



COLLEGE of SOCIAL AND APPLIED HUMAN SCIENCES

DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY RELATIONS
AND APPLIED NUTRITION

NUTR*3150: Aging & Nutrition

COURSE OUTLINE – WINTER 2023

1. CALENDAR DESCRIPTION

This course provides an in-depth study of the determinants of food intake and nutrient recommendations for aging adults. Specific consideration will be given to eating environments and physiological changes that influence access, preparation, and consumption of food by older adults living in the community and in facilities. An emphasis will be placed on chronic disease prevention and management.

Credit Weight: 0.5 credits
Course Hours: 3-0 (36 lecture; 0 lab/seminar)
Pre-Requisite(s): 1 of NUTR*1010, NUTR*2150, NUTR*3210
Co-Requisites(s):
Restriction(s): NUTR*2070

2. COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course brings together the two interdisciplinary fields of gerontology and nutrition. Within this course we will explore the nutritional needs of older adults and learn about strategies for maintaining health and well-being as we age. We will also delve into current recommendations for nutrient intakes and examine how they influence special diets and programs and services in community and institutional settings. Students will have the opportunity to learn about current research, services, and clinic practice in the field through a series of “Research, Practice and Clinical Spotlights.” By the end of the course, students will have the opportunity to demonstrate their knowledge through a practical assignment focused on distilling the research and clinical evidence into a tool that could be used by older adults within our community.

3. TIMETABLE

Lecture: Monday 7:00 – 9:50 p.m.

Location: MCKN 029

Final Exam: N/A

4. INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPORT

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5. LEARNING RESOURCES

Required Resource(s): Please visit Courselink to find the list of readings and resources for each week.

6. LEARNING OUTCOMES

At the completion of the course, successful students will be able to:

1. Understand the role of nutrition in promoting healthy aging, including the role of specific nutrients and dietary patterns.
2. Describe the role of nutrition in promoting functional independence and quality of life in older adults.
3. Identify community resources and support systems that promote healthy nutrition and aging.
4. Demonstrate foundational skills in assessment and screening to address the nutritional status of older adults.
5. Evaluate and effectively communicate research findings on aging and nutrition to older adults in a clear, concise, and easily understood manner, using age-appropriate language and formats.

7. TEACHING AND LEARNING ACTIVITIES

Week	Date	Topics	Notes / Dates
1.	January 9 th	Welcome, Introductions, Overview Getting Started: Why Aging & Nutrition	
2.	January 16 th	Theories of aging and the link to nutrition From micro to macro	
3.	January 23 rd	Nutritional recommendations in later life: critical perspectives and considering social determinants	
4.	January 30 th	What do we know? Essential nutrients in aging and chronic disease	
5.	February 6 th	What do we know? Essential nutrients in aging and chronic disease	
6.	February 13 th	Quiz #1: worth 25% open during class time	
Reading Week			
7.	February 27 th	Evidence-based eating: what do we know about ‘special’ diets?	
8.	March 6 th	Introduction to clinical assessments in nutrition	
9.	March 13 th	Social and clinical concerns associated with aging: Frailty, dementia, widowhood	
10.	March 20 th	Nutrition in Long-Term Care: Challenges and opportunities	
11.	March 27 th	Wrap up & Summary	Knowledge Translation Tools due Friday March 31 st at 6:00 p.m.
12.	April 3 rd	Quiz #2: worth 25% open during class time	

Note: This is a tentative schedule; however, due to various unknown factors there may be changes. Any changes will be announced during class and an announcement will be posted on the CourseLink site.

8. ASSESSMENT DETAILS

Assessment	LOs Addressed	Due Date	% of Final
Quiz #1	1,2,3,4	Feb 13 th	25
Quiz #2	1,2,3,4	April 3 rd	25
Engagement Activities	1,2,3,4	Weekly	25
Knowledge Translation Assignment	1,2,3,5	March 31 st	25
Total:			100%

9. COURSE STATEMENTS

Land Acknowledgement:

We acknowledge that the University of Guelph resides on the ancestral lands of the Attawandaron people and the treaty lands and territory of the Mississaugas of the Credit. We recognize the significance of the Dish with One Spoon Covenant to this land and offer our respect to our Anishinaabe, Haudenosaunee and Métis neighbours as we strive to strengthen our relationships with them. Acknowledging them reminds us of our important connection to this land where we learn and work.

Course Website:

There is a course website at <http://courselink.uoguelph.ca>. All components of this course will be housed on the CourseLink site including this course outline, assignments, and links to further resources. Your assignments will be submitted through the Dropbox function. Marks and feedback will also be released on the site. Please familiarize yourself with this website as soon as possible and visit it regularly throughout the semester.

Late Assignments:

Late assignments will be accepted up to 5 days following the due date and will receive a penalty of 10% per day EXCEPT under documented grounds for compassionate consideration. Assignments submitted more than one week late without documented grounds will receive a grade of zero. If you are going to hand an assignment in late, you must contact your course instructor to inform them when you will be submitting your assignment.

Receipt of Grades:

After you receive a grade on CourseLink, please review your feedback. Any inquiry or dispute over the grade must be made within two weeks from the date they are posted. If you fail to protest any grade during this time limit, changes to the grade will not be considered. [Grades will be based on the Grading Procedures outlined in the Undergraduate Calendar.](#)

Turnitin Software:

In this course, your instructor will be using Turnitin, integrated with the CourseLink Dropbox tool, to detect possible plagiarism, unauthorized collaboration or copying as part of the ongoing efforts to maintain academic integrity at the University of Guelph.

All submitted assignments will be included as source documents in the Turnitin.com reference database solely for the purpose of detecting plagiarism of such papers. Use of the Turnitin.com service is subject to the Usage Policy posted on the Turnitin.com site.

A major benefit of using Turnitin is that students will be able to educate and empower themselves in preventing academic misconduct. In this course, you may screen your own assignments through Turnitin as many times as you wish before the due date. You will be able to see and print reports that show you exactly where you have properly and improperly referenced the outside sources and materials in your assignment.

10. UNIVERSITY STATEMENTS

E-mail communication:

As per university regulations, all students are required to check their <uoguelph.ca> e-mail account regularly: e-mail is the official route of communication between the University and its students.

When you cannot meet a course requirement:

When you find yourself unable to meet an in-course requirement because of illness or compassionate reasons, please advise the course instructor (or designated person, such as a teaching assistant) in writing, with your name, id#, and e-mail contact. See the Undergraduate Calendar for information on regulations and procedures for [Academic Consideration](#).

Drop date:

Courses that are one semester long must be dropped by the end of the last day of classes; two-semester courses must be dropped by the last day of classes in the second semester. The regulations and procedures for [Dropping Courses](#) are available in the Undergraduate Calendar.

Copies of out-of-class assignments:

Keep paper and/or other reliable back-up copies of all out-of-class assignments: you may be asked to resubmit work at any time.

Accessibility:

The University promotes the full participation of students who experience disabilities in their academic programs. To that end, the provision of academic accommodation is a shared responsibility between the University and the student.

When accommodations are needed, the student is required to first register with Student Accessibility Services (SAS). Documentation to substantiate the existence of a disability is required, however, interim accommodations may be possible while that process is underway.

Accommodations are available for both permanent and temporary disabilities. It should be noted that common illnesses such as a cold or the flu do not constitute a disability.

Use of the SAS Exam Centre requires students to make a booking at least 14 days in advance, and no later than November 1 (fall), March 1 (winter) or July 1 (summer). Similarly, new or changed accommodations for online quizzes, tests and exams must be approved at least a week ahead of time.

More information: www.uoguelph.ca/sas

Academic misconduct:

The [Academic Misconduct Policy](#) is outlined in the Undergraduate Calendar.

The University of Guelph is committed to upholding the highest standards of academic integrity and **it is the responsibility of all members of the University community – faculty, staff, and students – to be aware of what constitutes academic misconduct** and to do as much as possible to prevent academic offences from occurring. University of Guelph students have the responsibility of abiding by the University's policy on academic misconduct regardless of their location of study; faculty, staff and students have the responsibility of supporting an environment that discourages misconduct. Students need to remain aware that instructors have access to and the right to use electronic and other means of detection.

Please note: Whether or not a student intended to commit academic misconduct is not relevant for a finding of guilt. Hurried or careless submission of assignments does not excuse students from responsibility for verifying the academic integrity of their work before submitting it. Students who are in any doubt as to whether an action on their part could be construed as an academic offence should consult with a faculty member or faculty advisor.

Instructors **shall not** determine if academic misconduct has occurred. This is up to the Associate Dean Academic's office. Instructors shall not assign a grade of zero even if they believe that the student has committed some form of academic misconduct (e.g., copied material from a website like CourseHero) on an assignment or exam.

Instructors **can** determine if a student has poorly paraphrased and/or improperly cited material and can provide a grade accordingly as long as this is clearly identified as part of the assessment criteria via a rubric or other assessment tools.

For more information about Academic Integrity resources and how to prevent Academic Misconduct see: <https://csahs.uoguelph.ca/faculty-research/hub-teaching-learning-excellence/academic-integrity>

Recording of materials:

Presentations which are made in relation to course work—including lectures—cannot be recorded or copied without the permission of the presenter, whether the instructor, a classmate or guest lecturer. Material recorded with permission is restricted to use for that course unless further permission is granted.

Resources:

The [Academic Calendars](#) are the source of information about the University of Guelph's procedures, policies and regulations which apply to undergraduate, graduate and diploma programs.

Disclaimer:

Please note that the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic may necessitate a revision of the format of course offerings, changes in classroom protocols, and academic schedules. Any such changes will be announced via Courselink and/or class email.

This includes on-campus scheduling during the semester, mid-terms and final examination schedules. All University-wide decisions will be posted on the COVID-19 website (<https://news.uoguelph.ca/2019-novel-coronavirus-information/>) and circulated by email.

Illness:

Medical notes will not normally be required for singular instances of academic consideration, although students may be required to provide supporting documentation for multiple missed assessments or when involving a large part of a course (e.g., final exam or major assignment).

COVID-19 Safety Protocols:

For information on current safety protocols, follow these links:

- <https://news.uoguelph.ca/return-to-campuses/how-u-of-g-is-preparing-for-your-safe-return/>
- <https://news.uoguelph.ca/return-to-campuses/spaces/#ClassroomSpaces>

Please note, that these guidelines may be updated as required in response to evolving University, Public Health or government directives.