

Nutritional Sciences-Dietetics (NS-D)

Overview of Major: The Nutritional Sciences major at UC Berkeley provides a strong foundation in the biological and chemical sciences, from which they choose one of three specializations in the major. Students in the Dietetics specialization are completing a Didactic Program in Dietetics (DPD) and 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 specialization is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics (ACEND) and prepares students to apply for an internship which is required to test to become 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.

Berkeley Courses:
English R1A & English R1B
Chemistry 1A & 1AL
Chemistry 3A & 3AL
Chemistry 3B & 3BL
Biology 1A & 1AL
MCB 32/32L
Math 1A <u>or</u> Math 16A & Math 16B
Stats 2
NST 10
Check assist.org for the course equivalencies at your community college

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:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UC Systemwide Application (November) • UC Berkeley Work in Progress Update (January) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advisor Review (February) • Decision notification (Late April) |
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Helpful Things to Know:

- IGETC satisfies Reading & Composition

How to contact an advisor:

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Nutritional Sciences: Dietetics website: <http://nature.berkeley.edu/advising/majors/nutritional-sciences-dietetics>