**MS in FSN, Thesis option:**

Complete and submit a Program of Study consistent with the following requirements prior to the completion of your second semester. Graduate committee requires a minimum of 3 graduate faculty, at least 2 of whom are UMaine FSN full or associate graduate faculty members.

- 30 total credits minimum
- 12 credits at the 400-level maximum
- 12 credits of FSN graduate courses minimum (500 level and above)*, excluding FSN 571, 671, and 581
- 1 credit each of FSN 571 and 671
- A Responsible Conduct of Research class* must be taken before registering for the 3rd credit of FSN 699
- 3 credits of statistics (400 level and above)
- 0-6 credits of FSN 581 (Problems in FSN)
- 6-10 credits of FSN 699 (Graduate Thesis) [INT 601 substitutes for 1 cr of FSN 699, so FSN 699 may be as low as 5 cr]
- Minimum GPA 3.0
- Master’s thesis defense with graduate committee

**MS in FSN, Non-Thesis option:**

Complete and submit a Program of Study consistent with the following requirements prior to the completion of your second semester. Graduate committee requires a minimum of 3 graduate faculty, at least 2 of whom are UMaine FSN full or associate graduate faculty members.

- 36 total credits minimum
- 12 credits at the 400-level maximum
- 12 credits of FSN graduate courses minimum (500 level and above)*, excluding FSN 571, 671, 581, 650, 651, 652, and 681
- 1 credit each of FSN 571 and 671
- 3 credits of graduate level statistics (400 level and above)
- 0-6 credits of FSN 581 (Problems in FSN)
- Minimum GPA 3.0

**Dietetic Internship with either Thesis or Non-Thesis MS option:**

- 34 total credits minimum
- Complete requirements for either Thesis or Non-Thesis MS option
- Complete FSN 650, 651, 652, and 681 either in addition to, or as part of, above requirements
- Complete dietetic internship (requires continuous enrollment once FSN 650 is taken)
- FSN 681, Supervised practice, is a full-time 7-month internship.
- For non-thesis students, Director of Dietetic Internship program is advisor and chair of graduate committee

**Ph.D. in Food and Nutrition Science**

Complete and submit a Program of Study consistent with the following requirements prior to the start of your second year. Graduate committee requires a minimum of 5 graduate faculty, at least 2 of whom are UMaine FSN full or associate graduate faculty members.

- Generally 42-60 credits specified in the Program of Study, up to 30 credits given for previous work
- 1 credit of FSN 571 or AVS 633
- 3 credits of FSN 671 or AVS 633
- A Responsible Conduct of Research class* must be taken before registering for the 3rd credit of FSN 699
- Minimum GPA 3.0
Written and Oral Comprehensive Exams
Documented Special Skill required
Dissertation defense with graduate committee

# up to 4 credits of FSN 400-level may substitute for FSN 500-level credits
* BIO 505 – Professionalism in Biology (2 cr)
  CMJ 600 – Introduction to Graduate Study in Communication (2 cr)
  FSN 524 – Responsible Design, Conduct and Analysis of Research (3 cr)
  INT 601 – Responsible Conduct of Research (1 cr)
  PSY 603 – Ethics and Professional Problems (3 cr)
  SFR 521 – Research Methods (3 cr)
  SMS 691 – Marine Science Seminar (1 cr)