

## **Frequently Answered Questions**

### BS and MS degree in Nutritional Science

#### *Undergraduate and Graduate Students*

**1. How do I find the application?**

Apply online at [www.sjsu.edu](http://www.sjsu.edu)

**2. What is the application deadline?**

Go to [www.sjsu.edu](http://www.sjsu.edu), click on Future Students & Families, information is under Application Deadlines.

**3. How do I find the status of my application?**

After you submit the application online you will receive an email with your username and password. Log in to MySJSU, click on Self Service, click on Student Admission.

CMS Help Desk at 408 924-1530 can assist you with username and password questions or problems.

**4. What should I do if I missed the application deadline?**

You will need to submit the application for the next available semester. You should also speak to a student advisor about classes you may take through Open University or at a community college.

**5. How many units can I take through open university?**

Visit this link: <http://www.openu.sjsu.edu/> for more details and registration form.

Enroll in regular curriculum university classes on a space-available basis. Earn up to 24 units of undergraduate credit or 6 units of graduate credit. Registration is easy – you can usually confirm your space in class at the first class meeting.

**6. How do I get in touch with a student advisor?**

Visit this link: [http://www.nufs.sjsu.edu/resources/rsc\\_advising.htm](http://www.nufs.sjsu.edu/resources/rsc_advising.htm)

We also have student advising hours posted at the dept office door. Generally, in-person advising is available while the Fall and Spring semester is in session. During winter break, spring break, and summer break, you can post your question at [xuan@casa.sjsu.edu](mailto:xuan@casa.sjsu.edu) and we will connect you with a student advisor via email. Most answers to your questions are available at [www.nufs.sjsu.edu](http://www.nufs.sjsu.edu). We suggest that you view the website and look over this handout before posting your questions.

**7. When is the advising schedule for the Fall and Spring semester?**

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**8. Do the faculty have office hours during the summer, spring, and winter break?**

No, faculty are not on-duty during the summer, spring, and winter break. You can generally send an email, and faculty will respond upon their return to campus. Email directory is available at [www.sjsu.edu](http://www.sjsu.edu) (click on Directory) and [www.nufs.sjsu.edu](http://www.nufs.sjsu.edu) (click on Faculty).

*Undergraduate Students*

**9. How do I change my major to nutrition?**

Change of major form (already signed by Department Chair) is available at the hallway cabinet outside CCB 200 (Central Classroom Building) for students to pick-up. If you have a concentration (Dietetics, Food Science, Packaging), add this information on the New Major line (e.g. Nutritional Science concentration: Dietetics). If you have an emphasis, you can leave it as Nutritional Science.

**10. How do I know which concentration or emphasis is best for me?**

Visit our website at [www.nufs.sjsu.edu](http://www.nufs.sjsu.edu) to learn about the different areas of study in Nutritional Science. After this, if you need further clarification you can consult a student advisor. (See # 6 on how to get in touch with a student advisor.)

**11. ApSC 101 is not listed on the articulation site. How will I know which class is equivalent at a community college?**

ApSC 101 course covers MS Word, Excel, PowerPoint, database, explorer, and web design. You can confirm that the community college course is equivalent by checking its syllabus and course description. For any questions regarding this, email to [xuan@casa.sjsu.edu](mailto:xuan@casa.sjsu.edu) with the community college name and the course number you plan to take.

*Graduate Students*

**12. Aside from the application, you also need to provide support documents. Where are the support documents listed?**

At [www.nufs.sjsu.edu](http://www.nufs.sjsu.edu) website, click on "MS Nutritional Science" and "Applying to the SJSU and the NuFS Department".

**13. How do I verify if the support documents have been received?**

Support documents are given to the graduate coordinator. To verify that it has been received, you need to contact the graduate coordinator.

**14. Is the GRE required?**

No, GRE is not required for admission to MS Nutritional Science program. However, there are Basic Competency Exams that need to be taken.

**15. How soon will I hear about the acceptance decision?**

6-8 weeks from the support document deadline.

**16. Are there prerequisites for courses and do I need to complete them before applying?**

There are prerequisites, but you are not expected to complete them before applying. Consult with a student advisor regarding which prerequisites you can start taking.

**17. What if I have a non-nutrition bachelors degree and would like to pursue the MS and RD?**

You are not required to have a Nutrition bachelors degree to apply to the MS Nutritional Science program. The advising form is available at this link:  
[http://www.nufs.sjsu.edu/%5Cpdf%5Cnufs\\_ms\\_advising.pdf](http://www.nufs.sjsu.edu/%5Cpdf%5Cnufs_ms_advising.pdf)  
(Advising Form for MS degree plus RD for students with BS outside the major)

Another way to navigate is to go to [www.nufs.sjsu.edu](http://www.nufs.sjsu.edu), click on "MS Nutritional Science", and click on "Advising Form for MS degree plus RD for students with BS outside the major".

**18. How do I complete the DPD (Didactic Program in Dietetics) Transcript Evaluation?**

Instructions are available at:

[http://www.nufs.sjsu.edu/bachelor/dietetics/dietetic%20internship/bs\\_di\\_dpd.htm](http://www.nufs.sjsu.edu/bachelor/dietetics/dietetic%20internship/bs_di_dpd.htm)

You can also request the DPD transcript evaluation instructions by sending an email to [xuan@casa.sjsu.edu](mailto:xuan@casa.sjsu.edu) and indicate if you are a domestic or international student.

**19. How long will it take to complete the MS and RD?**

The advising form is available at the below link and includes a suggested plan.  
[http://www.nufs.sjsu.edu/%5Cpdf%5Cnufs\\_ms\\_advising.pdf](http://www.nufs.sjsu.edu/%5Cpdf%5Cnufs_ms_advising.pdf)

Another way to navigate is to go to [www.nufs.sjsu.edu](http://www.nufs.sjsu.edu), click on "MS Nutritional Science", and click on "Advising Form for MS degree plus RD for students with BS outside the major".

You can contact a student advisor to plan your curriculum path for you. Generally, it takes 3.5 years to complete the MS and RD. (See # 6 on how to get in touch with a student advisor.)

**20. How do I become a Registered Dietitian? What are the general steps?**

Visit this link: [http://www.nufs.sjsu.edu/bachelor/dietetics/bs\\_diet\\_rdp.htm](http://www.nufs.sjsu.edu/bachelor/dietetics/bs_diet_rdp.htm)

Generally, you can become an RD with a BS or MS degree in Nutritional Science. You are required to complete the DPD (Didactic Program in Dietetics) courses, 450 hours volunteer/or paid work, apply for the internal or external internship, complete the internship, and lastly take and pass the RD exam through the American Dietetic Association (ADA).

***Other Resources***

Visit our Nutrition and Food Science dept website at [www.nufs.sjsu.edu](http://www.nufs.sjsu.edu)

SJSU Home page: <http://www.sjsu.edu>

Application (Apply online): <http://www.csumentor.edu/>

How to Apply: [http://www.sjsu.edu/gradstudies/Prospective/How\\_To\\_Apply.html](http://www.sjsu.edu/gradstudies/Prospective/How_To_Apply.html)

Housing: <http://housing.sjsu.edu>

SJSU Catalog: <http://info.sjsu.edu/home/catalog.html>

Financial Aid Scholarship: <http://www.sjsu.edu/depts/finaid/>

Request information about sjsu: <http://welcome.sjsu.edu/interest.html>

Schedule of Classes: <http://info.sjsu.edu/home/schedules.html>

Testing and Evaluation: <http://www.sjsu.edu/depts/Testing/>