The University of Washington Nutritional Sciences Program prepares students to improve individual and population health through the study of foods, nutrients, dietary behaviors, food and policy environments, and health outcomes.

**ENROLLMENT**
- Major: 268 enrolled in spring 2021, graduated 108
- Minor: 126 enrolled from 8 colleges and 25 majors
- Undergraduate courses: 6,408 registrations in 38 NUTR course offerings
- Graduate program: 31 enrolled in MPH and MS programs with a range of undergraduate backgrounds including business, environmental studies, and public health; 15 graduated, and 14 of these graduates also completed the RDN training program

**PROGRAM UPDATES**
- With health and safety as a priority, the UW was the first major university to move classes primarily online in March 2020 and conducted most activities remotely until Sept 2021
- Faculty and staff designed WAFOOD surveys to address the impact of COVID-19 on household food insecurity, access to food assistance, and prospects for statewide economic recovery
- Collaborated with Washington State University (WSU) on USDA Higher Education Challenge planning grant and developing a growing relationship with WSU around food systems education and research
- Launched the UW Food Systems Education and Research Network connecting interdisciplinary scholars and practitioners across campus
- The Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics (ACEND) re-accredited the Graduate Coordinated Program in Dietetics for a seven-year term
- The Council on Education for Public Health (CEPH) re-accredited the School of Public Health and all programs for a full seven years

**PROGRAMS**

**Undergraduate**
- Food Systems, Nutrition, and Health Major (BA)
- Nutrition Minor
- Courses in the Nutritional Sciences Option (BS) within the Public Health-Global Health Major
- Courses to support undergraduate learning in biology, education, public health, and nursing

**Graduate**
- Master of Public Health, Public Health Nutrition
- Master of Science, Nutritional Sciences
- Doctor of Philosophy, Nutritional Sciences
- Graduate Coordinated Program in Dietetics (GCPD), graduate-level training leading to the Registered Dietitian Nutritionist professional credential
STUDENTS

- **Undergraduate capstone teams** focused on resilient and equitable food systems working with 12 partner organizations
- **Five undergraduate majors** were awarded a **$1000 scholarship** making up the second cohort of Food Systems Scholars
- **Continuing graduate students** were awarded **$40,000** in scholarships making possible their focus on education and training through fieldwork, practicum, capstone, and thesis

COURSES & CURRICULUM

- **Launched new MPH, MS curriculums** including new common core curriculum for MPH students
- **Developed new courses:**
  - NUTR 202 Research Methods in Food Systems, Nutrition, and Health
  - NUTR 312 Food System Sustainability and Resilience
  - NUTR 341 Exploration of Multisensory Dining
  - NUTR 514 Sustainable Food Systems for Population Health

LOOKING AHEAD TO 2021-22

- Developing opportunities in food systems for our MPH and MS graduate students
- Revisioning the doctoral curriculum to relaunch admission to the PhD for 2024
- Embarking on a strategic planning process to determine priorities for the next 3 – 5 years
- Employing a graduate student to conduct a course review and identify opportunities for promoting equity, diversity, and inclusion across the curriculum

PEOPLE

- **Mike Rosenfeld**, professor, retired June 2020
- **Sarah Collier**, assistant professor, joined core faculty in March 2020
- **Marie Spiker**, assistant professor, joined core faculty in Sept 2020
- **Mario Kratz**, research associate professor, left the UW in June 2021
- **Alissa Bilfield**, assistant teaching professor, joined core faculty in Sept 2021

FACULTY SEARCH

We are searching for one assistant professor and one associate / full professor to grow capacity in research.

SUPPORT

A gift to the Food Systems, Nutrition, and Health Major Fund or Nutritional Sciences Grad Support Fund supports scholarships, program development, and additional academic enrichment opportunities for our students.

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