

## DOCUMENTS OF THE GENERAL FACULTY

**PROPOSAL TO CHANGE THE FOOD AND SOCIETY CERTIFICATE IN THE COLLEGE OF NATURAL SCIENCES CHAPTER IN THE *UNDERGRADUATE CATALOG, 2016-2018***

Dean Linda Hicke, in the College of Natural Sciences has filed with the secretary of the Faculty Council the following changes to the Food and Society Certificate in the *Undergraduate Catalog, 2016-2018*. On September 23, 2015, the college faculty approved the proposal. On September 28, 2015, Associate Dean David Vanden Bout approved it on behalf of the college and the dean. The secretary has classified this proposal as legislation of *general* interest to more than one college or school.

The Committee on Undergraduate Degree Program Review recommended approval of the changes on November 18, 2015, and forwarded them to the Office of the General Faculty. The Faculty Council has the authority to approve this legislation on behalf of the General Faculty. The authority to grant final approval on this legislation resides with UT System.

If no objection is filed with the Office of the General Faculty by the date specified below, the legislation will be held to have been approved by the Faculty Council. If an objection is filed within the prescribed period, the legislation will be presented to the Faculty Council at its next meeting. The objection, with reasons, must be signed by a member of the Faculty Council.

To be counted, a protest must be received in the Office of the General Faculty by December 11, 2015.



Hillary Hart, Secretary  
General Faculty and Faculty Council



**12. Other Certificate Requirements:** N/A**13. Give a Detailed Rationale for Change(s):**

Restrict BS in Nutrition majors to a maximum of six hours in nutrition that may count toward the certificate. Without this restriction, a student could count up to fifteen hours of their degree requirements toward the eighteen hours required for the certificate. For nutrition majors who seek the certificate, the college wants to broaden their knowledge of the history, culture, and impact of food on their clients beyond clinical considerations.

**14. College/School Approval Process:**

College Approval Date:	September 23, 2015
Dean Approver:	David Vanden Bout
Title:	Associate Dean for Undergraduate Education
Date:	September 28, 2015

**PROPOSED NEW CATALOG TEXT:****Food and Society Certificate**

Though food-related issues vary widely in focus, they are all linked by their complexity and are deeply interdisciplinary nature, each relating to topics of health and nutrition, genetics, politics, culture, the environment, economics, and business. Students will be able to appreciate the full range of these interdisciplinary ties and apply new perspectives to their primary academic majors and careers.

Students completing the certificate will be able to apply a more comprehensive understanding of the implications of their food-related actions and decisions; find better solutions to today's complex problems; formulate more effective public policy; become better informed and active citizens; and make healthier choices for themselves and their families.

No admission to the certificate is required. Students must contact the advising office in the School of Human Ecology to apply for the certificate the semester before the certificate requirements are met. The certificate consists of eighteen hours, of which nine hours must be in upper-division coursework. Courses must be completed with minimum grades of at least C- unless the course is offered only on the pass/fail basis. Students also seeking the Bachelor of Science in Nutrition may count a maximum of 6 hours in nutrition toward the food and society certificate.

Some of the courses may contain prerequisites that are in addition to the coursework for the certificate.

1. Three hours of introductory nutrition, chosen from Nutrition 306, 312, or 312H.
2. Fifteen hours selected from a minimum of two themes chosen from a, b, and c. No more than nine hours in a single theme may be applied toward the certificate.
  - a. Nutrition and Health
    - i. Nutrition 307, *Introductory Food Science*
    - ii. Nutrition 315, *Nutrition through the Life Cycle*
    - iii. Nutrition 218, *Assessment of Nutritional Status* and Nutrition 118L, *Assessment of Nutritional Status Laboratory*
    - iv. Nutrition 330, *Nutrition Education and Counseling*
    - v. Nutrition 321, *International Nutrition: The Developing World*
    - vi. Nutrition 334, *Foodservice Systems Management*
    - vii. Nutrition 353, *Field Experience in International Nutrition*
    - viii. Nutrition 365 (Topic 4: *Obesity and Metabolic Health*)
    - ix. Sociology 308S, *Introduction to Health and Society*

- x. Nursing 309, *Global Health*
  
- b. Culture and History
  - i. Nutrition 316, *Culture and Food*
  - ii. American Studies 370 (Topic 26: *American Food*)
  - iii. Anthropology 307, *Culture and Communication*
  - iv. Asian Studies 379 (Topic 7: *Cuisine and Culture in Asia*)
  - v. Classical Civilization 340 (Topic 6: *Food, Health, and Culture in the Ancient Mediterranean*)
  - vi. Classical Civilization 348 (Topic 14: *Ancient Greek Medicine*)
  
- c. Politics, Economics, and Environment
  - i. Nutrition 331, *International Nutrition: Social and Environmental Policies*
  - ii. Nutrition 332, *Community Nutrition*
  - iii. Geography 331K, *Nature, Society, and Adaptation*
  - iv. Geography 344K, *Global Food, Farming, and Hunger*
  - v. Geography 339K, *Environment, Development, and Food Production*
  - vi. Government 370L (Topic 21: *Politics of Food in America*)
  - vii. Marine Science 308, *Humans and a Changing Ocean*
  - viii. Marine Science 367K, *Human Exploration and Exploitation of the Sea*

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<sup>1</sup> See footnote 1b above: 18-24 hours are required.