

**Texas Woman's University**  
**Department of Nutrition and Food Sciences**  
**M.S. in Food Science**

**Thesis Option**

**Group I – Required Core Courses:** (13 hours)

NFS 5003 Food Chemistry\*

NFS 5013 Sensory Evaluation of Foods

NFS 5023 Food Analysis

1 hour in seminar

3 hours statistics or research design

\*Students must earn a "B" or better in this core course

**Group II – Additional courses in major to be selected from the following:** (8-11 hours)

NFS 5063 Food Toxicology

NFS 5303 Experimental Food

NFS 5373 Food Science and Technology

NFS 5901 or NFS 5903 Special Topics

Note: A maximum of 6 credit hours for internship experience, independent study, or cooperative education is permitted in this option. Research hours are not permitted.

**Group III – Additional coursework:** (3-4 hours)

Additional coursework to be selected from additional courses above, other NFS program areas (Nutrition or Food Systems Management), coursework from another department, or coursework transferred from another institution (up to 3 hrs) with approval of the advisory committee.

**Group IV – Thesis** (6 hours)

**Total Program Hours: Minimum 30 hours**

**Written comprehensive examination:**

A written comprehensive examination based on formal coursework is required and can be taken after satisfactory completion of 21 graduate credit hours including the required core courses. Students must satisfactorily pass the written examination with a score of 70% or better, and it can be taken more than once. The examination will be offered only one time each semester.

**Minor:**

A minor of 9 graduate credit hours in an area of emphasis can be achieved within the total number of program hours or by taking additional coursework. If a minor is declared, a faculty member in that minor area of study must serve on the academic committee.