



DPD Course Requirements

The academic program at CSUN is built upon a strong science and liberal arts component, which encourages critical and creative thinking and expression. The organization of courses emphasizes study in chemistry and biology, nutrition, food science and technology, medical nutrition therapy, human organizational behavior, management, sociology, psychology and other specialized courses. The student desiring to enter the program should have a strong background in the physical and biological sciences as the scientific disciplines are emphasized.

The program is included as part of the B.S. Degree in Family and Consumer Sciences (Pattern A: Nutrition & Dietetics); however, students who have already completed a BS or BA degree and wish to complete only the DPD may make modifications to the program as indicated in the section entitled “FCS Core Courses.” It is also very likely that some of post baccalaureate students will have completed undergraduate courses that can be applied to the DPD. It is important to recognize that course substitutions to the DPD are subject to verification and approval by the DPD Director and are evaluated on an individual basis using official transcripts, college catalog course descriptions and other documents. The CSUN-DPD program is approved by The American Dietetic Association and is in compliance with the ADA Standards of Education. Required courses are listed below:

Science (23/27; 27 units)

Course number	Course name	Lecture/lab units
*Chem 103, 103L	Introductory Chemistry I, Lab	3/1
*Chem 104, 104L	Introductory Chemistry II, Lab	3/1
Chem 235, 235L	Introductory Organic Chemistry, Lab	3/1
Chem 365, 365L	Introduction to Biochemistry, Lab	3/1
*Bio 101, 101L	General Biology, Lab	3/1
Bio 215, 215L	Introductory Microbiology, Lab	2/2
Bio 281	Human Physiology	3

Required FCS Courses (26/29; 29 units)

Course number	Course name	Lecture/lab units
FCS 201, 201L	Introductory Food Science, Lab	2/1
FCS 301	Food Science and Technology	3
FCS 304	Foodservice Production	2
FCS 404, 404L	Foodservice System Mgmt, Lab	2/1
FCS 307	Advanced Nutrition: Macronutrients	3
FCS 308	Advanced Nutrition: Micronutrients	3
FCS 321, 321L	Contemporary Issues in Foods & Nutrition, Lab	2/1
FCS 402	Medical Nutrition Therapy I	3
FCS 403	Medical Nutrition Therapy II	3
FCS 408	Community Nutrition	3

Required from Other Departments (12/18; 18 units)

Course number	Course name	Lecture/lab units
*Anth 150 or Soc 150	Human Origin and Culture or Introductory Sociology	3
*Eng 155	Freshman Composition	3
*Pol Sci 155 or Pol Sci 403	American Political Institutions or State and Local Government	3
*Psy 150	Principles of Human Behavior	3
SED 525HEC	Methods of Teaching Home Economics	3
*COMS 151, 151L	Fundamentals of Public Speaking, Lab	2/1

FCS Core Courses (0/2; 13 units)

Course number	Course name	Lecture/lab units
**FCS 170	<i>Creative Expression in FCS</i>	2
**FCS 232	<i>Individual and Family Development</i>	3
**FCS 320	<i>Management for Modern Living</i>	3
**FCS 380	<i>FCS Foundations and Research</i>	3
FCS 494BEE	Supervised Field Study (Dietetics) Peer Nutrition Counseling	2

Recommended Electives (7/11; 11-13 units)

Course number	Course name	Lecture/lab units
FCS 381 or *Comp 100 or Comp 101/105	Computer Applications in FCS or Computers: Their Impact and Use or Intro to Algorithms/Computer Prog	3
FCS 207	Nutrition for Life	3
*Math 140	<i>Introductory Statistics</i>	4
FCS 394	Supervised Field Study (Academic Internship)	1-3

*May fulfill general education/Title 5 requirements

***Students who have already completed a BS or BA degree and wish to complete only the Didactic Program Dietetics may make the following modifications to the above course list: eliminate FCS 170, FCS 232 and FCS 320 and complete either FCS 380 or Math 140.*

Courses in green print must be completed at CSUN.

A flowsheet may help you determine the sequence of your courses, because many of our courses have prerequisites. The flowsheet will also indicate which courses are offered only in the Fall or Spring.