

Department of Biochemistry, Nutrition, and Health Promotion

Department Head: Daniel Peterson (Interim)

Undergraduate Advisor: Aswathy Rai

Graduate Advisor: Natraj Krishnan

Biochemistry and Molecular Biology Program

The Biochemistry and Molecular Biology program within the Department of Biochemistry, Nutrition and Health Promotion (BCHNHP) involves disciplines at the cutting edge of a revolution in biology. Molecular methods and the use of genetic engineering have given scientists unprecedented power to explore the chemistry of life processes. The Department of BCHNHP prepares students at Mississippi State for this exciting area. In addition to the undergraduate curriculum in biochemistry and molecular biology, the department provides opportunities for an M.S. degree in Agricultural Life Sciences with a concentration in Biochemistry and a Ph.D. in Molecular Biology (See the Graduate Bulletin for description of programs and requirements for advanced degrees).

For the Bachelor of Science degree in biochemistry, the objective of this curriculum is to provide the student with a strong background in science, and to prepare the student for entry into professional schools, graduate study and/or highly technical scientific careers after graduation. The program is accredited by the American Society for Biochemistry and Molecular Biology (ASBMB), located at 900 7th Street, NW, Suite 550, Washington, DC 20001; telephone 202-783-1783; www.asbmb.org (<https://www.asbmb.org/>). This accreditation ensures that graduates are well-equipped for advanced studies and professional opportunities in biochemistry and molecular biology, and that the curriculum aligns with national standards in biochemistry and molecular biology. There are sufficient individual choices in the curriculum to allow students to tailor their programs to any of several areas of specialization by appropriate use of elective hours.

Biochemistry Minor

The Biochemistry minor is offered to allow undergraduate students in other majors to develop specific skills needed by graduates entering the science-related workforce. Students will enhance their written and oral communication skills and develop problem-solving/application skills. Students must complete 19 to 20 hours of approved coursework.

Graduate Studies Track

Students aiming for a career requiring graduate education should take Genetics and Cell Biology as technical electives. Since many graduate programs require some form of physical chemistry, it is strongly suggested that students take CH 4413 (<https://catalog.msstate.edu/search/?P=CH%204413>)/CH 4423 (<https://catalog.msstate.edu/search/?P=CH%204423>) Quantum Mechanics and Spectroscopy or CH 4403 (<https://catalog.msstate.edu/search/?P=CH%204403>) Biophysical Chemistry as technical electives.

Preparation for entry into an accelerated Master's Program (THESIS) in Biochemistry and Molecular Biology

This program requires careful planning by the student in order to complete the requirements for the B.S. while beginning a research program that should result in successful completion of a Master's thesis at the end of the second summer after the B.S. Only exceptional and motivated students should attempt this program. It is critical that BCH 4603 (<https://catalog.msstate.edu/search/?P=BCH%204603>) General Biochemistry I be scheduled in the spring of the sophomore year. The student will be expected to begin a research project in the senior year by taking up to nine hours of Directed Individual Study courses (BCH 4000 (<https://catalog.msstate.edu/search/?P=BCH%204000>)). Research will continue during the summer after completion of the B.S. degree. The student must register for BCH 8000 (3 hours) Thesis Research during the summer. In addition, the student should schedule a graduate level BCH course and ST 8114 (<https://catalog.msstate.edu/search/?P=ST%208114>) in the spring of the senior year.

The student interested in the five-year program should apply early in the undergraduate program to facilitate the scheduling of courses to conform to time constraints. The student must complete the courses required for completion of the BS degree with no more than 10 hours remaining in the semester of expected graduation.

Preparation for entry into an accelerated Master's Program (NON-THESIS) in Biochemistry and Molecular Biology

This program requires careful planning by the student to complete the requirements for the B.S. while initiating graduate work that should result in completion of courses leading to a Master's Degree, non-thesis concentration. This curriculum allows completion of the two degrees in a minimum of five years. Required courses and electives must be scheduled so that the student has only eight hours of undergraduate course work remaining in the spring of the senior year. The student should then schedule ST 8114 (<https://catalog.msstate.edu/search/?P=ST%208114>) Statistical Methods and an 8000 level BCH course in that same semester. Graduate work must include BCH 8654 (<https://catalog.msstate.edu/search/?P=BCH%208654>) Intermediary Metabolism or BCH 8633 (<https://catalog.msstate.edu/search/?P=BCH%208633>) Enzymes and BCH 7000 (<https://catalog.msstate.edu/search/?P=BCH%207000>) (3 hrs) Directed Individual Study (to allow completion of an independent research paper).

The student interested in the five-year program should apply early in the undergraduate program to facilitate the scheduling of courses to conform to time constraints. The student must complete the courses required for completion of the B.S. Degree with no more than 10 hours remaining in the semester of expected graduation.

Preparation for entry into an accelerated Ph.D. Program in Molecular Biology

This program requires careful planning by the student in order to complete the requirements for the B.S. while beginning a research program that should meaningfully accelerate progress towards early completion of the Ph.D. degree in Molecular Biology. By initiating a research program in the senior year, a student should reduce the time to completion of the Ph.D. by a year. Only exceptional and motivated students should attempt this program. It is critical that BCH 4603 (<https://catalog.msstate.edu/search/?P=BCH%204603>) General Biochemistry I be scheduled in the spring of the sophomore year.

The student will be expected to begin a research project in the senior year by taking the Directed Individual Study Courses. Research will continue during the summer after completion of the B.S. degree. The student must register for BCH 9000 (<https://catalog.msstate.edu/search/?P=BCH%209000>) Research in Biochemistry, Nutrition and Health Promotion during the summer.

The student should plan his/her complete graduate program of study in conjunction with research Director and Graduate Committee. Since the Ph.D. is primarily a research degree, ultimate time to completion will be dependent upon the period necessary to satisfy the research requirements of the Graduate Committee. This concentration allows the student to begin that research substantially earlier than usual.

Preparation for entry into Pharm.D. Program University of Tennessee Health Science Center (UTHSC) College of Pharmacy.

This program requires careful planning by the student to complete the requirements for the B.S. while initiating professional studies that should result in completion of courses leading to a Doctor of Pharmacy (Pharm.D.) degree. It allows students to finish their general education requirements and at least 30 hours of upper-level coursework for a Bachelor of Science in Biochemistry at Mississippi State University within three years. After successfully applying to and completing the first year of professional studies at the University of Tennessee Health Science Center (UTHSC) College of Pharmacy, students must request that their UTHSC transcript be sent to Mississippi State University's Office of the Registrar. Once reviewed, the transcript will be applied to the student's academic record, and the appropriate Bachelor of Science degree will be awarded upon application for graduation.

Guaranteed Interview Agreement Eligibility and Process: Students at Mississippi State University who meet the following minimum requirements are eligible for a Guaranteed Interview Agreement (GIA) with the UTHSC College of Pharmacy, regardless of their degree path or participation in the 3 + 1 program:

1. **Cumulative Science GPA:** A cumulative science GPA of 2.75 or higher must be maintained at the time of application.
2. **Application Process:** GIA applicants must apply for admission through PharmCAS using the Early Decision designation.

For further details, please contact the undergraduate coordinator for the Biochemistry program.

Preparation for entry into Pharm.D. Program University of Mississippi School of Pharmacy.

This program requires careful planning by the student in order to complete the requirements for the B.S. while initiating professional studies that should result in completion of courses leading to a Doctor of Pharmacy (Pharm.D.) degree. It allows students to finish their general education requirements and at least 30 hours of upper-level coursework for a Bachelor of Science in Biochemistry at Mississippi State University (MSU) within three years. After successfully applying to and completing the first year of professional studies at the University of Mississippi School of Pharmacy, students must request that their transcript from the University of Mississippi be sent to MSU's Office of the Registrar. Once reviewed, the transcript will be applied to the student's academic record, and the appropriate Bachelor of Science degree will be awarded upon application for graduation.

Additional Requirements:

- Continuous Enrollment: Students must maintain continuous enrollment at MSU throughout the program.
- Pre-Pharmacy Courses: All required pre-pharmacy courses must be completed at Mississippi State University. The only exception is if a course is not available at MSU and is taken at the University of Mississippi or another four-year institution approved by the University of Mississippi.
- GPA Requirement: A cumulative science GPA of 2.75 or higher must be maintained at the time of application.
- Course Grades: Students must earn a grade of C or higher in all required courses.
- Transfer Option: Students will have the option to transfer courses completed during their first year at the University of Mississippi School of Pharmacy back to MSU to fulfill the requirements for their Bachelor's degree.

Food Science, Nutrition, and Health Promotion

The Food Science, Nutrition and Health Promotion major offers the opportunity to gain a broad education in food science, nutrition, and health, as well as the specific academic background to pursue careers as food scientists and dietitians/nutritionists. It involves the integration of new knowledge and advances in technology and the physical and biological sciences with psychological, sociological, and behavioral sciences in the provision of a safe, nutritious food supply. Research, teaching, and outreach extend the continuum from the processing of food to its marketing, consumption, and impact on public health and community.

Food scientists integrate knowledge from engineering, biological, and physical sciences to study the nature of foods, the causes of deterioration, the principles underlying food processing, and the improvement of foods for the consuming public. Food technology is the application of food science to the selection, preservation, processing, packaging, distribution, and use of safe, nutritious, and wholesome foods (<http://www.ift.org/knowledge-enter/learnabout-food-science.aspx>, 2013).

The Department offers a degree in Culinology®. This is a dual degree program in which students take courses at Mississippi State University and the Mississippi University for Women in Columbus, MS. The Culinology® curriculum includes courses that combine the disciplines of food science and culinary arts. Culinologists work in diverse areas within the food industries - from experimental chefs to food manufacturing and product development.

The Pre-Health Professions concentration is designed to develop students who have a thorough understanding of the principles of food science and have also fulfilled the prerequisites for medical school or other health-related professional or graduate school programs (examples include but are not limited to: medicine, nursing, physician's assistant, physical therapy, pharmacy, occupational therapy, public health, optometry, podiatry, and others).

Dietitians are food and nutrition experts studying the relationship of nutrition and diet in promoting health and treating disease. Studies include nutritional science, medical nutrition therapy, community nutrition, food service, food production and management of food service operations, chemistry, physiology, plus a variety of supporting coursework in related disciplines. The Food and Nutrition concentration is an accredited Didactic Program in Dietetics (DPD) through the Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics, providing the required course work needed to apply for a supervised practice program required for Registered Dietitian Nutritionist (RDN) eligibility. (The terms Registered Dietitian (RD) and Registered Dietitian Nutritionist (RDN) are used interchangeably.)

Students in Food Science, Nutrition and Health Promotion have many exciting and diverse career opportunities. Food Science, Nutrition and Health Promotion careers include Research Scientist (Industrial, Government, Academic); Food Engineer; Food Microbiologist; Research and Development; Product Development Technologist; Research Chef; Food Manufacturing Operations Manager; Quality Control Technician; Regulatory Affairs; Food Packaging Specialist; Processing Engineer; Technical Sales in the Food Industry; Technical Services; Public Health/Community Nutritionist; Clinical Nutrition Educator; Nutrition Educator; Registered Dietitian (Pediatric, Cardiovascular, Renal, Private Practice, Sports/Wellness, Weight Management, Business and Industry, and Journalism and Communications); Healthcare/School Food Service Director; Pharmaceutical Sales Representative; and Public Relations and Marketing Specialists.

A major in Food Science, Nutrition and Health Promotion is also an excellent choice for students interested in pursuing pre-professional career paths like Veterinary School, Medical School, Pharmacy, Physical Therapy, Nursing School, and Dental School.

The following concentrations are offered in the Department of Food Science, Nutrition and Health Promotion:

- Food Processing/Business
- Food Science
- Food Safety (pre-vet)
- Food and Nutrition
- Pre-Health Professions

Food and Nutrition Concentration

The Food and Nutrition concentration prepares students for a wide variety of careers. For students interested in becoming a Registered Dietitian, the Didactic Program in Dietetics (DPD) at Mississippi State University is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics (ACEND) of the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics, 120 South Riverside Plaza, Suite 2190, Chicago, IL, 60606-6995; telephone 800-877-1600 or 312-899-0040, <http://www.eatright.org/ACEND>. Upon completion of the DPD program, graduates may pursue participation in a supervised practice program/dietetic internship.

Didactic Program in Dietetics:

1. To enter the Didactic Program in Nutrition and Dietetics (DPD) Food and Nutrition concentration, students must have a 3.0 GPA and have completed the following courses with a grade of "C" or better: CH 1213 Chemistry I, CH 1211 Investigations in Chemistry I, CH 1223 Chemistry II, CH 1221 Investigations in Chemistry II, CH 2503 Elementary Organic Chemistry, CH 2501 Elementary Organic Chemistry Laboratory, BIO 1134 Biology I, FNH 2293 Individual and Family Nutrition, ST 2113 Introduction to Statistics.
2. A grade of "C" or better is required in all DPD courses. A course with a final grade lower than a "C" must be repeated.
3. Students who wish to receive a Letter of Intent and/or verification statement from the MSU Didactic Program in Dietetics (DPD) must have a minimum of a 3.0 GPA and a minimum grade of "C" or better in all of the required DPD courses.
4. Six (6) hours are available for electives, and students are encouraged to consider an academic minor.
5. Transfer credits with a grade of "C" or better will be considered toward fulfilling degree requirements. After completion of the DPD undergraduate degree, successful completion of the supervised practice program/dietetic internship, followed by passing the Registration Exam, a student fulfills the requirements to become a Registered Dietitian. Beginning in January 2024, a minimum of a Master's degree will be an eligibility requirement to take the Registration Exam.

BS in Biochemistry & Molecular Biology

General Education Requirements

English Composition

| | | |
|------------|--------------------------------|---|
| EN 1103 | English Composition I | 3 |
| or EN 1104 | Expanded English Composition I | |
| EN 1113 | English Composition II | 3 |
| or EN 1173 | Accelerated Composition II | |

Creative Discovery

| | | |
|---------------------------------------|--|---|
| Select from General Education courses | | 3 |
|---------------------------------------|--|---|

Humanities

| | | |
|---------------------------------------|--|---|
| Select from General Education courses | | 6 |
|---------------------------------------|--|---|

Social/Behavioral Sciences (vary by concentration)

| | | |
|--|--|---|
| | | 6 |
|--|--|---|

Required for Pre-Dental concentration:

| | | |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------|--|
| PSY 1013 | General Psychology | |
| Select from General Education courses | | |

Required for Pre-Pharmacy & Pre-MBA concentrations:

| | | |
|---------|------------------------------|--|
| EC 2113 | Principles of Macroeconomics | |
| EC 2123 | Principles of Microeconomics | |

Required for Forensic Sciences concentration:

| | | |
|----------|---------------------------|--|
| PSY 1013 | General Psychology | |
| SO 1003 | Introduction to Sociology | |

All other concentrations

Select from General Education courses

Quantitative Reasoning

| | | |
|---------|-------------|---|
| MA 1713 | Calculus I | 3 |
| MA 1723 | Calculus II | 3 |

Natural Sciences

| | | |
|----------------------|--|---|
| CH 1213 & CH 1211 | Chemistry I and Investigations in Chemistry I | 4 |
| CH 1223 & CH 1221 | Chemistry II and Investigations in Chemistry II | 4 |

Degree Requirements

Major Core

| | | |
|----------|--|---|
| CH 1213 | Chemistry I | 3 |
| CH 1211 | Investigations in Chemistry I | 1 |
| CH 1223 | Chemistry II | 3 |
| CH 1221 | Investigations in Chemistry II | 1 |
| CH 4513 | Organic Chemistry I | 3 |
| CH 4511 | Organic Chemistry Laboratory I | 1 |
| CH 4523 | Organic Chemistry II | 3 |
| CH 4521 | Organic Chemistry Laboratory II | 1 |
| BCH 1001 | Introduction to Biochemistry | 1 |
| BCH 3901 | Senior Seminar | 1 |
| BCH 4414 | Protein Methods | 4 |
| BCH 4503 | Scientific Communication Skills | 3 |
| BCH 4603 | General Biochemistry I | 3 |
| BCH 4613 | General Biochemistry II | 3 |
| BCH 4623 | Integrative Metabolic and Medical Biochemistry | 3 |
| BCH 4713 | Molecular Biology | 3 |
| BCH 4804 | Molecular Biology Methods | 4 |

| | | |
|--|---|-------|
| BIO 1134 | Biology I | 4 |
| BIO 1144 | Biology II | 4 |
| BIO 3304 | General Microbiology | 4 |
| PH 1113 or PH 2213 | General Physics I ¹ Physics I | 3 |
| PH 1123 or PH 2223 | General Physics II ¹ Physics II | 3 |
| Technical Electives (concentration dependent) ² | | 21-32 |
| General Electives (concentration dependent) | | 0-10 |
| Oral Communication Requirement | | |
| CO 1003 | Fundamentals of Public Speaking | 3 |
| Writing Requirement | | |
| BCH 4414 | Protein Methods | 4 |
| BCH 4804 | Molecular Biology Methods | 4 |
| Computer Literacy | | |
| BCH 4414 | Protein Methods | 4 |
| BCH 4713 | Molecular Biology | 3 |
| BCH 4804 | Molecular Biology Methods | 4 |

Pre-Medicine Concentration (MED)

Biochemistry is an excellent preparation for medical school. In order to be better prepared for the Medical College Admissions Test (MCAT), medical school classes, and to meet medical school entrance requirements, the following courses are required in lieu of technical or general electives. These courses are also appropriate for students interested in dental school.

| | | |
|--|---|------------|
| Social Sciences (See General Education list) | | 6 |
| BIO 2103 or BIO 4114 | Cell Biology Cellular Physiology | 3 |
| Choose one of the following: | | 4 |
| BIO 3004 | Human Anatomy | |
| BIO 3014 | Human Physiology | |
| VS 3014 | Anatomy and Physiology | |
| BIO 4514 | Animal Physiology | |
| BIO 3103 or BIO 4133 | Genetics I Human Genetics | 3 |
| Choose one of the following: | | 3 |
| PH 1133 | General Physics III | |
| PH 2233 | Physics III (OR a technical elective if transferring 8 hours of Physics to the program) | |
| Choose one of the following: | | 3 |
| PHI 1123 | Introduction to Ethics | |
| PHI 3323 | Medical Ethics | |
| Science Elective | | |
| Technical electives | | 6 |
| General or Free electives | | 8-9 |
| Total hours | | 120 |

Pre-Dental Concentration (DENT)

Biochemistry is an excellent preparation for dental school. This concentration prepares students for the Dental Admissions Test, dental school classes, and to meet dental school requirements. The following courses are required as either Social Science core courses or in lieu of technical or general electives.

| | | |
|--|-------------------------------------|---|
| PSY 1013 | General Psychology | 3 |
| Social Science (See General Education courses) | | 3 |
| BIO 2103 or BIO 4114 | Cell Biology Cellular Physiology | 3 |

| | | |
|------------------------------|---|------------|
| BIO 3014 or BIO 4514 | Human Physiology Animal Physiology | 4 |
| ST 2113 | Introduction to Statistics | 3 |
| Choose one of the following: | | 3 |
| PHI 1123 | Introduction to Ethics ¹ | |
| PHI 3323 Science Elective | Medical Ethics | |
| PH 1133 | General Physics III (OR Science elective if transferring 8 hours of Physics to the program) | 3 |
| Science electives | | 6 |
| General or Free electives | | 8-9 |
| Total hours | | 120 |

Pre-Pharmacy Concentration (PPHR)

Pharmacy school typically requires only two to three years of college work for entry. However, four-year undergraduate programs can be of benefit to students and Biochemistry graduates have been very successful in Pharmacy School and perform well on the Pharmacy College Admissions Test. The following courses are required as either Social Science core courses or in lieu of technical or general electives.

| | | |
|---------------------------|---|------------|
| PSY 1013 or SO 1003 | General Psychology Introduction to Sociology | 3 |
| EC 2113 | Principles of Macroeconomics | 3 |
| EC 2123 | Principles of Microeconomics | 3 |
| ST 2113 | Introduction to Statistics | 3 |
| BIO 3103 or BIO 4113 | Genetics I Evolution | 3 |
| BIO 4405 | Pathogenic Microbiology | 5 |
| BIO 4413 | Immunology | 3 |
| BIO 4514 | Animal Physiology | 4 |
| PHI 3323 | Medical Ethics | 3 |
| PH 1133 | General Physics III (OR Science elective if transferring 8 hours of Physics to the program) | 3 |
| General or Free electives | | 4 |
| Total hours | | 120 |

Pre-Optometry Concentration (OPT)

Biochemistry is an excellent preparation for optometry school. This concentration prepares students for the Optometry Admissions Test, optometry school classes, and to meet optometry school requirements. The following courses are required as either Social Science core courses or in lieu of technical or general electives.

Biochemistry is an excellent preparation for optometry school. This concentration prepares students for the Optometry Admissions Test, optometry school classes, and to meet optometry school requirements. The following courses are required as either Social Science core courses or in lieu of technical or general electives.

¹ PHI 1123 Introduction to Ethics may be used to fulfill three of the six hours of General Education Humanities requirements. Students taking this course can apply this as a humanities elective (if they so choose) and then can take either PHI 3323 Medical Ethics or any other approved science elective to fulfill this technical elective requirement.

Science Concentration (SCI)

The Science concentration provides students with core classes towards a degree in biochemistry coupled with undergraduate research and/or internship requirements. Additional coursework as technical electives concentrate on cell biology, anatomy and/or physiology, with much of the coursework remaining flexible to allow students to explore specialized subject matter or broad areas of interest in the sciences. This concentration is intended for students that may pursue graduate research after their undergraduate degree, or those seeking to tailor a specialization to their interest or intended career track. The following courses are required in lieu of technical or general electives.

| | | |
|--|--|-----|
| Social Sciences (see General Education list) | | 6 |
| BCH 4100 or BCH 4000 | Biochemistry and Molecular Biology Internship Directed Individual Study in Biochemistry, Molecular Biology, Entomology, and Plant Pathology | 1-6 |
| Choose one of the following: | | 4 |

| | | |
|---|-------------------------------------|------------|
| BIO 3014 | Human Physiology | |
| VS 3014 | Anatomy and Physiology | |
| BIO 4514 | Animal Physiology | |
| BIO 2103 or BIO 4114 | Cell Biology Cellular Physiology | 3 |
| Science or business technical electives | | 12 |
| General/free electives | | 8-9 |
| Total hours | | 120 |

Bioinformatics Concentration (BINF) ¹

This concentration provides the student with a B.S. in Biochemistry and Molecular Biology incorporating a strong background in the biochemical sciences along with a rigorous preparation in the field of computer science. The graduate will be able to either enter graduate school or directly enter a career requiring knowledge of bioinformatics. This exciting field applies computational and database skills to molecular biological problems. Practitioners routinely mine genomic databases for information relating to basic understanding of life processes as well as information providing clues for medical and agricultural advances. This program also constitutes a minor in computer science. Students MUST take the following courses in lieu of technical and general electives.

| | | |
|---|--|------------|
| Social Sciences (See General Education courses) | | 6 |
| CSE 1284 | Introduction to Computer Programming | 4 |
| CSE 1384 | Intermediate Computer Programming | 4 |
| CSE 2383 | Data Structures and Analysis of Algorithms | 3 |
| CSE 2813 | Discrete Structures | 3 |
| CSE 3813 | Introduction to Formal Languages and Automata | 3 |
| CSE 4613 | Bio-computing | 3 |
| CSE 4633 | Artificial Intelligence | 3 |
| CSE 4623 | Computational Biology | 3 |
| CSE 4833 | Introduction to Analysis of Algorithms | 3 |
| ST 3123 | Introduction to Statistical Inference (OR Computer Science Elective) | 3 |
| Total hours | | 121 |

¹ Completion of the Bioinformatics program also constitutes a minor in Computer Science from the Department of Computer Science and Engineering, and students receive a Certificate in Computational Biology from the Institute of Digital Biology. Note that students must declare to the appropriate program and/or departmental advisor to receive credit for a degree minor and/or to receive a Certificate.

Pre-MBA Concentration (PMBA)

This concentration provides the student with a B.S. in Biochemistry incorporating a strong background in science while preparing the student for immediate entry into a graduate program leading to an advanced business degree (either the Master of Business Administration or the Master of Agribusiness Management). Either program can be completed in a minimum of three semesters. Students thus educated may enter into management level positions in the biotech or agribusiness industry. The following courses are required as either Social Science core courses or in lieu of technical or general electives.

| | | |
|------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------|
| ACC 2013 | Principles of Financial Accounting | 3 |
| ACC 2023 | Principles of Managerial Accounting | 3 |
| EC 2113 | Principles of Macroeconomics | 3 |
| EC 2123 | Principles of Microeconomics | 3 |
| BQA 2113 | Business Statistical Methods I | 3 |
| BQA 3123 | Business Statistical Methods II | 3 |
| MGT 3114 | | 4 |
| MKT 3013 | Principles of Marketing | 3 |
| FIN 3123 | Financial Management | 3 |
| Computer elective | | 3 |
| General/Free electives | | 6 |
| Total hours | | 120 |

Forensic Sciences Concentration (FOSC)

This concentration provides the student with a B.S. in Biochemistry incorporating a strong background in the biochemical sciences along with a rigorous preparation in the general area of criminology and forensics. Because of the ever increasing use of molecular sciences in forensics, graduates with this specialization should be employable by crime labs or by industry using DNA profiling or other biometric techniques. Internships are encouraged. The following courses are required as either Social Science core courses or in lieu of technical or general electives.

| | | |
|------------------------------|--|------------|
| PSY 1013 | General Psychology | 3 |
| SO 1003 | Introduction to Sociology | 3 |
| Choose one of the following: | | 3 |
| CH 2313 | | |
| ST 2113 | Introduction to Statistics | |
| PSY 3104 | Introductory Psychological Statistics | |
| SO 3603 | Criminological Theory | 3 |
| CRM 3103 | Contemporary Issues in Criminal Justice | 3 |
| SO 3313 | Deviant Behavior | 3 |
| or PSY 3213 | Psychology of Abnormal Behavior | |
| Choose one of the following: | | 3 |
| PSY 4373 | Forensic Psychology | |
| AN 4313 | Human Osteology | |
| CSE 4273 | Introduction to Computer Forensics | |
| BIO 3103 | Genetics I | |
| BIO 2103 | Cell Biology | 3 |
| or BIO 4114 | Cellular Physiology | |
| BCH 2013 | Introduction to Forensic Science | 3 |
| BCH 4333 | Advanced Forensic Science | 3 |
| SO 4513 | Correctional Systems (OR Science elective) | 3 |
| General/free electives | | 3-4 |
| Total hours | | 120 |

Entomology Concentration (ENT)

This concentration provides a student with a B.S. in Biochemistry but incorporates a focal area in entomology. Students receive excellent training in the biochemical sciences, coupled with general and specific entomology subject areas from which the student can choose subject matter in their areas of interest. The following courses are required in lieu of technical or general electives.

| | | |
|---|--------------------------------------|------------|
| Social Sciences (see General Education courses) | | 6 |
| EPP 4154 | General Entomology | 4 |
| EPP 4164 | Insect Taxonomy | 4 |
| EPP 4263 | Principles of Insect Pest Management | 3 |
| EPP 4335 | | 5 |
| Choose three of the following: | | 6-8 |
| EPP 3124 | Forest Pest Management | |
| EPP 3423 | Ornamental and Turfgrass Insects | |
| EPP 4173 | Medical and Veterinary Entomology | |
| EPP 4234 | Field Crop Insects | |
| EPP 4244 | Aquatic Entomology | |
| EPP 4543 | Toxicology and Insecticide Chemistry | |
| General/free electives | | |
| Total hours | | 120 |

Plant Pathology Concentration (PPTH)

This concentration provides a student with a B.S. in Biochemistry but incorporates a focal area in plant pathology. Students receive excellent training in the biochemical sciences, coupled with general and specific plant pathology subject areas in plant disease epidemiology, pathology and disease identification/diagnostics. The following courses are required in lieu of technical or general electives.

| | | |
|---|-------------------------------|------------|
| Social Sciences (see General Education courses) | | 6 |
| EPP 3124 | Forest Pest Management | 4 |
| EPP 4113 | Principles of Plant Pathology | 3 |
| EPP 4163 | Plant Disease Management | 3 |
| EPP 4214 | Diseases of Crops | 4 |
| EPP 4254 | Introduction to Mycology | 4 |
| EPP 4523 | Turfgrass Diseases | 3 |
| BIO 2113 | Plant Biology | 3 |
| or PSS 1313 | Plant Science | |
| Choose one of the following: | | 3-4 |
| PSS 4553 | Plant Growth and Development | |
| BIO 4214 | General Plant Physiology | |
| General/free electives | | 3-4 |
| Total hours needed for major | | 120 |

Pre-Veterinary Medicine Concentration (PVBC)

Biochemistry is an excellent preparation for veterinary medical school. In order to be better prepared for the Graduate Record Examination (GRE) or Veterinary College Admissions Test, veterinary medical school classes, and to meet veterinary medical school entrance requirements, the following courses are required in lieu of technical or general electives.

| | | |
|---|------------------------|------------|
| BIO 3103 | Genetics I | 3 |
| or BIO 4133 | Human Genetics | |
| VS 3014 | Anatomy and Physiology | 4 |
| or BIO 4514 | Animal Physiology | |
| BIO 2103 | Cell Biology | 3 |
| or BIO 4114 | Cellular Physiology | |
| Science or business technical electives | | 12 |
| Social Sciences (See General Education courses) | | 6 |
| General/free electives | | 8-9 |
| Total hours | | 120 |

Three year program (3+1) for early admission into the College of Veterinary Medicine

The aim of this curriculum is to allow a student to matriculate through the Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology for three years and then proceed into the College of Veterinary Medicine under their early admissions policy. Successful completion of the courses taken during the first year in Veterinary Medicine will satisfy the Department's requirements for technical electives and allow the University to grant the student a B.S. in Biochemistry and Molecular Biology after this period.

| | | |
|--------------------------------|--|----|
| General Education requirements | | 30 |
| CH 1213 | Chemistry I | 3 |
| CH 1211 | Investigations in Chemistry I | 1 |
| CH 1223 | Chemistry II | 3 |
| CH 1221 | Investigations in Chemistry II | 1 |
| CH 4513 | Organic Chemistry I | 3 |
| CH 4511 | Organic Chemistry Laboratory I | 1 |
| CH 4523 | Organic Chemistry II | 3 |
| CH 4521 | Organic Chemistry Laboratory II | 1 |
| BCH 1001 | Introduction to Biochemistry | 1 |
| BCH 4503 | Scientific Communication Skills | 3 |
| BCH 4603 | General Biochemistry I | 3 |
| BCH 4414 | Protein Methods | 4 |
| BCH 4613 | General Biochemistry II | 3 |
| BCH 4623 | Integrative Metabolic and Medical Biochemistry | 3 |
| BCH 4713 | Molecular Biology | 3 |
| BCH 3901 | Senior Seminar | 1 |

| | | |
|-------------------------|---|---|
| BCH 4804 | Molecular Biology Methods | 4 |
| BIO 1134 | Biology I | 4 |
| BIO 1144 | Biology II | 4 |
| BIO 3304 | General Microbiology | 4 |
| PH 1113 | General Physics I | 3 |
| PH 1123 | General Physics II | 3 |
| VS 3014 or BIO 4514 | Anatomy and Physiology Animal Physiology | 4 |
| BIO 3103 or BIO 4133 | Genetics I Human Genetics | 3 |

95 hours required plus successful completion of the first year curriculum of the College of Veterinary Medicine

Mississippi State requires a minimum of 120 hours for the undergraduate degree. Therefore, the first year in the College of Veterinary Medicine will contribute 25 hours of technical electives to this program.

BS in Food Science, Nutrition, and Health Promotion

General Education Requirements

| | | |
|---|--|----------|
| English Composition | | 6 |
| EN 1103 or EN 1104 | English Composition I Expanded English Composition I | |
| EN 1113 or EN 1173 | English Composition II Accelerated Composition II | |
| Creative Discovery | | 3 |
| Select from University Gen Ed Core | | |
| Humanities | | 6 |
| Select from University Gen Ed Core | | |
| Social/Behavioral Sciences (varies by concentration) | | 6 |
| Required for FSTP & FSSC Concentrations | | |
| AEC 2713 | Introduction to Food and Resource Economics | |
| Select from University Gen Ed Core | | |
| Required for FN Concentration | | |
| PSY 1013 | General Psychology | |
| SO 1003 or SO 1103 or SO 1203 | Introduction to Sociology Contemporary Social Problems Sociology of Families | |
| Recommended for PHP Concentration | | |
| PSY 1013 | General Psychology | |
| SO 1003 | Introduction to Sociology | |
| FDS Concentration | | |
| Choose from Gen Ed Core | | |
| Quantitative Reasoning (varies by concentration) | | 3 |
| Required for FSD Concentration | | |
| MA 1323 or MA 1713 | Trigonometry Calculus I | |
| Required for All Other Concentrations | | |
| ST 2113 or ST 3123 | Introduction to Statistics Introduction to Statistical Inference | |
| Natural Sciences | | 8 |
| CH 1213 | Chemistry I | |
| CH 1211 | Investigations in Chemistry I | |

| | | |
|---------|--------------------------------|--|
| CH 1223 | Chemistry II | |
| CH 1221 | Investigations in Chemistry II | |

Major Core

Major Core Courses

17

| | | |
|-------------------------------------|---|--|
| CH 2503 or CH 4513 | Elementary Organic Chemistry Organic Chemistry I | |
| CH 2501 or CH 4511 | Elementary Organic Chemistry Laboratory Organic Chemistry Laboratory I | |
| MGT 3513 | Introduction to Human Resource Management | |
| FNH 2293 | Individual and Family Nutrition | |
| FNH 3111 | Food Science, Nutrition and Health Promotion Seminar | |
| FNH 4243 | Composition and Chemical Reactions of Foods | |
| CO 1003 or CO 1013 or CO 3213 | Fundamentals of Public Speaking Introduction to Communication Small Group Communication | |

Choose a concentration:

Food Processing/Business Concentration (FSTP)

Major Advisors: Wes Schilling, Professor, and Shecoya White, Assistant Professor

FSTP combines food science and business courses to prepare students for careers in the food industry, government, or private business.

| | | |
|----------|-----------------|---|
| BIO 1134 | Biology I | 4 |
| MA 1313 | College Algebra | 3 |

Food Processing/Business Concentration

68

| | | |
|-------------------------|--|--|
| BIO 3304 | General Microbiology | |
| MA 1323 | Trigonometry | |
| PH 1113 or PH 2213 | General Physics I Physics I | |
| AEC 3413 or MKT 3013 | Introduction to Food Marketing Principles of Marketing | |
| AELC 3203 | Professional Writing in Agriculture, Natural Resources, and Human Sciences ¹ | |
| AELC 4203 | Applications of Computer Tech to Agricultural Education, Leadership, and Communications ² | |
| FNH 2011 | Career Planning and Success Skills in Food Science | |
| FNH 2112 | Food Products Evaluation | |
| FNH 4114 | Analysis of Food Products | |
| FNH 4241 | Applied Food Chemistry | |
| FNH 4333 | Food Law | |
| FNH 4414 | Microbiology of Foods | |
| FNH 4480 | Food Science Internship (6 hours) | |
| FNH 4573 or FNH 4583 | Food Engineering Fundamentals Food Preservation Technology | |
| FNH 4593 | New Food Product Development | |

Business Electives (12 hours) ⁵

Processing Electives (6-8 hours) ³

FNH Electives (3 hours) ⁴

Free Electives (0-1 hours)

Total Hours

124

¹ Fulfills Jr/Sr Writing Requirement

² Fulfills Computer Lit Requirement

- ³ Choose 2 courses (6-8 hours) from the Food Processing Electives: FNH 3314 , FNH 4143 Dairy Foods Processing, FNH 4514 Poultry Processing, or FNH 4613 Seafood Processing
- ⁴ Choose one additional FNH 3000-4000 level course from all Food Science, Nutrition, and Health Promotion classes
- ⁵ A minor in AgEcon, Marketing, Finance, Management or Business Administration will satisfy the requirement for 12 credits of business electives. In lieu of a minor, students should select 12 credit hours from the following: ACC 2013 Principles of Financial Accounting, MKT 3013 Principles of Marketing, AEC 3133 Introductory Agribusiness Management, AEC 3213 International Trade in Agriculture, AEC 3413 Introduction to Food Marketing, AEC 4113 Agribusiness Firm Management, AEC 4123 Financial and Commodity Futures Marketing, AEC 4133 Analysis of Food Markets and Prices, AEC 4343 Advanced Farm Management; all classes listed under the minors for Marketing, Finance, Business Administration, and Management are also acceptable business electives.

Food Science Concentration (FSSC)

Major Advisors: Wes Schilling, Professor, and Shecoya White, Assistant Professor

FSSC is designed for students who wish to explore a career in research, pursue graduate studies, work for the government, or work in the food industry.

| | | |
|---|--|------------|
| BIO 1134 | Biology I | 4 |
| MA 1713 | Calculus I | 3 |
| Food Science Concentration | | 68 |
| BIO 1144 | Biology II | |
| BIO 3304 | General Microbiology | |
| BCH 4013 | Principles of Biochemistry | |
| MA 1723 | Calculus II | |
| PH 1113 or PH 2213 | General Physics I Physics I | |
| PH 1123 or PH 2223 | General Physics II Physics II | |
| ACC 2013 | Principles of Financial Accounting | |
| MKT 3013 | Principles of Marketing | |
| AELC 3203 | Professional Writing in Agriculture, Natural Resources, and Human Sciences ¹ | |
| AELC 4203 | Applications of Computer Tech to Agricultural Education, Leadership, and Communications ² | |
| FNH 2011 | Career Planning and Success Skills in Food Science | |
| FNH 2112 | Food Products Evaluation | |
| FNH 4114 | Analysis of Food Products | |
| FNH 4164 | Quality Assurance of Food Products | |
| FNH 4241 | Applied Food Chemistry | |
| FNH 4333 | Food Law | |
| FNH 4414 | Microbiology of Foods | |
| FNH 4573 or FNH 4583 | Food Engineering Fundamentals Food Preservation Technology | |
| FNH 4593 | New Food Product Development | |
| FNH 4480 | Food Science Internship (6 hours) | |
| Processing Electives (3-4 hours) ³ | | |
| FNH Electives (3-4 hours) ⁴ | | |
| Free Electives (0-2 hours) | | |
| Total Hours | | 124 |

¹ Fulfills Jr/Sr Writing Requirement

² Fulfills Computer Lit Requirement

³ Choose 1 course (3-4 hours) from the Food Processing Electives: FNH 3314 , FNH 4143 Dairy Foods Processing, FNH 4514 Poultry Processing, or FNH 4613 Seafood Processing

⁴ Choose an additional 3-4 hours from all 3000-4000 level Food Science, Nutrition and Health Promotion classes.

Food Safety Concentration (FDS)

Major Advisors: Wes Schilling, Professor, and Shecoya White, Assistant Professor

FDS is designed as a Pre-Veterinary option that focuses on factors affecting food safety and all coursework essential for acceptance in the College of Veterinary Medicine.

| | | |
|---|--|------------|
| BIO 1134 | Biology I | 4 |
| MA 1313 | College Algebra | 3 |
| Food Safety Concentration ¹ | | 48 |
| CH 4523 | Organic Chemistry II | |
| CH 4521 | Organic Chemistry Laboratory II | |
| BIO 1144 | Biology II | |
| BIO 3304 | General Microbiology | |
| BCH 4013 | Principles of Biochemistry | |
| PH 1113 | General Physics I | |
| or PH 2213 | Physics I | |
| PH 1123 | General Physics II | |
| or PH 2223 | Physics II | |
| AELC 3203 | Professional Writing in Agriculture, Natural Resources, and Human Sciences ² | |
| AELC 4203 | Applications of Computer Tech to Agricultural Education, Leadership, and Communications ³ | |
| ADS 4114 | Animal Nutrition | |
| FNH 2011 | Career Planning and Success Skills in Food Science | |
| FNH 4241 | Applied Food Chemistry | |
| FNH 3314 | | |
| FNH 4414 | Microbiology of Foods | |
| FNH 4514 | Poultry Processing | |
| FNH 4583 | Food Preservation Technology | |
| Electives (Select 3-6 credits from the following list) | | 3-6 |
| ACC 2013 | Principles of Financial Accounting | |
| FNH 3142 | Meats Judging I | |
| FNH 4114 | Analysis of Food Products | |
| FNH 4143 | Dairy Foods Processing | |
| FNH 4164 | Quality Assurance of Food Products | |
| FNH 4593 | New Food Product Development | |
| ADS 1113 | Animal Science | |
| ADS 1121 | Animal Science Laboratory | |
| ADS 3214 | Livestock Growth and Development | |
| ADS 3312 | Livestock Management Practices | |
| ADS 4113 | Swine Science | |
| ADS 4124 | Animal Breeding | |
| ADS 4323 | Beef Cattle Science | |
| ADS 4613 | Physiology of Reproduction | |
| ADS 4611 | Practices in Physiology of Reproduction | |
| BIO 2103 | Cell Biology | |
| BIO 4413 | Immunology | |
| BIO 4503 | Vertebrate Histology | |
| BIO 4514 | Animal Physiology | |
| VS 3014 | Anatomy and Physiology | |
| PO 4033 | Diseases of Poultry | |
| PO 4324 | Avian Reproduction | |
| PO 4334 | Broiler Production | |
| PO 4413 | Poultry Nutrition | |

PO 4844 Avian Anatomy and Physiology

Total Hours needed for major through Junior Year 104-107

Students will receive a B.S. in Food Science, Nutrition and Health Promotion upon successful completion of their first year in the College of Veterinary Medicine at Mississippi State University.

If students do not obtain admittance into the School of Veterinary Medicine after their junior year, an optional 4th year that is listed below will allow these students to graduate with a B.S. in Food Science, Nutrition and Health Promotion (Food Safety Concentration) after their fourth year of studies as well as allow these students another year to attempt to earn admittance into the School of Veterinary Medicine.

Optional Senior Year 17

| | |
|----------|------------------------------------|
| FNH 4114 | Analysis of Food Products |
| FNH 4164 | Quality Assurance of Food Products |
| FNH 4593 | New Food Product Development |

6 hours of electives for 3000-4000 level FNH classes

Electives from the Electives list above to reach a minimum of 124 hours

Total Hours 124

¹ 45 hours is equal to 48-3 hours to account for the substitution for FNH 2293 in the major core.

² Fulfills Jr/Sr Writing Requirement

³ Fulfills Computer Lit Requirement

Food and Nutrition Concentration (FN)

Major Advisors: Amanda Conrad, Didactic Program in Nutrition and Dietetics Director and Instructor; Rahel Mathews, Assistant Professor; and Renee Matich, Instructor

BIO 3304 General Microbiology 4

Food and Nutrition Concentration 62

| | |
|----------|---|
| BCH 4013 | Principles of Biochemistry |
| BIO 1134 | Biology I |
| BIO 3004 | Human Anatomy |
| BIO 3014 | Human Physiology |
| MGT 3113 | Principles of Management |
| KI 2603 | Medical Terminology |
| FNH 2201 | Nutrition and Dietetics Career Planning |
| FNH 2203 | Science of Food Preparation |
| FNH 3283 | The Food Service System |
| FNH 3723 | Community Nutrition |
| FNH 4013 | Nutrition Assessment |
| FNH 4123 | Medical Nutrition Therapy I |
| FNH 4233 | Medical Nutrition Therapy II |
| FNH 4253 | Macronutrients: Human Metabolism |
| FNH 4284 | Quantity Food Production and Service |
| FNH 4293 | Micronutrients: Human Metabolism ³ |
| FNH 4323 | Professional Skills for Nutrition and Dietetics |
| FNH 4353 | Nutrition Throughout the Life Cycle |
| FNH 4363 | Research Methods in Food and Nutrition ² |
| FNH 4373 | Nutrition Education and Counseling Skills |

Free Electives 9

Total Hours 124

¹ Fulfills Oral Communication Requirement

² Fulfills Jr/Sr Writing Requirement

³ Fulfills Computer Literacy Requirement

Pre-Health Professions Concentration (PHP)

Major Advisors: Wes Schilling, Professor; Shecoya White, Assistant Professor; and Antonio Gardner, Assistant Professor

PHP is designed to develop students who have a thorough understanding of principles of food science and have also fulfilled the prerequisites for medical school or other health-related professional or graduate school programs.

| | | |
|---|--|------------|
| BIO 1134 | Biology I | 4 |
| MA 1313 | College Algebra | 3 |
| MA 1713 | Calculus I | 3 |
| Pre-Health Professions Concentration | | 57 |
| AELC 3203 | Professional Writing in Agriculture, Natural Resources, and Human Sciences ¹ | |
| AELC 4203 | Applications of Computer Tech to Agricultural Education, Leadership, and Communications ² | |
| BCH 4013 | Principles of Biochemistry | |
| BIO 1144 | Biology II | |
| BIO 3014 | Human Physiology | |
| BIO 3304 | General Microbiology | |
| CH 4521 | Organic Chemistry Laboratory II | |
| CH 4523 | Organic Chemistry II | |
| FNH 3103 | Introduction to Health Professions | |
| FNH 3163 | Basic Principles of Health Promotion | |
| FNH 4123 | Medical Nutrition Therapy I | |
| FNH 4241 | Applied Food Chemistry | |
| FNH 4393 | Prevention and Control of Disease | |
| FNH 4414 | Microbiology of Foods | |
| FNH 4583 | Food Preservation Technology | |
| MA 1723 | Calculus II | |
| PH 1113 | General Physics I | |
| or PH 2213 | Physics I | |
| PH 1123 | General Physics II | |
| or PH 2223 | Physics II | |
| PHI 3323 | Medical Ethics | |
| Electives (Choose 2-3 classes based on requirements for specific health professional school; see advisor for options) | | 8 |
| Total Hours | | 124 |

¹ Fulfills Jr/Sr Writing Requirement

² Fulfills Computer Literacy Requirement

B.S. in Culinology®

Major Advisors: Wes Schilling, Professor and Shecoya White, Assistant Professor

The Culinology® degree program offers the opportunity to gain a broad education in Food Science and Culinary Arts. It involves the integration of Food Science and Culinary Arts so that students are prepared to work in diverse areas within the food industries -- from experimental research chefs and menu planners to food manufacturing, fine dining, and product development.

Culinology® is an approach to food that blends culinary arts and food technology. Through the blending of these two disciplines, Culinology® seeks to make food taste better -- whether purchased in a supermarket or eaten in a restaurant. Culinology® also seeks to make food more consistent and safer. A primary application of Culinology® is to logically translate sophisticated food concepts, such as those applied in fine dining or in a traditional ethnic cuisine, to items that are on the menus of chain restaurants or those processed for retail sale. Such chain-menu or retail product development is only possible through the astute combination of culinary arts and food science and technology.

According to Jeff Cousminer in Food Product Design Magazine, the word *Culinology*® was coined by the first president and founder of the Research Chefs Association, Winston Riley. The original meaning of the word was quite different than what it has come to mean today. Originally the word was designed to be a combination of two words, culinary and technology. So the first meaning of the word was the convergence of culinary arts and all technology, which includes communications, chemistry, physiology, economics and many others.

Accredited Culinology® educational programs are offered by many institutions. The curriculum included courses that combine the disciplines of cooking and food science. According to industry professionals, like Kraft's Harry Crane, Culinology® should "help jump-start product development."

General Education Requirements

English Composition

| | | |
|-----------------------|---|---|
| EN 1103 or EN 1104 | English Composition I Expanded English Composition I | 3 |
| EN 1113 or EN 1173 | English Composition II Accelerated Composition II | 3 |

Creative Discovery

| | | |
|---------------------------------------|--|---|
| Select from General Education courses | | 3 |
|---------------------------------------|--|---|

Humanities

| | | |
|---------------------------------------|--|---|
| Select from General Education courses | | 6 |
|---------------------------------------|--|---|

Social/Behavioral Sciences

| | | |
|---------------------------------------|--|---|
| Select from General Education courses | | 6 |
|---------------------------------------|--|---|

Quantitative Reasoning

| | | |
|---------|---------------------------------------|---|
| ST 3123 | Introduction to Statistical Inference | 3 |
|---------|---------------------------------------|---|

Natural Sciences

| | | |
|----------------------|--|---|
| CH 1213 & CH 1211 | Chemistry I and Investigations in Chemistry I | 4 |
| CH 1223 & CH 1221 | Chemistry II and Investigations in Chemistry II | 4 |

Degree Requirements

Major Requirements

| | | |
|------------------------|--|--|
| MA 1313 | College Algebra | |
| CH 2503 | Elementary Organic Chemistry | |
| CH 2501 | Elementary Organic Chemistry Laboratory | |
| BIO 1134 | Biology I | |
| BIO 3304 | General Microbiology | |
| FNH 1103 | Introduction to Food Science, Nutrition and Health Promotion | |
| FNH 2203 | Science of Food Preparation | |
| FNH 2112 | Food Products Evaluation | |
| FNH 2293 | Individual and Family Nutrition | |
| FNH 4164 | Quality Assurance of Food Products | |
| FNH 4333 | Food Law | |
| FNH 4583 | Food Preservation Technology | |
| FNH 4593 | New Food Product Development | |
| FNH 4243 | Composition and Chemical Reactions of Foods | |
| FNH 4241 | Applied Food Chemistry | |
| FNH 4414 | Microbiology of Foods | |
| CA 1251 | ServSafe ^{MUW} | |
| CA 2003 | Introduction to Culinary Arts ^{MUW} | |
| CA 3005 | Food Prep I ^{MUW} | |
| CA 3015 | Food Prep II ^{MUW} | |
| CA 3023 | Menu and Recipe Development ^{MUW} | |
| CA 3500 or FNH 4480 | CA Internship ² Food Science Internship | |
| CA 4005 | Food Preparation III ^{MUW} | |
| CA 4013 | World Cuisines ^{MUW} | |
| CA 4103 | Business Skills in Culinary Arts ^{MUW} | |

CA/FNH Electives

5-6

Choose from list of approved electives¹

| | | |
|---------------------------------------|--|------------|
| Oral Communication Requirement | | 3 |
| CO 1003 | Fundamentals of Public Speaking | |
| or CO 3213 | Small Group Communication | |
| Writing Requirement | | 3 |
| AELC 3203 | Professional Writing in Agriculture, Natural Resources, and Human Sciences | |
| Total Hours | | 124 |

MUVCA courses offered by Mississippi University for Women in Columbus, Mississippi

- ¹ At least 3 hours must be FNH or business (ACC, MKT, MGT) electives and at least 3 hours must be Culinary Arts (CA) electives: FNH 4363 Research Methods in Food and Nutrition, FNH 4114 Analysis of Food Products, FNH 4143 Dairy Foods Processing, FNH 3314 , FNH 4514 Poultry Processing, FNH 4573 Food Engineering Fundamentals, FNH 3283 The Food Service System, FNH 4283 Purchasing Food and Equipment for Food Service Systems, ACC 2013 Principles of Financial Accounting, MKT 3013 Principles of Marketing, MGT 3513 Introduction to Human Resource Management, CA 3103 Dining Room Service, CA 3153 Demonstration Techniques, CA 3753 Advancing Baking, CA 4153 Food Styling, CA 2603 CA Entrepreneurship, CA 3623 Business Law for CA, CA 3633 Service Design and Management, CA 3643 CA Venture Marketing, CA 3653 HR Management of Culinary Business, CA 4603 Culinary Arts Entrepreneurship
- ² To be completed after the Junior or Senior Year.

Biochemistry Minor

The Biochemistry minor is offered to allow undergraduate students in other majors to develop specific skills needed by graduates entering the science-related workforce. Students will enhance their written and oral communication skills and develop problem-solving/application skills. Students must complete 19 to 20 hours of approved coursework.

| | | |
|--|---|--------------|
| BCH 4603 | General Biochemistry I | 3 |
| BCH 4613 | General Biochemistry II | 3 |
| BCH 4414 | Protein Methods | 4 |
| or BCH 4804 | Molecular Biology Methods | |
| BCH 4713 | Molecular Biology | 3 |
| Select a minimum of 6 hours (any two courses) from the following: | | 6-7 |
| BCH 2013 | Introduction to Forensic Science | |
| BCH 4000 | Directed Individual Study in Biochemistry, Molecular Biology, Entomology, and Plant Pathology | |
| BCH 4100 | Biochemistry and Molecular Biology Internship | |
| BCH 4253 | Macronutrients: Human Metabolism | |
| BCH 4333 | Advanced Forensic Science | |
| BCH 4414 | Protein Methods | |
| or BCH 4804 | Molecular Biology Methods | |
| BCH 4623 | Integrative Metabolic and Medical Biochemistry | |
| BCH 4990 | Special Topics in Biochemistry, Molecular Biology, Entomology and Plant Pathology | |
| Total Hours | | 19-20 |

Food Science Minor

Students will be required to complete the following courses to receive a minor in Food Science:

| | | |
|--|--|---|
| FNH 4241 | Applied Food Chemistry | 1 |
| FNH 4243 | Composition and Chemical Reactions of Foods | 3 |
| FNH 4414 | Microbiology of Foods | 4 |
| FNH 4583 | Food Preservation Technology | 3 |
| Choose 7 or more credits from the following electives: | | 7 |
| FNH 4593 | New Food Product Development | |
| FNH 1103 | Introduction to Food Science, Nutrition and Health Promotion | |
| FNH 3314 | | |
| FNH 4164 | Quality Assurance of Food Products | |
| FNH 4143 | Dairy Foods Processing | |
| FNH 4514 | Poultry Processing | |

| | | |
|--------------------|---------------------------|-----------|
| FNH 4114 | Analysis of Food Products | |
| Total Hours | | 18 |

Meat Science Endorsement

Major Advisor: Wes Schilling

The Department of Food Science, Nutrition, and Health Promotion and the Department of Animal and Dairy Sciences offer a Meat Science endorsement for students who wish to specialize in the meat processing industry. Students must complete a total of 24 credit hours as described below to be eligible for the endorsement. Nineteen credit hours are in required courses, with the remaining 5 hours to be selected from several electives. Students must also complete 300 hours of hands-on experiential learning in meat processing, research, and extension activities. With this approach, students will be career ready professionals equipped with a comprehensive understanding of industry and a skill set designed for them to make an immediate impact in meat science government, academic, or industry positions upon graduation.

Endorsement Requirements

Required Courses

| | | |
|---|--|-----|
| ADS 3314 | | |
| or FNH 3314 | | |
| FNH 4333 | Food Law | 3 |
| FNH 4414 | Microbiology of Foods | 4 |
| or BIO 4414 | Microbiology of Foods | |
| FNH 4514 | Poultry Processing | 4 |
| or PO 4514 | Poultry Processing | |
| FNH 4480 | Food Science Internship (3 credits must be at meat processing or related facility) | 1-6 |
| or ADS 4420 | Animal and Dairy Science Internship | |
| HACCP Training (as a Directed Individual Study) | | 1 |

Electives

Choose a minimum of 5 credit hours from the following:

| | | |
|-------------|---|--|
| ADS 3142 | Meats Judging I | |
| or FNH 3142 | Meats Judging I | |
| ADS 3214 | Livestock Growth and Development | |
| ADS 4243 | Composition and Chemical Reactions of Foods | |
| or FNH 4243 | Composition and Chemical Reactions of Foods | |
| ADS 4313 | Advanced Science of Muscle Foods | |
| or FNH 4313 | Advanced Science of Muscle Foods | |
| FNH 4114 | Analysis of Food Products | |
| FNH 4164 | Quality Assurance of Food Products | |
| FNH 4241 | Applied Food Chemistry | |
| FNH 4512 | Poultry Products Safety and Sanitation | |
| or PO 4512 | Poultry Products Safety and Sanitation | |

| | | |
|------------------------------|--|-----------|
| Total Hours (minimum) | | 24 |
|------------------------------|--|-----------|