

Iowa State University (ISU) Dietetics Transfer Plan

The [Dietetics](#) program at Iowa State University is accredited through the Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics (ACEND). Graduates of the program are eligible to take the national exam to become a nutrition and dietetics technician, registered (NDTR) and start working in nutrition and dietetics-related jobs, as well as pursue to an accredited master's degree and then take the national exam to be a [Registered Dietitian Nutritionist \(RDN\)](#).

The courses listed on this plan may be taken at the community college and transferred to Iowa State University (ISU) to satisfy requirements in the Bachelor of Science degree in Dietetics. This transfer plan document was accurate on the date it was prepared and may not reflect subsequent changes by ISU or the community college. For this reason, the transfer plan should not replace consultation with an Iowa State University [academic advisor](#).

- **All courses on this plan do not need to be completed prior to transfer.** Often, transfer students complete 1 year at the community college followed by 3 years at ISU to complete coursework in the timeliest manner and earn the Bachelor of Science degree in Dietetics.
- **An emphasis on completing science sequence courses** and the prerequisites for upper-level courses will best help students move through the program at the quickest pace after transfer. If you are a part-time student or cannot complete all of the suggested coursework on this plan, consider choosing the science coursework first since this begins the longest sequence of courses. (Begin with the chemistry and general biology equivalents.)
- **No more than 65 semester credit hours earned at a two-year college** can be applied to a baccalaureate degree from ISU. The university accepts up to 16 semester hours of credit earned in career-technical courses if the sending college accepts such courses toward its Associate of Arts or Associate of Science degrees.
- **Plan ahead to [apply to ISU](#)** a year prior to when you anticipate starting ISU courses, complete the [Federal Financial Aid Application \(FAFSA\)](#) for financial aid options, and apply for [scholarship](#) opportunities.

Additional notes:

- A minimum of 120 credits are required to earn the Bachelor of Science degree in Dietetics. Students may choose electives beyond the requirements for the major to reach that total if needed.
- This plan is a suggestion only and may need to be adapted to meet individual needs and commitments.

For information on course requirements, sample four-year plan, and course sequence flow chart, refer to the Iowa State University [dietetics program](#) webpage.



Dietetics Major Information



Course Equivalency Guides

Questions? fshninfo@iastate.edu

Recommended Courses to take at Community College

Sequence may be adjusted if some courses are already completed.

Find equivalent course on the [Course Equivalency Guide](https://www.iastate.edu/course-equivalency-guides). <https://www.iastate.edu/course-equivalency-guides>

If a course is not the exact same number, check with an [academic advisor](#) at ISU.

(ISU recently changed from 3- to 4-digit course numbers. For example: CHEM 163 is now CHEM 1630.)

Year 1

Fall Semester			Spring Semester		
ISU		Community College Notes	ISU		Community College
CHEM 1630/1630L or CHEM 1770/1770L , College or General Chemistry I and Laboratory	5	Course Equivalency Guide	FSHN 1670 , Introductory Human Nutrition and Health	3	Course Equivalency Guide
ENGL 1500 , Critical Thinking & Communication	3	Course Equivalency Guide	ENGL 2500 , Written, Oral, Visual Electronic Composition	3	Course Equivalency Guide
LIB 1600 , Intro. to College Level Research (if equivalent offered)	1	Course Equivalency Guide	<p>Humanities or Social Science (CHS) or Elective (CALs – if not already completed).</p> <p>Recommended to select from equivalents to these ISU Courses for Humanities:</p> <p>THRE 1060, HIST 2010, HIST 2020, HIST 2210, HIST 2220, ENGL 2010, HDFS 2400, ENGL 2270, ENGL 2280, MUSIC1020, PHIL 2010, PHIL 2300, RELIG 2050</p> <p>Recommended to select from equivalents to these ISU Courses for Social Science:</p> <p>CJ 2400, ECON 1020, ECON 1030, NTST 2350, JLMC 1010, PSYCH 2300, PSYCH 2800, HDFS 2760, SOC 1340, SOC 2350, SOC 2190</p> <p>Other courses not on these recommended lists may count as humanities or social science, so check with an academic advisor at ISU if you have taken or wish to take a course that you believe may fulfill a humanities or social science requirement.</p>	3	Course Equivalency Guide
Math 1400, 1430, 1600, or 1650 , Math course – College Algebra or above	3	Course Equivalency Guide	PSYCH 1010 , Introduction to Psychology	3	Course Equivalency Guide
BIOL 2110 & 2110L* , Principles of Biology I and Laboratory*	4	*Only BIOL 2120 and 2120L equivalents are required for Dietetics majors, but generally, both Principles of Biology I and II must be completed at the same institution for both courses to transfer. Course Equivalency Guide	BIOL 2120 & 2120L* , Principles of Biology II and Laboratory	3	*Only BIOL 2120 and 2120L equivalents are required for Dietetics majors, but generally, both Principles of Biology I and II must be completed at the same institution for both courses to transfer. Course Equivalency Guide
Total	16		Total	15	

Year 2

Fall Semester			Spring Semester		
ISU		Community College	ISU		Community College
BIOL 2550/BIOL 2550L** , Fund. of Human Anatomy	4	**Generally, both Anatomy and Physiology must be completed at the same institution for both courses to transfer. Course Equivalency Guide	BIOL 2560/2560L** , Fund. of Human Physiology I	4	**Generally, both Anatomy and Physiology must be completed at the same institution for both courses to transfer. Course Equivalency Guide
CHEM 2310/2310L or 3310/3310L , Elementary Organic Chemistry or Organic Chemistry I and Laboratory	4	Course Equivalency Guide	MICRO 2010/2010L , Microbiology with Lab	3	Course Equivalency Guide . If a microbiology course is offered, but not the exact same number, check with an academic advisor at ISU as it may be substituted.
STAT 1010 or 1040	3-4	Course Equivalency Guide	SPCM 2120 , Fundamentals of Speech Communication	3	Course Equivalency Guide
Humanities (CHS) or Elective (CALS) . recommended to select from equivalents to these ISU Courses for Humanities: THTRE 1060, HIST 2010, 2020, 2210, HIST 2220, ENGL 2010, HDFS 2400, ENGL 2270, ENGL 2280, MUSIC 1020, PHIL 2010, PHIL 2300, RELIG 2050 Other courses not on this list may count as Humanities, so check with an academic advisor at ISU if you have taken or wish to take a course that you believe may fulfill a humanities requirement.	3	Course Equivalency Guide	Humanities – recommended to select from equivalents to these ISU Courses: THTRE 1060, HIST 2010, 2020, 2210, HIST 2220, ENGL 2010, HDFS 2400, ENGL 2270, ENGL 2280, MUSIC 1020, PHIL 2010, PHIL 2300, RELIG 2050 Other courses not on this list may count as Humanities, so check with an academic advisor at ISU. if you have taken or wish to take a course that you believe may fulfill a humanities requirement.	3	Course Equivalency Guide
			HSPM 1330 , Food Safety Certification (if equivalent offered)	1	Course Equivalency Guide
Total	14-15		Total	14	

Plan for online summer courses through ISU after year two, including: FSHN 2650 and BBMB 3010 (prerequisites to upper-level courses). Or, contact an ISU academic advisor to plan a transfer to ISU the previous Fall or Spring, and then focus on gaining work experience in the summers.

FSHN 2650, Nutrition for Active and Healthy Lifestyles

3 credits

BBMB 3010, Survey of Biochemistry

3 credits