

Texas Woman's University
Department of Nutrition and Food Sciences
M.S. in Food Systems Administration

Thesis Option

Group I – Required Core Courses: (13 hours)

NFS 5713 Human Resource Management in Nutrition Care Systems

NFS 5721 Seminar in Food Systems Administration (hybrid)

NFS 5763 Food Safety/Foodborne Illness

NFS 5773 Organization and Management in Foodservice Systems*

3 hours statistics or research design

*Students must earn a "B" or better in this core course, which is offered as an on-campus course in Denton during Fall semesters and as an online course at Houston during Spring semesters.

Group II – Additional courses in major to be selected from the following: (4-10 hours)

NFS 5733 Productivity and Quality Improvement for Foodservice Systems (hybrid)

NFS 5743 Cost Analysis for Foodservice Systems

NFS 5753 Foodservice Facility Design and Management (hybrid)

NFS 5793 Computer Applications in Institutional Administration (hybrid)

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: (1-7 hours)

Additional coursework to be selected from additional courses above, other NFS program areas (Nutrition or Food Science), coursework from another department (e.g., Business), 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.

Courses listed as (hybrid) require between one and three on-campus meetings evenings or Saturdays.