Course Information

Course Description
This course provides an understanding of basic nutrition science. Students will learn the biological functions and food sources of each nutrient, the role of nutrition in diet planning and weight management, and the relationship between nutrition, health promotion and chronic disease prevention.

Course Credits
Three Semester Credit Hours
Online Class: Meets completely online using Blackboard Learning System for 8 weeks

Prerequisite and Co-requisite Courses
None

Prerequisite Skills
Accessing internet web sites, use of ASU Library resources, and proficiency with Microsoft Word and/or PowerPoint are expectations of the Health Science Professions Program. Computer access requirements are further delineated in the Undergraduate Handbook. Tutorials for ASU Library and for Blackboard are available through RamPort. The ASU Undergraduate/Graduate Student Handbook should be reviewed before taking this course.
**Program Outcomes**

Upon completion of the Bachelor of Science in Health Science Professions, the graduate will be prepared to enter health science professions either directly upon graduation or to enter advanced graduate study in healthcare. Students will gain knowledge in ethics, policy, epidemiology, organization and leadership, research and evidence-based practice, and communication skills that span multiple health science disciplines. Students will develop communication, decision-making, social, analytical thinking, and personal development skills necessary for professional practice as a healthcare professional.

**Student Learning Outcomes**

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<td>By completing all course requirements, students will be able to:</td>
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<td>1. Discuss and define diet planning principles and their application to individual dietary needs.</td>
<td>Discussion Board, Quizzes, Exams, Dietary Analysis and Food Label Activity</td>
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<td>2. Identify cultural, environmental and biological factors that influence individual eating habits.</td>
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<td>3. Analyze the role of food labels, dietary guidelines and institutional resources in building a healthful</td>
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<td>4. Define and discuss the six major classes of nutrients, where they are found, their primary role/function and how they are utilized by the body.</td>
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<td>5. Discuss theories of weight management including metabolic pathways, energy balance, and the insulin hypothesis.</td>
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<td>6. Investigate the relationship between nutrition, the human immune system and infectious disease.</td>
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<td>7. Discuss the relationship between nutrition, lifestyle patterns and chronic disease.</td>
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<td>8. Understand nutritional challenges for individuals and groups across the lifespan, in diverse cultures and religions, and across different income levels.</td>
<td>Discussion Board, Homework, Quizzes &amp; Exams</td>
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<td>9. Demonstrate community engagement through community action and reflection in relation to health promotion. (SR3.1 &amp; 3.2)</td>
<td>Healing Food Assignment</td>
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Course Delivery
This is an online course offering. The course will be delivered via the Blackboard Learning Management System. The course site can be accessed at ASU’s Blackboard Learning Management System.

Required Texts and Materials

Recommended Texts and Materials
Additional reading assignments noted in the syllabus or that are required for homework assignments will be posted to the course site in Blackboard.

Technology Requirements
- Respondus Lockdown Browser and Monitor (which requires a web cam),
- Blackboard Collaborate (which also requires a web cam)

To participate in one of ASU’s distance education programs, you need this technology:
- A computer capable of running Windows 7 or later, or Mac OSX 10.8 or later
- The latest version of one of these web browsers: internet Explorer, Firefox, or Safari
- Microsoft Office Suite or a compatible Open Office Suite
- Adobe Acrobat Reader
- High Speed Internet Access
- Ethernet adapter cable required (wireless connections can drop during tests and Collaborate sessions)
- Webcam

Refer to Angelo State University’s Distance Education website for further technology requirements: Angelo State University's Distance Education Website

Topic Outline
- Food Choices: Nutrients and Nourishment
- Nutrition Guidelines and Assessment
- Digestion and Absorption
- Macronutrients: Carbohydrates, Lipids and Proteins/Amino Acids
- Alcohol
- Metabolism
• Energy Balance and Weight Management
• Micronutrients: Vitamins, Minerals and Water
• Sports Nutrition
• Diet and Health
• Life Cycle: Maternal and Infant Nutrition
• Life Cycle: From Childhood to Adulthood
• Food Safety and Technology
• World View of Nutrition

Communication

Faculty will respond to email and/or telephone messages within 24 hours during working hours Monday through Friday. Weekend messages may not be returned until Monday.

Written communication via Blackboard: It is an expectation of this class that you use formal writing skills giving appropriate credit to the source for your ideas. Follow APA (2010) 6th edition (2nd Printing or higher only) guidelines for referencing.

Written communication via email: All private communication will be done exclusively through your ASU email address. Check frequently for announcements and policy changes.

Virtual communication: Office hours and/or advising may be done with the assistance of the telephone, Skype, Join.me, Google Hangouts, etc.

Use Good "Netiquette":
• Check the discussion frequently and respond appropriately and on subject.
• Focus on one subject per message and use pertinent subject titles.
• Capitalize words only to highlight a point or for titles. Otherwise, capitalizing is generally viewed as SHOUTING!
• Be professional and careful with your online interaction. Proper address for faculty is by formal title such as Dr. or Ms./Mr. Jones unless invited by faculty to use a less formal approach.
• Cite all quotes, references, and sources.
• When posting a long message, it is generally considered courteous to warn readers at the beginning of the message that it is a lengthy post.
• It is extremely rude to forward someone else’s messages without their permission.
• It is fine to use humor, but use it carefully. The absence of face-to-face cues can cause humor to be misinterpreted as criticism or flaming (angry, antagonistic criticism). Feel free to use emoticons such as J or :) to let others know you are being humorous.
(The "netiquette" guidelines were adapted from Arlene H. Rinald's article, The Net User Guidelines and Netiquette, Florida Atlantic University, 1994, available from Netcom.)

**Grading**

**Evaluation and Grades**

Course grades will be determined as indicated in the table below.

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**Grading System**

Course grades will be dependent upon completing course requirements and meeting the student learning outcomes.

The following grading scale is in use for this course:

- A = 90-100%
- B = 89-80%
- C = 79-70%
- D = 69-65%
- F = 64-0% (Grades are not rounded up)

**Teaching Strategies**

This course will be taught online through the Internet with Blackboard™ as the learning platform. It will employ a variety of teaching-learning methods including lecture presentation/notes, asynchronous online workgroups, discussions forums, quizzes, self-directed activities, and weekly quizzes. Web-based technology is also used to provide additional sources of information, prepare and submit student assignments, provide ongoing student-faculty and
student-student interaction and dialogue, and facilitate peer support. Synchronous group consultation and interaction offered by appointment via Bb Collaborate.

Students are expected to be “active learners.” It is a basic assumption of the instructor that students will be involved (beyond the materials and lectures presented in the course) discovering, processing, and applying the course information using peer-review journal articles, researching additional information and examples on the Internet, and discussing course material and clinical experiences with their peers.

Assignment and Activity Descriptions

*Please note: Instructions for all assignments and activities are located at the end of this syllabus & in Blackboard.*

*No extra credit assignments are provided.*

1. **Discussion Board Assignments** (15%): Students will be assigned to a group and given discussion board questions addressing course content each week. Participation in group discussion is vital to your success in the course! Discussion Boards provide an avenue for synthesis of material / information. A Discussion Board is provided in this course as a way to help students’ process course materials, express thoughts, and engage others opinions and ideas in a healthy and productive learning environment. To receive full credit, students should post an initial substantive in-depth response to the question, with one recent (within the last five years) professional reference other than the course text and then respond to ONE peer, with one recent (within the last five years) professional reference.

2. **Quizzes** (20%) Students will have eight weekly quizzes to assess course knowledge. Quizzes are timed (2-3 minutes per question) and will consist of 10 to 30 multiple choice questions, True/False or Fill in the Blank Questions.

3. **Exams** (30%): The Midterm and Final Exams account for 30% of the total course grade. The exams are designed to test understanding of textbook material and the application of the material covered in both the textbook and lectures.

4. **Food Label Activity** (10%): The Food Label Activity is an application-based assignment allowing students to analyze the food products they consume most frequently in light of standard nutrient guidelines and dietary recommendations.

5. **Dietary Analysis Activity** (10%): The Dietary Analysis assignment is a “real world” application allowing you to apply knowledge learned in class. For this assignment, you will (1) evaluate your personal dietary habits and (2) create a healthier dietary plan based on your findings. Attached at the end of the syllabus are detailed instructions and a grading rubric for this assignment. Note that you will be tracking your food intake for seven days. This requires planning ahead!
6. **Healing Foods Activity** (15%): Healing Foods are necessary for any injured or healing person to understand. What are the foods that someone recovering from a certain injury or illness might need to focus on or add to their diet and what are the foods they should AVOID!? Each student will be asked to choose an injury or condition to define and research and then PLAN 1 week of 3 meals-a-day with snacks and supplements for someone with these injuries/conditions. A rubric will be available on Blackboard for your review as well as additional reading/videos for use. Please see the link in the Assignments tab and examples of this assignment there as well for your reference.

**NOTE:** Access to quizzes and exams will be through Respondus Lockdown Browser and will be video recorded via Respondus Monitor [See Other Required Materials for a list of needed equipment]. Use of another electronic device is prohibited.

There is one practice quiz: a short 10 question practice quiz over ASU trivia that is not graded. These tools will be available to the student to assure accessibility. Students are highly encouraged to go through this practice quiz in advance of taking a graded quiz. This process will allow you to become familiar with the technology associated with testing and improve the testing environment. Instructional videos and more information regarding Respondus Monitor can be found under the Respondus Monitor Help tab in your Blackboard course.

**Assignment Submission**
All assignments MUST be submitted through the Assignments link in the Blackboard site. This is for grading, documenting, and archiving purposes. Issues with technology use arise from time to time. If a technology issue does occur regarding an assignment submission, email me at linda.ross@angelo.edu and attach a copy of what you are trying to submit. Please contact the IT Service Center at (325) 942-2911 or go to your Technology Support tab to report the issue. This lets your faculty know you completed the assignment on time and are just having problems with the online submission feature in Blackboard. Once the problem is resolved, submit your assignment through the appropriate link. This process will document the problem and establish a timeline. Be sure to keep a backup of all work.

**Late Work or Missed Assignments Policy**
The course is set up in weekly modules. The week begins on Tuesday and ends on Monday. Assignment due dates are shown on the calendar/schedule or posted within Blackboard. **Late assignments are not accepted without prior approval of faculty.** Faculty reserve the right to deduct points for late assignments that are accepted past the original due date.

**General Policies Related to This Course**
All students are required to follow the policies and procedures presented in these documents:
Student Responsibility and Attendance

**Online**: This class is asynchronous, meaning you do not have to be on-line at a certain time. There are readings which you will have to complete to be able to adequately participate in individual and group assignments. In order to complete this course successfully, you do have to participate in all course activities i.e. discussion boards, course projects, reflective logs, etc. Students are expected to engage in course activities and submit work by due dates and times. The hope is that students will make substantive contributions which reflect integration of assigned materials as well as any outside readings as appropriate. Scholarly contribution is an expectation. For planning purposes, this class will probably require a minimum of 6-9 study hours per week on average.

**Academic Integrity**

Students are expected to maintain complete honesty and integrity in all work. Any student found guilty of any form of dishonesty in academic work is subject of disciplinary action and possible expulsion from ASU.

The College of Health and Human Services adheres to the university’s [Statement of Academic Integrity](http://example.com).

**Accommodations for Students with Disabilities**

ASU is committed to the principle that no qualified individual with a disability shall, on the basis of disability, be excluded from participation in or be denied the benefits of the services, programs or activities of the university, or be subjected to discrimination by the university, as provided by the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA), the Americans with Disabilities Act Amendments of 2008 (ADAAA) and subsequent legislation.

Student Disability Services is located in the Office of Student Affairs, and is the designated campus department charged with the responsibility of reviewing and authorizing requests for reasonable accommodations based on a disability. It is the student’s responsibility to initiate such a request by contacting an employee of the Office of Student Affairs, in the Houston Harte University Center, Room 112, or contacting the department via email at [ADA@angelo.edu](mailto:ADA@angelo.edu). For more information about the application process and requirements, visit the [Student Disability Services website](http://example.com). The employee charged with the responsibility of reviewing and authorizing accommodation requests is:
Incomplete Grade Policy

It is policy that incomplete grades be reserved for student illness or personal misfortune. Please contact faculty if you have serious illness or a personal misfortune that would keep you from completing course work. Documentation may be required. See ASU Operating Policy 10.11 Grading Procedures for more information.

Plagiarism

Plagiarism at ASU is a serious topic. The Angelo State University’s Honor Code gives specific details on plagiarism and what it encompasses. Plagiarism is the action or practice of taking someone else’s work, idea, etc., and passing it off as one’s own. Plagiarism is literary theft.

In your discussions and/or your papers, it is unacceptable to copy word for word without quotation marks and the source of the quotation. We use the APA Style Manual of the American Psychological Association as a guide for all writing assignments. Quotes should be used sparingly. It is expected that you will summarize or paraphrase ideas giving appropriate credit to the source both in the body of your paper and the reference list. Papers are subject to be evaluated for originality via Bb Safe Assignment or Turnitin. Resources to help you understand this policy better are available at the ASU Writing Center http://www.angelo.edu/dept/writing_center/academic_honesty.php.

Student Absence for Observance of Religious Holy Days

A student who intends to observe a religious holy day should make that intention known in writing to the instructor prior to the absence. See ASU Operating Policy 10.19 Student Absence for Observance of Religious Holy Day for more information.

Copyright Policy

Students officially enrolled in this course should make only one printed copy of the given articles and/or chapters. You are expressly prohibited from distributing or reproducing any portion of course readings in printed or electronic form without written permission from the copyright holders or publishers.
Syllabus Changes

The faculty member reserves the option to make changes as necessary to this syllabus and the course content. If changes become necessary during this course, the faculty will notify students of such changes by email, course announcements and/or via a discussion board announcement. It is the student’s responsibility to look for such communications about the course on a daily basis.

Title IX at Angelo State University

Angelo State University is committed to providing and strengthening an educational, working, and living environment where students, faculty, staff, and visitors are free from sex discrimination of any kind. In accordance with Title VII, Title IX, the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA), the Campus Sexual Violence Elimination Act (SaVE), and other federal and state laws, the University prohibits discrimination based on sex, which includes pregnancy, and other types of Sexual Misconduct. Sexual Misconduct is a broad term encompassing all forms of gender-based harassment or discrimination and unwelcome behavior of a sexual nature. The term includes sexual harassment, nonconsensual sexual contact, nonconsensual sexual intercourse, sexual assault, sexual exploitation, stalking, public indecency, interpersonal violence (domestic violence or dating violence), sexual violence, and any other misconduct based on sex.

You are encouraged to report any incidents involving sexual misconduct to the Office of Title IX Compliance and the Director of Title IX Compliance/Title IX Coordinator, Michelle Boone, J.D. You may submit reports in the following manner:

Online: www.angelo.edu/incident-form
Face to face: Mayer Administration Building, Room 210
Phone: 325-942-2022
Email: michelle.boone@angelo.edu

Note, as a faculty member at Angelo State, I am a mandatory reporter and must report incidents involving sexual misconduct to the Title IX Coordinator. Should you wish to speak to someone in confidence about an issue, you may contact the University Counseling Center (325-942-2371), the 24-Hour Crisis Helpline (325-486-6345), or the University Health Clinic (325-942-2171).

For more information about resources related to sexual misconduct, Title IX, or Angelo State’s policy please visit: www.angelo.edu/title-ix.
Grading Rubrics

Rubrics for all assignments and course requirements can be found online within each assignment area or in the Rubrics section of the course. Rubrics will be adhered to for grading purposes and students not meeting requirements will see deductions in their overall score for each assignment.

Student Evaluation of Faculty and Course

Students in all programs are given the opportunity to evaluate their courses and the faculty who teach them. Evaluations are most helpful when they are honest, fair, constructive, and pertinent to the class, clinical experience, or course. Faculty value student evaluations, and use student suggestions in making modifications in courses, labs and clinical experiences. Angelo State University uses the IDEA (Individual Development and Educational Assessment) system administered through Kansas State University for all course evaluations. The Office of Institutional Research and Assessment administers IDEA for the entire university, online and has established a policy whereby students can complete course evaluations free from coercion. Areas on the IDEA evaluation include:

1. Gaining factual knowledge (terminology, classifications, methods, trends). **Important**
2. Learning fundamental principles, generalizations, or theories. **Important**
3. Learning to apply course material (to improve thinking, problem solving, and decisions). **Essential**
4. Developing specific skills, competencies, and points of view needed by professionals in the field most closely related to this course. **Important**
5. Learning to analyze and critically evaluate ideas, arguments, and points of view. **Important**

Statement on Required Use of Masks/Facial Coverings by Students in Class at Angelo State University

As a member of the Texas Tech University System, Angelo State University has adopted the mandatory Facial Covering Policy to ensure a safe and healthy classroom experience. Current research on the COVID-19 virus suggests there is a significant reduction in the potential for transmission of the virus from person to person by wearing a mask/facial covering that covers the nose and mouth areas. Therefore, in compliance with the university policy students in this class are required to wear a mask/facial covering before, during, and after class. Faculty members may also ask you to display your daily screening badge as a prerequisite to enter the classroom. You are also asked to maintain safe distancing practices to the best of your ability. For the safety of everyone, any student not appropriately wearing a mask/facial covering will be asked to leave the classroom immediately. The student will be responsible to make up any
missed class content or work. Continued non-compliance with the Texas Tech University System Policy may result in disciplinary action through the Office of Student Conduct.

End of Syllabus

1 https://www.angelo.edu/student-handbook/
2 https://www.angelo.edu/catalogs/
3 https://www.angelo.edu/student-handbook/community-policies/academic-integrity.php
4 https://www.angelo.edu/services/disability-services/
5 https://www.angelo.edu/content/files/14197-op-1011-grading-procedures
6 https://www.angelo.edu/content/files/14206-op-1019-student-absence-for-observance-of