PhD AHN Typical Course of Study
(for students with an Applied Human Nutrition MSc and/or undergraduate degrees*)

The plan below is not official and may be subject to change. See the Graduate Calendar for degree requirements and course descriptions.

Semester 1 (Fall)
  • FRAN*6550 Research Seminar (Attend only, register in semester 7)

NOTE: Attendance at Research Seminar occurs every fall and winter semester of your graduate program. However, registration occurs only once for credit. PhD typically students register in their 7th semester.

Semester 2 (Winter)
  • FRAN*6550 Research Seminar (Attend only, register in semester 7)
  • Submit program plan, advisory committee membership

Semester 3 (Spring)
  • Work on thesis proposal

Semester 4 (Fall)
  • FRAN*6550 Research Seminar – Attend and present thesis proposal in large group seminar
  • Complete thesis proposal with approval from Advisory Committee

Semester 5 (Winter)
  • FRAN*6550 Research Seminar (Attend only, register in semester 7)
  • Comprehensive Examination (Submit QE Committee form min. 8 weeks prior)

NOTE: Students do not register for UNIV*7000 (Doctoral Qualifying Examination). The Office of Graduate & Postdoctoral Studies will add the course to the student’s record once the result of the QE has been reported to them by the department.

Semester 6 (Spring)
  • Data Collection
  • UNIV*7500 Research/Writing (only register for this when taking no other real courses)

Semester 7 (Fall)
  • FRAN*6550 Research Seminar (Register)
  • Data Collection/Analysis

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PhD students in Applied Human Nutrition are required to take a minimum of 1.75 graduate credits, including:

- FRAN*6550 [0.25] Research Seminar
- THREE additional graduate courses [0.5 each] chosen in consultation with the student's advisory committee such as but not limited to:
  - FRAN*6440 (Applied Factor Analysis and Structural Equation Modelling)
  - FRAN*6610 (Advances in Clinical Nutrition/ Assessment I)
  - FRAN*6510 (Nutrition in the Community)
  - and/or other graduate elective courses, and which may be taken within Family Relations and Applied Nutrition or in other academic units of the university.

Note: Students who do not have a Master's degree awarded by the Dept Family Relations and Applied Nutrition or from another comparable program, will be required to take the relevant methods courses offered by the department as part of their graduate program. Students who enter the PhD-AHN program from a non-nutrition undergraduate or MSc program will also be required to take those undergraduate and/or graduate courses necessary to meet foundational knowledge in applied human nutrition. In addition, students must complete a research thesis.