



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN PERFORMANCE
COURSE SYLLABUS: Fall 2026
NUTR 205 01W: Dietetics Orientation
Web (online)

INSTRUCTOR INFORMATION

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Communication: If you have a question regarding the course or course materials, please email me OR use the “class questions” discussion board. When you email, please include your name and the course you are referring to so that I can quickly access your assignment(s) and respond.

COURSE INFORMATION

Materials – Textbooks, Readings, Supplementary Readings

This course does not require the purchase of a textbook. Instead, all required course materials—including readings, videos, and other learning resources—will be provided within D2L using **Open Educational Resources (OER)** and other instructor-selected materials. Students are responsible for reviewing the assigned materials in each module before completing course activities and assessments.

Course Description

Introduction to the field of dietetics including history of the profession, education, preparation, roles and responsibilities of dietetic practitioners, exploration of practice settings, ethics of professional conduct, professionalism, evidence-based practice, and internship program requirements.

Student Learning Outcomes (Should be measurable; observable; use action verbs)

1. Understand the skills required of nutrition, dietetics and foodservice management professionals.
2. Describe the academic and field experience requirements/pathways of nutrition, dietetics and foodservice management professionals.

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3. Exhibit professional behaviors and explain the ethical responsibilities of nutrition professionals in the field.
4. Demonstrate ability to use and navigate current technologies and resources for career insight
5. Development of a personal portfolio.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Minimal Technical Skills Needed

Using the learning management system (Brightspace D2L), using Microsoft Word, PowerPoint, and Excel, using university email, and using Google Docs / Slides.

Instructional Methods

This course is 100% online, and information will be delivered through a combination of resources such as the e-book, PowerPoints, supplementary multimedia content, or reading materials. Online quizzes, discussion boards, projects, and exams serve as assessment methods for this course.

Student Responsibilities or Tips for Success in the Course

- Communicate effectively: Reach out via email with any questions or concerns as soon as they arise. Waiting until the last moment may result in the issue not being resolved appropriately.
- Manage your time wisely: Prioritize tasks and allocate sufficient time for studying, completing assignments, and reviewing course material.
- Review all course materials: assessments will include information from both the e-book and any additional material provided in the modules. Make sure you review it thoroughly.

LATE WORK POLICY

Late work will not be accepted unless accompanied by a documented medical reason. Please note that vacations are not accepted as a reason. The policy is implemented to maintain fairness, consistency, and academic integrity within the course. All projects, quizzes, and other course-related tasks are expected to be submitted by the due date outlined in the course calendar. Any submissions received after the specified due date will not be considered.

Students seeking to submit late work due to a medical reason must provide appropriate documentation, such as a medical certificate or note from a healthcare professional clearly outlining the nature and duration of the medical condition that prevented timely completion of the assignment. The document must be submitted within 1 week of the original due date, unless extenuating circumstances warrant an extension, as determined by the instructor on a case-by-case basis.

GRADING

Final grades in this course will be based on the following scale:

Letter Grade / Point Value

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A	900-1000
B	800-899
C	700-799
D	600-699
F	0-599

Assignment	Quantity	Points	Total
Syllabus Quiz			
Chapter Quiz			
Projects			
Chapter Assignments			
Midterm			
Final Exam			
Total Points			

Assessments

Student Portfolio (200 Points)

Instructions to complete this assignment will be provided on D2L. This is a compilation of all of the work done during the semester, and will be a fluid document to use throughout the Nutrition program. PLEASE TURN IN your revisions in this portfolio.

Cover Letter & Resume (100 points)

Cover Letters are meant to be “mock” versions for fictional jobs, unless a real situation exists for which students wish to write. The objective is to provide a personal template for students to have on file (in their portfolio) to use to assist with future situations requiring a Cover Letter or Resume

KRDN 2.1 Demonstrate effective and professional oral and written communication and documentation.

Comprehensive Exam (100 points)

Students will take one exam at the end of the semester covering the various topics discussed throughout the semester such as the profession, code of ethics, standards of practice, education requirements, etc. (100 points)

Code of Ethics & Scope of Practice Quiz (50 points)

KRDN 2.2 Describe the governance of nutrition and dietetics practice, such as the Scope of Practice for the Registered Dietitian Nutritionist and the Code of Ethics for the Profession of Nutrition and Dietetics.

AND Scavenger Hunt (25 points)

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This assignment is designed to help students work their way through a vital resource - the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics (AND) website. It guides students to gathering answers to important questions and necessary information for success in their nutrition and dietetics college career.

KRDN 2.8 Participate in a nutrition and dietetics professional organization and explain the significant role of the organization.

Self-Assessment and Goals Worksheet (50 points)

In class activity to self-assess current learning and leadership styles. Will address strengths and areas for growth. Goals will be self for self-improvement and revisited in your Senior Seminar course.

KRDN 5.1 Perform self-assessment that includes awareness in terms of learning and leadership styles and cultural orientation and develop goals for self-improvement.

Internship Investigation (75 points)

Students will gather information on the various types of dietetic internships or pathways to obtain credentials. The objective of the assignment is to introduce students to the process involving internships dietetics and to help explore the options. Further details and instruction will be provided.

Nutrition Career Investigation (100 points)

Students will interview a nutrition professional working in an area of interest or a possible career pathway they are interested in and complete a write-up on two potential career pathways. Additional assignment instructions and list of interview questions will be provided.

KRDN 5.2 Identify and articulate one's skills, strengths, knowledge and experiences relevant to the position desired and career goals.

Policy Letter (50 points)

KRDN 2.3 Assess the impact of a public policy position on nutrition and dietetics profession.

KRDN 2.9 Defend a position on issues impacting the nutrition and dietetics profession.

TECHNOLOGY REQUIREMENTS

LMS

All course sections offered by East Texas A&M University have a corresponding course shell in the myLeo Online Learning Management System (LMS). Below are technical requirements

LMS Requirements:

<https://community.brightspace.com/s/article/Brightspace-Platform-Requirements>

LMS Browser Support:

https://documentation.brightspace.com/EN/brightspace/requirements/all/browser_support.htm

YouSeeU Virtual Classroom Requirements:

<https://support.youseeu.com/hc/en-us/articles/115007031107-Basic-System-Requirements>

AI USE POLICY

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East Texas A&M University acknowledges that there are legitimate uses of Artificial Intelligence, Chatbots, or other software that has the capacity to generate text, or suggest replacements for text beyond individual words, as determined by the instructor of the course.

Any use of such software must be documented. Any undocumented use of such software constitutes an instance of academic dishonesty (plagiarism).

For this course, the use of any form of AI for generating text, discussion boards, project information, and communication is prohibited and will be reported if used.

Students are fully responsible for the content of any assignment they submit, regardless of whether they used an AI, in any way. This specifically includes cases in which the AI plagiarized another text or misrepresented sources.

13.99.99.R0.03 Undergraduate Academic Dishonesty

13.99.99.R0.10 Graduate Student Academic Dishonesty

BRIDGEFARMER AI USE POLICY

If the instructor has reason to believe that an assignment was completed using AI in violation of the above ETAMU policy, the student will be required to attend a meeting, either in person or via Zoom, to verbally defend their work without the aid of the submitted assignment. The meeting will allow the students to demonstrate their understanding of the material and their ability to discuss the assignment topic independently. Failure to adequately explain or justify the work may result in a grade penalty or further academic action, in accordance with the university's academic integrity policy.

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https://documentation.brightspace.com/EN/brightspace/requirements/all/browser_support.htm

Zoom Video Conferencing Tool

https://inside.tamuc.edu/campuslife/CampusServices/CITESupportCenter/Zoom_Account.aspx?source=universalmenu

ACCESS AND NAVIGATION

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You will need your campus-wide ID (CWID) and password to log into the course. If you do not know your CWID or have forgotten your password, contact the Center for IT Excellence (CITE) at 903.468.6000 or helpdesk@tamuc.edu.

Note: Personal computer and internet connection problems do not excuse the requirement to complete all course work in a timely and satisfactory manner. Each student needs to have a backup method to deal with these inevitable problems. These methods might include the availability of a backup PC at home or work, the temporary use of a computer at a friend's home, the local library, office service companies, Starbucks, a ETAMU campus open computer lab, etc.

COMMUNICATION AND SUPPORT

If you have any questions or are having difficulties with the course material, please contact your instructor.

Technical Support

If you are having technical difficulty with any part of Brightspace, please contact Brightspace Technical Support at 1-877-325-7778. Other support options can be found here:

<https://community.brightspace.com/support/s/contactsupport>

COURSE AND UNIVERSITY PROCEDURES/POLICIES

Course Specific Procedures/Policies

Syllabus Change Policy

The syllabus is a guide. Circumstances and events, such as student progress, may make it necessary for the instructor to modify the syllabus during the semester. Any changes made to the syllabus will be announced in advance.

University Specific Procedures

Student Conduct

All students enrolled at the University shall follow the tenets of common decency and acceptable behavior conducive to a positive learning environment. The Code of Student Conduct is described in detail in the Student Guidebook.

<http://www.tamuc.edu/Admissions/oneStopShop/undergraduateAdmissions/studentGuidebook.aspx>

Students should also consult the Rules of Netiquette for more information regarding how to interact with students in an online forum: <https://www.britannica.com/topic/netiquette>

ETAMU Attendance For more information about the attendance policy please visit the Attendance webpage and Procedures 13.99.99.R0.01

<http://www.tamuc.edu/admissions/registrar/generalInformation/attendance.aspx>

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<http://www.tamuc.edu/aboutUs/policiesProceduresStandardsStatements/rulesProcedures/13students/academic/13.99.99.R0.01.pdf>

Academic Integrity

Students at East Texas A&M University are expected to maintain high standards of integrity and honesty in all of their scholastic work. For more details and the definition of academic dishonesty see the following procedures:

Undergraduate Academic Dishonesty 13.99.99.R0.03 Undergraduate Student Academic Dishonesty Form

<http://www.tamuc.edu/aboutUs/policiesProceduresStandardsStatements/rulesProcedures/documents/13.99.99.R0.03UndergraduateStudentAcademicDishonestyForm.pdf>

Graduate Student Academic Dishonesty Form

[13.99.99.R0.03UndergraduateAcademicDishonesty.pdf \(tamuc.edu\)](http://www.tamuc.edu/aboutUs/policiesProceduresStandardsStatements/rulesProcedures/documents/13.99.99.R0.03UndergraduateStudentAcademicDishonestyForm.pdf)

Students with Disabilities-- ADA Statement

The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) is a federal anti-discrimination statute that provides comprehensive civil rights protection for persons with disabilities. Among other things, this legislation requires that all students with disabilities be guaranteed a learning environment that provides for reasonable accommodation of their disabilities. If you have a disability requiring an accommodation, please contact:

Office of Student Disability Resources and Services

East Texas A&M University

Velma K. Waters Library Rm 162

Phone (903) 886-5150 or (903) 886-5835

Fax (903) 468-8148 Email: studentdisabilityservices@tamuc.edu Website: Office of Student Disability Resources and Services

<http://www.tamuc.edu/campusLife/campusServices/studentDisabilityResourcesAndServices/>

Nondiscrimination Notice

East Texas A&M University will comply in the classroom, and in online courses, with all federal and state laws prohibiting discrimination and related retaliation on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, disability, age, genetic information or veteran status. Further, an environment free from discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression will be maintained.

Campus Concealed Carry Statement

Texas Senate Bill - 11 (Government Code 411.2031, et al.) authorizes the carrying of a concealed handgun in East Texas A&M University buildings only by persons who have been issued and are in

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possession of a Texas License to Carry a Handgun. Qualified law enforcement officers or those who are otherwise authorized to carry a concealed handgun in the State of Texas are also permitted to do so. Pursuant to Penal Code (PC) 46.035 and A&M Rule 34.06.02.R1, license holders may not carry a concealed handgun in restricted locations.

For a list of locations, please refer to the Carrying Concealed Handguns On Campus document and/or consult your event organizer.

Web url:

<http://www.tamuc.edu/aboutUs/policiesProceduresStandardsStatements/rulesProcedures/34SafetyOfEmployeesAndStudents/34.06.02.R1.pdf>

Pursuant to PC 46.035, the open carrying of handguns is prohibited on all ET A&M campuses. Report violations to the University Police Department at 903-886-5868 or 9-1-1.

Mental Health and Well-Being

The university aims to provide students with essential knowledge and tools to understand and support mental health. As part of our commitment to your well-being, we offer access to Telus Health, a service available 24/7/365 via chat, phone, or webinar. Scan the QR code to download the app and explore the resources available to you for guidance and support whenever you need it.



Department or Accrediting Agency Required Content

COURSE OUTLINE / CALENDAR

Week	Date	Chapter	Assignment Due All Assignments below are due by 11:59PM CST on the dates below!
1	8/30	Course Orientation History of the Profession	Introduction Discussion
2	9/6	Dietetics Education	AND Scavenger Hunt

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3	9/13	Supervised Practice Experience	Internship Investigation
4	9/20	Credentialing	
5	9/27	The NDTR, CDM and CFPP	Career Investigation
6	10/4	Outfitting Your Professional Toolkit	
7	10/11	Outfitting Your Professional Toolkit	
8	10/18	Outfitting Your Professional Toolkit	Resume and Cover Letter
9	10/25	Role of Professional Associations	
10	11/1	Role of Professional Associations	Policy Letter
11	11/8	Trends and Future of the Practice	
12	11/15	Code of Ethics	Code of Ethics Quiz
13	11/22	Scope of Practice	
14	11/29	Reviewing Scientific Literature	
15	12/6	Study Week	Student Portfolio
16		Exam Week: No Final Exam	

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