences in five years.

This is a 30 credit MS degree. Following formal admission by the Graduate College to the Accelerated Master’s Program, students may count up to six graduate-level credits toward both the bachelor’s and master’s degrees. Beyond the six double-counted credits, an additional graduate-level course (up to 3 credits) taken prior to award of the bachelor’s degree may be counted toward the master’s degree, provided the course does not also count toward the bachelor’s degree. The remaining 21 credits will be taken in the 5th year of study. Full-time graduate student status will begin the summer after undergraduate graduation and be maintained until completion of the MS in NFS.

The program is designed as a stepping stone to pursuit of clinical or community practice opportunities in nutrition and dietetics or professional opportunities in the food industry.

SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS

Requirements for Admission to Graduate Studies for the Degree of Master of Science for Accelerated Students

Students apply for admission to the Nutrition and Food Sciences AMP program during the regular application cycle. Admission is restricted to students that are either entering the spring term of their junior year and or have yet to start the fall semester of their senior year.

Admission to the accelerated program requires the following:

- A declared major in NFS or DNFS.
- A minimum of 3.0 cumulative GPA is required; a GPA of 3.3 or higher is preferred.
- Completion of a college-level statistics course.
- Completion of the Graduate College application form and three letters of recommendation.
- A letter of support from a faculty member who is willing to serve as primary mentor during enrollment in the ANFSMS program. This may serve as the 3rd letter of recommendation.
- Completion of the UVM Accelerated Master’s Degree Permission Form (attached to the online application)
- Finalists will be interviewed.

Students in accelerated MS program have the option of taking courses for graduate credit before all requirements for the BS/BA degree have been satisfied. However, these courses can only be double-counted if taken the semester following admittance to the ANFSMS (Students must be admitted through the Graduate College before taking any courses that will be applied toward the master’s degree requirements).

A maximum of 6 credit hours may be counted for both the BS and MS degrees and courses are limited to those approved for graduate credit. You will be asked to list two of these courses on the UVM Accelerated Master’s Degree Permission Form. The courses listed as approved for graduate credit are subject to change, and Graduate Research Credits cannot be counted toward the 6 credits.

Minimum Degree Requirements for the Degree of Master of Science

Students must complete 30 credits, including a 3-6 credit final project under the direction of their graduate faculty mentor (this is a non-thesis track MS degree). Students taking a 200 level course approved for graduate credit as part of the ANFSMS program must notify the faculty member of the course that they are taking the course at the graduate level before the course begins. That notification must be copied to the Graduate College.

Course Requirements

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Comprehensive Examination

AMP candidates will present a seminar before the end of the first semester of the MS degree program. This seminar will focus on a literature review of a topic to be determined by the student and their faculty advisor.

The candidate will be expected to provide an abstract of the seminar and a link to one pertinent online article related to the seminar topic. The abstract (electronic version) and link to a pertinent article must be submitted to the course instructor no later than one week prior to the seminar date. The course instructor will distribute the abstract and link to the NFS faculty and students. Within two weeks following the seminar date, the candidate will meet with his/her advisor and the AMP MS graduate committee to discuss the student’s performance with the seminar and provide feedback. This seminar and the committee meeting that follows will constitute the student’s M.S. Comprehensive Examination.
Requirements for Advancement to Candidacy for the Degree of Master of Science

Students in the ANFSMS are expected to continue the high degree of academic performance that was evident when they were admitted to the program. A minimum cumulative undergraduate GPA of 3.0 is required for continuation in the ANFSMS, and undergraduate students whose cumulative GPA at any time falls below this minimum for more than one semester will be removed from the program. Once students in the ANFSMS receive their bachelor's degree and are admitted to the regular MS degree program, academic probation matters will be dealt with in the same manner as for other MS students.