



Department of Public Health Sciences
Health Promotion Program Syllabus

Course name:	Fundamentals of Nutrition
Course no.:	HSCI 2302
Course CRN:	21207
Semester/year	Spring 2016
Undergraduate credit hours:	3
Class location:	Online
Class meeting time:	N/A
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Course description:	Includes a study of the nutrients and their sources, their metabolic functions and effects of wellbeing and health problems; also the components of adequate diets and local, national and world nutritional problems.
Course pre-requisites:	BIOL 1305 with a grade of "C" or better.
Required textbooks:	NUTR, By Michelle Kay McGuire/Kathy A. Beerman. 2013 Wadsworth Cengage Learning
Supplemental reading/Resources:	Super Tracker/Food Tracker https://www.supertracker.usda.gov/default.aspx (Free from USDA) Computer with Internet access
Course format:	Online
Major learning objectives (must be numbered):	By the end of this course, students will be able to: 1. Understand the importance of good nutrition 2. Identify primary goals and objectives as described in <i>Healthy People 2020</i> 3. Identify and explain the function of the major organs involved in the digestion and absorption of food 4. Identify and describe the physiological function, sources, and requirements for major nutrients (e.g. proteins, carbohydrates, fats, vitamins, minerals, and water) by our body 5. Identify the different components of a food label; learn how to read and interpret the label information given related to one's own nutritional needs 6. Learn about different nutrients which are positively related to health and identify those that increase risk of developing chronic disease

- 7. Analyze the relationship between energy balance and weight management
- 8. Identify the basic principles of food sanitation, safety and food insecurity
- 9. Identify the principles of optimum nutrition

Assessment strategies: (must be numbered)

Written Examinations

1. There will be 4 module exams and one comprehensive final exam. Final exam will comprise text chapters and lecture notes.
2. There will be NO make-up exams if exam is missed.
3. Work must be **neatly and professionally** written or typed, unacceptable written assignments will have points deducted. 5 points will be deducted for late work, for every class day that these are late.
4. Additional instructions on homework assignments and necessary forms required for these assignments can be found on Blackboard.
5. Quizzes will be given every other week throughout the semester. Each quiz will be completed using Blackboard. Students will have 30 minutes to complete the quiz which will be worth 10 points (2% total grade). A total of 8 quizzes will be given but only the five highest grades will be part of the final grade. Therefore, there will be **NO Makeup Quizzes**. Quizzes will be based on class notes, handouts, and materials in the textbook or additional readings. Each quiz will be based on material covered since the previous quiz. **However, one must realize that information in nutrition is cumulative and highly interrelated. Therefore, just because a concept appears on a quiz or exam does NOT mean that it will not appear on future tests and quizzes.**

Grading scale & criteria

Student performance
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Components of the Grade	% of the grade
Exams (10% each)	50%
Quizzes	10%
Dietary Analysis*	15%
Recipes*	10%
Discussion*	10%
Vitamins and Minerals*	5%
Total	100%

Grading Scale:

>90% A
 80%-89.4 B
 70%-79.4% C
 60%-69.4% D
 <59.4% F

* In order to obtain all points work must be clean, professional and creative

Incomplete policy: An "I" (incomplete grade) can only be considered only if requested by the student in advance of the conclusion of the course and only for legitimate, documented

	emergencies. Failure to request and negotiate the terms of an “Incomplete” grade before the conclusion of the course will result in a denial except in the most extraordinary circumstances.
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Course/Instructor & Institutional Policies

Attendance:	<p>It is expected that all students enrolled in HSCI 2302 Fundamentals of Nutrition to participate in all instructional activities. Online courses are no different from classroom courses in regards to attendance. Participation must be defined accordingly. Students “attendance” in online courses will be defined as active participation in the course as described in the course syllabus. Online courses will have, at minimum, weekly mechanism for student participation, which can be documented by any or all of the following methods:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Student participation in discussion 2. Submission/completion of assignment and evaluations 3. Communication with the instructor. <p>Students who do not log on to the course within the drop/add period for the course will be dropped from the course. Students who fail to maintain an active participation in an online course as defined in the course syllabus will be processed in accordance with the university’s current attendance policy.</p> <p>Other Attendance Policy: Class participation is a mandatory component of this course. It is the student’s responsibility to get all assignments and/or class notes. Not knowing about an exam or assignment due date because lack of participation in the class is not a valid excuse.</p>
Reading assignments:	All assigned readings need to be completed prior to next scheduled class online session. Example: the reading assignments for week 2 need to be completed prior to week 2 is over.
Writing standards	Effective public health leaders and practitioners are also effective written as well as oral communicators. Written communication is a critical element of the communication process. Our undergraduate program both recognizes and expects good writing to be the norm for course work. Please feel free to seek out assistance from the UTEP Writing Center. It is free and they are very helpful.
Policy for late assignments	Due dates for homework, exams, presentations and other assignments are designed for fairness to all students. No exceptions to those dates will be made excepting in cases of university-designated closures. Five (5) points will be deducted for each day an assignment is late (including weekend days).
Permission to record lectures & discussions	Not permitted without express permission of the instructor

Cellphone/electronic tablet/ use policies:	N/A
Field trip policies:	N/A
Class participation:	Active student participation in this course is very important. Students must be prepared to participate in all online activities.
Special accommodations:	If you have a disability and need classroom accommodations, please contact The Center for Accommodations and Support Services (CASS) at 747-5148, or by email to cass@utep.edu , or visit their office located in UTEP Union East, Room 106. For additional information, please visit the CASS website at www.sa.utep.edu/cass .
Student conduct:	Students are expected to be above reproach in all scholastic activities. Students

who engage in scholastic dishonesty are subject to disciplinary penalties, including the possibility of failure in the course and dismissal from the university. "Scholastic dishonesty includes but is not limited to cheating, plagiarism, collusion, and the submission for credit of any work or materials that are attributable in whole or in part to another person, taking an examination for another student, any act designed to give unfair advantage to a student or the attempt to commit such acts." Regent's Rules and Regulations, Part One, Chapter VI, Section 3.2, Subdivision 3.22. Since scholastic dishonesty harms the individual, all students, and the integrity of the University, policies on scholastic dishonesty will be strictly enforced. From the UTEP Dean of Student Affairs (<http://studentaffairs.utep.edu/Default.aspx?tabid=4386>) "It is an official policy of university that all suspected cases or acts of alleged scholastic dishonesty must be referred to the Dean of Students for investigation and appropriate disposition. Any student who commits an act of scholastic dishonesty is subject to discipline. Scholastic dishonesty includes, but is not limited to cheating, plagiarism, collusion, the submission for credit of any work or materials that are attributable in whole or in part to another person, taking an examination for another person, any act designed to give unfair advantage to a student or the attempt to commit such acts".

Examples of "cheating" include:

- Copying from the homework, on-line work or exams, engaging in written, oral, or any other means of communication with another student during an exam or homework assignment, or giving aid to or seeking aid from another student during a test;
- Possession and/or use during an exam or home test of materials which are not authorized by the person giving the test, such as class notes, books, or specifically designed "crib notes";
- Using, obtaining, or attempting to obtain by any means the whole or any part of non-administered test, test key, homework solution, or computer program; using a test that has been administered in prior classes or semesters but which will be used again either in whole or in part without permission of the instructor; or accessing a test bank without instructor permission;
- Collaborating with or seeking aid from another student for an assignment without authority;
- Substituting for another person, or permitting another person to substitute for one's self, to take a test;
- Falsifying research data, laboratory reports, and/or other records or academic work offered for credit.

"Plagiarism" means the appropriation, buying, receiving as a gift, or obtaining by any means another's work and the unacknowledged submission or incorporation of it in one's own academic work offered for credit, or using work in a paper or assignment for which the student had received credit in another course without direct permission of all involved instructors. NOTE: This includes cutting-and-pasting and photocopying from on-line and other material.

"Collusion" means the unauthorized collaboration with another person in preparing academic assignments offered for credit or collaboration with another person to commit a violation of any provision of the rules on scholastic dishonesty.