

Board of Governors, State University System of Florida
Limited Access Program Request
Reference: BOG Regulation 6.001, Admissions

University	University of Florida	Degree offered	BS in Nutritional Sciences
Program	Nutritional Sciences	Six digit CIP code	30.1901

1. Will the entire program be limited access or only a specific track?

The entire program

2. If only a track is limited access, please specify the name of the track

3. How many students will the program plan to accommodate?

Fall__231__ Spring__230__ Academic Year Total __461__

4. When do you propose to initiate limited access?

The program has been functioning as a limited access program for at least 20 years without being aware that its admissions criteria are considered those of a limited access program. This application seeks to formalize current procedures.

5. What is the justification for limiting access?

Nutritional Sciences is a difficult major that attracts large numbers of students based on its rigorous science-based curriculum that provides graduates with the coursework necessary to apply to a variety of professional schools and because it is a topic of great personal interest to many students. The curriculum includes six science courses at the 2000 level that include laboratory experiences and four upper division science courses in addition to the six science-based nutritional sciences courses. Overall academic performance is an important selection criterion for successful admission to professional school. It is important that students who are unlikely to be successful in the major are identified early in their academic career at UF so that they can find a major that is a better fit for their skills and abilities.

6. By what means will access be limited? Please provide a description of the program's admissions requirements and procedures, and indicate how these requirements and procedures ensure equal access for Florida community college Associate of Arts degree graduates in the competition for available space in the program.

A GPA of 2.5 in Chemistry 1 and 2 with lab, Biology 1 and 2 with lab and Calculus is required remain in the major for students who begin at the University of Florida. If

their GPA falls below this after taking any of these courses a hold is placed on their registration and they must meet with an Academic Advisor. They are allowed to stay in the major but must improve their GPA. If the GPA continues to be low, they are required to find another major in which they have a better chance of being successful. These prerequisite courses predict overall success in the major. By using these courses to limit access, students who are unlikely to be successful are able to find a more appropriate major early in their college career.

AA graduates from Florida state or community colleges must have completed all five courses with a 2.5 GPA before transferring to UF so they are not disadvantaged compared to native students in transferring into the major.

7. Present the current race and gender profiles of the students in the program. Discuss the impact of the proposed action on the race and gender profiles. Cite sources used for discussion. What strategies, should they be necessary, will be used to promote diversity in the program?


Based on enrollment data for spring 2014 that was provided by the College of Agricultural and Life Sciences, of the 451 students in the major, 75% were female. The racial/ethnic breakdown was as follows:

49% White
27% Asian
16% Hispanic
8% Black
1% Other

It is not anticipated that the limited access measures will have any impact on the current gender or racial/ethnic diversity in the major as the current students were admitted under these criteria.

8. Are the graduates of the program in high demand? If so, and if the program is to be limited due to lack of adequate resources, provide a justification for limiting access to the program rather than reallocating resources from programs with low market demand.

The majority of the graduates of the program pursue careers in medicine, dentistry, pharmacy and other health-related professions. Graduates matriculate at professional programs or plan to study for the examination necessary to apply to professional school and apply once they have completed the exams. The program will not be limited due to resources.

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