FOOD SCIENCE AND NUTRITION (FDSN)

FDSN 100
Introduction to the Profession
In this course students will survey the professional landscape of the food industry. The course provides an introduction to the different career roles and opportunities within the food industry. The rich Chicago food industry will serve as a backdrop to learn about the current and emerging food ecosystem. Students will hear from industry guest speakers about the legacy and latest start-up enterprises that comprise various professional paths. Field trips to local food business incubators and food processing plants are planned. The course will also provide an introduction to food regulations.
Lecture: 2 Lab: 0 Credits: 2

FDSN 201
Nutrition and Wellness
Introduction to the basic principles of nutrition and the relationship of the human diet to health. Overview of the nutrition profession, the biological uses of nutrients, and tools for dietary planning and assessment in various settings. Examination of specific issues such as weight management, sports nutrition, food safety, the diet-disease relationship, and global nutrition. Analysis of special nutritional requirements and needs during the life cycle.
Lecture: 3 Lab: 0 Credits: 3
Satisfies: Natural Science (N)

FDSN 210
Introduction to Culinology
This course gives a broad overview of the new field of culinology: the blending of culinary arts and food science training. Topics include Principles of Cooking, Formula and Recipe Development, Culinary Fundamentals and Production Systems, Culinary Uses and Applications of Products, Flavor Building, and Functional Ingredients, and how these all integrate with Food Safety and Sanitation Principles.
Lecture: 2 Lab: 0 Credits: 2

FDSN 300
Nutrition Through the Life Cycle
This course analyzes the changing nutritional requirements and relative dietary and psycho-social issues which are specific to the different stages of the life cycle. Expected student outcomes include the following: (1) the student will be able to identify specific nutrient requirements for each stage of the life cycle; (2) the student will be able to relate nutrient needs to developmental levels, including biochemical and physiological structure/function of the body, and have a general understanding of dietary planning that will adequately meet nutritional needs of given levels; (3) the student will be able to describe the importance of environment, feeding skills, psychosocial situations, and other factors to total nutrition and eating habits through the life cycle (development through aging); (4) the student will be able to identify risk factors associated with major health problems over the life span and acquire appropriate knowledge for addressing through dietary and lifestyle choices; (5) the student will be able to select, utilize, and evaluate appropriate materials and methods for communication of nutrition information to a given audience; (6) the student will be able to evaluate dietary intakes and feeding programs for individuals throughout the life cycle; and (7) the student will effectively communicate knowledge through exams, writing, and/or oral projects.
Prerequisite(s): (BIOL 107 or BIOL 115) and (FST 201 or FST 401 or FPE 201 or FPE 401)
Lecture: 3 Lab: 0 Credits: 3
Satisfies: Natural Science (N)

FDSN 301
Exploring Food Science & Tech
In this course students will explore the wide array of disciplines in which engineering, biological, and physical sciences are used to study and produce food products. An overview of the relationship between food nutrition, chemistry, microbiology, safety, processing, engineering, sensory, and product development will be discussed. The food science and technology industry will be studied to understand food processing, food safety, quality and packaging of specific categories of foods. The course also provides a brief introduction to different career opportunities within the food and technology industry.
Lecture: 3 Lab: 0 Credits: 3
FDSN 304
Food Biotechnology
This course is designed for undergraduate students to learn various biotechnologies and applications used by modern food industry. These may include but limited to genetic engineering of microorganisms, polymerase chain reaction, molecular detection, DNA fingerprinting, and epidemiology of foodborne pathogen, genetically modified organisms (GMOs), food plant biotechnology, dairy and animal biotechnology, biotechnology in fermentation industry and dietary supplements, consumer perspectives and governmental regulations of GMOs, organic foods and more. Also covered in this course: fundamentals of microbial genomics and proteomics, introduction of bioinformatics tools including database search, gene prediction, PCR primer design, structural and functional prediction of proteins. Also examined are applications of high-throughput sequencing technology and data security in food safety and public health sectors.
Prerequisite(s): BIOL 210
Lecture: 3 Lab: 0 Credits: 3

FDSN 310
Food Chemistry with Lab
The course applies basic scientific principles to food systems and practical applications. Chemical/biochemical reactions of carbohydrates, lipids, proteins, and other microbial constituents in fresh and processed foods are discussed with respect to food quality. Reaction conditions and processes that affect color, flavor, aroma, texture, nutrition, and safety of food are emphasized. Other topics include activation and control of enzymatic reactions in fruits and vegetables; consequences of water migration on food quality; gelatinization and retrogradation in starch-based foods (e.g., pudding, bread, and rice); initiation and control of non-enzymatic browning (e.g., pretzels, meat); food emulsions (e.g., salad dressings, commuted meats products), crystal structures in foods and general properties of food materials. The interaction of food components with packaging and the environment will be examined.
Prerequisite(s): CHEM 237
Lecture: 2 Lab: 1 Credits: 3

FDSN 311
Food Analysis and Properties
In this course students will learn about the physical and chemical properties of foods that can be instrumentally measured as a means to derive product and ingredient specifications. Such measurements enable the food industry to define foods on an objective basis and meet regulatory requirements for food labeling. Properties such as color, acidity, total solids, viscosity, water activity, particle size and moisture content will be demonstrated in a hands-on lab experience setting. This course will also cover the types of instrumentation used for nutritional label contents (protein, fat, sugars, salt etc.) versus that used for research purposes and trouble-shooting for product design issues.
Lecture: 2 Lab: 1 Credits: 3

FDSN 312
Food and Natural Products Toxicology
Food toxicology is concerned with assessing the injurious effects on living systems of chemicals present in foods. The chemical agents can be man-made (e.g., pesticide residues, food additives, contaminants originating with processing machinery, or packaging materials) or of natural origin (e.g., microbial, animal or plant derived). They can also be generated in the course of preparing, processing, and preserving foods (e.g., mutagens and carcinogens). This course presents the chemical and biological principles that determine toxicity and, by presenting typical examples of the toxic substances found in foods, it hopes to let students become familiar with their properties, modes of action, and methods of analysis.
Prerequisite(s): CHEM 237 and BIOL 107
Lecture: 3 Lab: 0 Credits: 3

FDSN 314
Sustainable Food Systems
This course is designed to give students an appreciation of the complex intersections and relationships among food and culture, economics, the environment, labor, policy, population health, and social justice. Students will have opportunities to work on projects that model and analyze these relationships, and consider trade-offs impacting production and consumption, global nutrition and health, scarcity in resources, and more. Students will visit urban and rural farms, introduced to alternative farming techniques and their challenges, how sustainability is measured and reported in the food and related industries.
Lecture: 3 Lab: 0 Credits: 3

FDSN 316
Cultural Foods with Lab
This course examines the regional, ethnic, cultural, religious, historical and social influences on food patterns and cuisine. Students will study cultural food and nutrition principles related to the following topics: Food as identity and food in social organization; Evolutionary and revolutionary developments in food and cuisine; Food as spectacle; Food technology in non-industrialized and industrialized food systems; Food and health: political inputs and obesity; Food branding and marketing, Food in world religions; Global hunger: root causes and proposed solutions; Hunger in America; and Food and social change.
Lecture: 2 Lab: 1 Credits: 3

FDSN 318
Culinary Entrepreneurship
This course surveys the new trends in food business entrepreneurship from a culinary perspective. Guest speakers with backgrounds in food science and culinary arts will review the steps in taking a kitchen recipe concept into the local marketplace. Topics will include formulating your business plan, preparing the product for investors, choosing when to work with a shared kitchen versus a food incubator space, and how to use consultants, building a support team and how to scale the product. Local chefs and food entrepreneurs will co-instruct this course and students will visit several of Chicago’s start-up entrepreneurial centers.
Lecture: 3 Lab: 0 Credits: 3
Food Science and Nutrition (FDSN)
FDSN 413
Food Fermentation (w/lab and plant field trips)
Role and history of fermentation; the role of microorganisms in fermentation; microbial growth kinetics during food fermentation; biological pathways in fermentation; factors affecting fermentation; fermented food products; industrial-scale fermentation; operation of fermenter; the role of sterilization in fermentation; design of a fermenter; role of different types of fermentation (alkaline, alcoholic, acetic acid, high salt, savory fermentation). Students will explore processing of fermented foods via in class and hands on learning experiences.
Prerequisite(s): CHEM 237 and BIOL 210
Lecture: 2 Lab: 1 Credits: 3

FDSN 417
Management of Food Quality Control
This course centers on the modern food processing facility which requires full time quality control management. A unique QC lab mock-up is used to provide a hands-on training experience to prepare the student for management of a QC lab. Taught by faculty with in-plant experience, students will learn how to select and integrate modern ingredient and finished product test methods with operational data from the production line. Statistical Process Control (SPC) charting methods, design of sampling protocols, handling of retention samples, dealing with product recall plans, record keeping and management of consumer complaint data will be discussed.
Prerequisite(s): FDSN 311*, An asterisk (*) designates a course which may be taken concurrently.
Lecture: 3 Lab: 0 Credits: 3

FDSN 418
Introduction to Food Design
Food design is a relatively new field to the food industry but is increasingly a critical aspect of bringing a successful food product to market. Students will learn the basic tools of human centric design thinking. This will include how to gain insights from observing and listening to the consumer. Skills for understanding unmet needs and how to frame the problem will be taught through team product design challenges sourced from the local community. Teams will have the opportunity to validate their design concepts to invited industry mentors. This course is co-taught with the IIT Design Institute in the Kaplan Institute.
Lecture: 3 Lab: 0 Credits: 3

FDSN 4
US Food Safety Regulatory Systems
This course gives a broad overview of the food safety regulatory systems in the US. It will cover the roles of FDA, USDA, EPA, CDC, DoC in regulating the production and sale of food. Regulations covered include Low Acid Canned Foods, HACCP, dietary supplements, infant formula, food additives and packaging, and the six parts of the Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA).
Lecture: 3 Lab: 0 Credits: 3

FDSN 430
FDSN Capstone
Students choose one of two options based on area of focus: FSMA or Human Nutrition. The FSMA capstone will include hands-on team-based practical experience implementing the Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA) Preventative Controls for Human Foods. The experience will involve the drafting a food safety plan consistent with current laws and regulations. The Human Nutrition capstone will be a hands-on team-based practicum designing foods for specific claims petition, including developing validation strategy and drafting appropriate claims petition consistent with current law/regulations.
Prerequisite(s): FDSN 420 or (FDSN 405 and FDSN 401)
Lecture: 3 Lab: 0 Credits: 3

FDSN 494
Special Projects
Advanced projects in food processing and packaging, food microbiology and safety, food chemistry, and nutrition.
Credit: Variable

FDSN 501
Nutrition, Metabolism, and Health
Study of chemical structures, types, and metabolism of carbohydrates, lipids, and proteins. Discussion of the biological and chemical roles of vitamins and minerals. Application and integration of metabolic knowledge with health promotion and chronic disease.
Lecture: 3 Lab: 0 Credits: 3

FDSN 502
Development, Delivery, and Dissemination
This course is an introduction to writing and presenting on scientific research with a focus on skills necessary for research at IIT’s Institute for Food Safety and Health. Topics will include defining a problem, structuring a literature review, creating a research proposal, and written and oral presentation of research results.
Lecture: 3 Lab: 0 Credits: 3

FDSN 504
Food Biotechnology
Introduction of biotechnology in the food industry including genetic engineering of microorganisms. Fundamentals of microbial genomics and proteomics. Practice of a variety of software and bioinformatics tools including database search, sequence alignment, phylogenetic and cluster analyses, gene production, genomic map construction, and structural and functional prediction of proteins. Applications of DNA fingerprinting techniques in food safety and public health.
Lecture: 3 Lab: 0 Credits: 3

FDSN 505
Food Microbiology
Lecture: 3 Lab: 0 Credits: 3
FDSN 506
Food Microbiology Laboratory

FDSN 507
Food Analysis
Techniques for analyzing food toxins, food constituents of public health concern, intentional and unintentional food additives, modern separation and analytic techniques. Lecture: 3 Lab: 0 Credits: 3

FDSN 508
Food Product Development
Students in this class will learn how to do the following: identify the key steps in the food product development process and stage gate concepts; develop a formulation approach with ability to effectively understand how to work well with vendors, handle labeling regulations, food safety, and consumer acceptability requirements; create a product unit costing with trade-offs and contingencies for market launch; identify key performance requirements for product shelf life testing and packaging specifications; evaluate product quality and safety with traditional and state of the art assessment tools; how to conduct consumer tests, plant trials, and introduce new products and processes into the manufacturing operation and contingency planning; and develop a strategy to monitor and improve product performance. Lecture: 3 Lab: 0 Credits: 3

FDSN 509
Fundamentals of Biostatistics and Epidemiology in Food Science and Nutrition
This course covers fundamental concepts in biostatistics and epidemiology with an emphasis on applications to food science, food safety, and nutrition. The course will emphasize study designs and epidemiologic and statistical methods used to investigate the relationships between health-related variables with particular attention to food-related exposures in health and disease. Corequisite(s): FDSN 510 Lecture: 3 Lab: 0 Credits: 3

FDSN 510
Fundamentals of Biostatistics and Epidemiology Laboratory in Food Science and Nutrition
This laboratory course covers fundamental concepts in biostatistics and epidemiology with an emphasis on applications to food safety and nutrition. The course will emphasize study designs and epidemiologic and statistical methods used to investigate the relationships between health-related variables with particular attention to food-related exposures in health and disease. Self-directed course. Corequisite(s): FDSN 509 Lecture: 0 Lab: 2 Credits: 1

FDSN 511
Food Law and Regulations
Legal and scientific issues in regulating the nation’s food supply and nutritional status. Roles of regulatory agencies; Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act; definitions and standards for food and adulterated foods. Manufacturing processed foods in compliance with regulations. Lecture: 3 Lab: 0 Credits: 3

FDSN 519
Food Process Engineering Lab
This course provides hands on experience to students on various unit operations. Students will be exposed to heat and mass transfer in food processing, fluid flow, preservation processes, cooling, freezing, freeze drying, thermometry and alternative methods of food processing. Lecture: 0 Lab: 3 Credits: 3

FDSN 520
Low-Acid Canned Food Regulations and Microbiology
Regulatory requirements for the U. S. Food and Drug Administration and the broad microbial issues associated with low-acid canned foods (LACF) products. Topics will include the U. S. Food Drug & Cosmetic (FD&C) Act, Emergency Permit Control, 21 Code of Federal Register (CFR) parts 108, 113, and 114, record requirements, sources of microbial contamination, characteristics of clostridium botulinum, mesosphelic sporeformers, indicator organisms, and introduction to microbial heat resistance. Lecture: 3 Lab: 0 Credits: 3

FDSN 521
Food Process Engineering
Food engineering fundamentals, heat transfer in food processing, food rheology, freezing of foods, food dehydration, kinetics of chemical reactions in foods, refrigeration and thermal process calculations, and alternative methods of food processing. Lecture: 3 Lab: 0 Credits: 3

FDSN 522
Advanced Food Process Engineering
Process calculations for food processing methods such as canning, aseptic processing, ohmic heating, microwave processing and pulsed energy processing. Extrusion techniques in food processing. Discussion of new food processing techniques and safety implications. Lecture: 3 Lab: 0 Credits: 3

FDSN 523
Food Engineering Process Delivery
Requirements for the U. S. Food and Drug Administration food canning regulations, including system design, process establishment, operational, and inspection records. Operations and calibration requirements of thermal processing equipment. Process design, documentation of process deviation, and calculation of process delivery. Prerequisite(s): FDSN 522 with min. grade of C Lecture: 3 Lab: 0 Credits: 3
FDSN 524
Fundamentals of Food Science
This course will cover the central food science issues encountered with storage and processing of all major American food commodities including meats, grains, confections, vegetables, eggs, and dairy. It will also review the relevant chemistry, physics, and engineering required to understand common food-related unit operations such as drying, freezing, sterilization, and radiation treatment of foods. An introduction to microbial and chemical issues of food quality and safety will also be covered.
Lecture: 3 Lab: 0 Credits: 3

FDSN 526
Engineering Principles of Food
Methods for conducting seal integrity examinations, spoilage diagnosis, and traceability, defining and classifying package defects. Types of packaging materials, including metal, glass, plastics, flexible and composite containers, and their closure and sealing systems. Aseptic and alternative process delivery systems.
Lecture: 3 Lab: 0 Credits: 3

FDSN 531
HACCP Planning and Implementation
Examination of the Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Point (HACCP) principles; microbiological and process overviews; generic HACCP models, Good Manufacturing Practices (GMP); monitoring of critical control points (CCPs), process control and implementation.
Lecture: 3 Lab: 0 Credits: 3

FDSN 535
Performance Management in Food Operations
Creating an organization-wide culture of quality and performance is critical to managing the unique demands of a food processing company. Learn how to develop, manage, and improve food production processes, implement lean principles to eliminate waste and improve yields, and measure operational performance. Topics covered include budgeting and financial tools, introducing new food products and processes, Total Quality Management (TQM), evaluation and management of supply chain activities, and strategy deployment techniques. This course includes a Project Team Assignment from the participating plant with at least one - two visits to a Food Processing Plant in the Chicago Area. An introductory course in Food Processing or Food Safety is helpful. Experience in MS Excel Worksheets, MS Word, and MS Power Point is highly recommended. This course ideally follows the FSN 408 508 Food Product Development Course as it teaches the final phases of food product development of taking a product into a manufacturing operation and how to ensure optimum performance in production.
Lecture: 3 Lab: 0 Credits: 3

FDSN 541
Principles of Food Packaging
Type and application of packaging materials. Migration theories and food package interaction, package testing to ensure safety, and recycling of package materials.
Lecture: 3 Lab: 0 Credits: 3

FDSN 591
Research and Thesis
Research and Thesis for Master of Science Degree students.
Credit: Variable

FDSN 593
Seminar on Food Safety and Technology
Students attend seminars offered during the semester. Each student is also required to give a 30 minute presentation on a topic of his/her interest or a research project on which she/he has worked.
Lecture: 0 Lab: 1 Credits: 1

FDSN 594
Special Projects
Advanced projects in food processing and packaging, food microbiology and safety, food chemistry, and nutrition.
Credit: Variable

FDSN 597
Special Problems
Independent study of advanced topics in food science and nutrition including food processing and packaging, food microbiology and safety, food chemistry, and nutrition.
Credit: Variable

FDSN 600
Continuing of Residence
Continuing of residence.
Lecture: 0 Lab: 1 Credits: 1

FDSN 610
Advanced Topics in Food Microbiology
This course is an advanced course in food safety microbiology covering the latest development and trends in food safety related microbiology, including emerging foodborne pathogens of public health significance, as well as the use of the latest technologies for the detection and control of these microbial food safety hazards. This course can be used as credits towards candidacy for a Ph.D. degree in Food Safety and Technology/Food Science and Nutrition.
Lecture: 2 Lab: 0 Credits: 2

FDSN 620
Advanced Topics in Food Chemistry
This course can be used as credits towards candidacy for a Ph.D. degree in Food Science and Nutrition. This course is expected to cover advanced knowledge in the chemistry of the components of foods, their physiochemical properties and chemical interactions, and the chemical changes that occur during processing, storage, and packaging. Students are expected to work on evidence derived from original research literature, interpretation of research findings, and problem solving based on the scientific principles of food chemistry. This advanced program is open to individuals who hold undergraduate degrees in chemistry, food science, or related disciplines. Students who have completed the FDSN 524 Fundamentals of Food Science and Technology and FDSN 507 Food Analysis courses with a B or higher may also apply. Upon successful completion of this course, students are expected to be able to translate theory and research into practice.
Lecture: 2 Lab: 0 Credits: 2
FDSN 630  
**Advanced Topics in Nutrition**  
This course can be used as credits towards candidature for a Ph.D. degree in Food Science and Nutrition. This course is expected to cover advanced knowledge in nutrition, metabolism, disease prevention and health promotion. This advanced program is open to individuals who hold undergraduate degrees in nutritional science, food science, health science, biology, biochemistry, chemistry or related disciplines. Students who have completed the FDSN 501 course with a B or higher may also apply. Upon successful completion of this course, students are expected to be able to translate theory and research into practice.  
*Lecture: 2 Lab: 0 Credits: 2*

FDSN 640  
**Advanced Topics in Food Process Engineering**  
This course covers recent advancements and developments in food engineering and food processing including novel and emerging processing technologies, advanced thermal process calculations, modeling, simulation, sustainable food processing, process controls & automation and kinetics of food transformations, energy reduction, and food rheology. This course can be used towards candidature for a Ph.D. degree in Food Safety and Technology/Food Science and Nutrition.  
*Lecture: 2 Lab: 0 Credits: 2*

FDSN 691  
**Research and Thesis**  
Research and Thesis for Ph.D. Food Science Candidates.  
*Credit: Variable*

FDSN 695  
**Food Science and Nutrition Research Seminar**  
This course is designed for Ph.D. students to attend research seminars that are presented by invited speakers from academia, food industry and federal government agencies to broaden their understandings and knowledge of various scientific topics and original research in Food Science and Nutrition. This course is mandatory for all Ph.D. students enrolled in the FDSN program. A minimum of 2 credits or 2 semesters of attendance is required for each student. It does not deal with specific techniques per se, but rather with the assumptions and the logic underlying food science and nutrition research. Students will become acquainted with a variety of approaches to research design from the speakers which, in turn, will help to develop their own research projects. A written report that summarizes the major impacts and findings of all presentations is due at the end of the semester.  
*Lecture: 1 Lab: 0 Credits: 1*