Nutritional Sciences-Dietetics (NS-D)

Overview of Major: Nutritional Sciences Bachelor of Science degree program at UC Berkeley provides a strong foundation in the biological and chemical sciences. Students in the Didactic Training Program in Dietetics track are educated in the experimental biology of metabolic regulation, the impact of genetics on use of dietary constituents, and the interaction among genetics, health/chronic disease and dietary chemicals. This program prepares students to perform research into the relationship between diet and vertebrate development and well-being mechanistically, and/or for health professional careers. This specialization prepares students for a career as a Registered Dietitian (RD). RDs translate the science of nutrition into practical applications for individuals and groups in clinical, food service, or community settings.

Minimum Admission Requirements: Must be completed by the end of spring term preceding fall enrollment.

Other helpful courses (if offered):
- Micro and Macro Economics, microbiology
- Psychology or Sociology

Admissions Review Process:
- Holistic review: Based on combination of academic and non-academic achievements.
- Includes personal essay, coursework, test scores, interest in the major and field. A thoughtful essay demonstrating a clear interest in the major helps build a stronger application.
- For more about admissions review: http://admissions.berkeley.edu/selectsstudents

Application Timeline:
- UC Systemwide Application (November)
- UC Berkeley Work in Progress Update (January)
- Advisor Review (February)
- Decision notification (Late April)

Helpful Things to Know:
- IGETC satisfies Reading & Composition

How to contact an advisor:
Major Advisor: Nicole Lowy, nlowy@berkeley.edu (Appointments are preferred for prospective students)
Nutritional Sciences: Dietetics website: http://nature.berkeley.edu/advising/majors/nutritional-sciences-dietetics