



University of Pretoria Yearbook 2021

BScHons Food Science (02240602)

Department Consumer and Food Sciences

Minimum duration of study 1 year

Total credits 135

NQF level 08

Programme information

Renewal of registration

- i. Subject to exceptions approved by the Dean, on the recommendation of the relevant head of department, a student may not sit for an examination for the honours degree more than twice in the same module.
- ii. A student for an honours degree must complete his or her study, in the case of full-time students, within two years and, in the case of after-hours students, within three years of first registering for the degree. Under special circumstances, the Dean, on the recommendation of the relevant head of department, may give approval for a limited extension of this period.

In calculating marks, General Regulation G.12.2 applies.

Apart from the prescribed coursework, a research project is an integral part of the study.

Admission requirements

1. BSc (Food Science) (or equivalent) degree
2. A weighted average of at least 60% at final-year level
3. An admission examination may be required
4. Additional work/modules may be required in order to reach the desired level of competency

Other programme-specific information

Pass with distinction

The BScHons degree is awarded with distinction to a candidate who obtains a weighted average of at least 75% in all the prescribed modules and a minimum of 65% in any one module.



Curriculum: Final year

Minimum credits: 135

Core credits: 105

Elective credits 30

Core modules

Research methodology and seminars 700 (FST 700)

Module credits 15.00

NQF Level 08

Prerequisites No prerequisites.

Contact time 1 day seminar in semester 2, 1 workshop of 5 days in semester 1

Language of tuition Module is presented in English

Department Consumer and Food Sciences

Period of presentation Year

Module content

Lectures and assignments: Research methodology. Literature study and seminar presentations on topics in Food Science and/or Technology. The candidate must also pass an oral examination at the end of the module.

Sensory evaluation 712 (FST 712)

Module credits 10.00

NQF Level 08

Prerequisites No prerequisites.

Contact time 12 discussion classes, 6 practicals per semester

Language of tuition Module is presented in English

Department Consumer and Food Sciences

Period of presentation Semester 1

Module content

Lectures: principles and applications of sensory evaluation. Types of panels, tests and test conditions and their functions. Selection and training of panellists for descriptive sensory evaluation. Instrumental sensory quality measurements. Statistical analysis and interpretation of data.

Practicals: Practical aspects and execution of sensory evaluation techniques, analysis and interpretation of data. Instrumental sensory quality measurements.

Production development and quality management 713 (FST 713)

Module credits 25.00



NQF Level	08
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	15 discussion classes, 6 practicals per semester
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Consumer and Food Sciences
Period of presentation	Semester 1

Module content

Lectures: principles involved and steps that are followed to develop new food products that are safe, tasty, nutritious and cost effective. Application of the theory of food product development. Quality management systems with specific reference to Good Manufacturing Practices, HACCP and ISO 9000. National and international standards, Codex Alimentarius, FDA. Application of food legislation. Food packaging. Practicals: A product development project will be planned, conducted and presented. Application and implementation of HACCP.

Advanced food science 720 (FST 720)

Module credits	15.00
NQF Level	08
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	12 discussion classes
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Consumer and Food Sciences
Period of presentation	Year

Module content

Discussion classes in advanced level food chemistry, food microbiology, food engineering, food processing and nutrition. Problem solving and literature discussion.

Research project 763 (FST 763)

Module credits	40.00
NQF Level	08
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Consumer and Food Sciences
Period of presentation	Year

Module content

A short research project on an approved topic in food science and/or technology is planned, executed and presented in the form of a written report.



Elective modules

Animal food technologies 701 (FST 701)

Module credits	15.00
NQF Level	08
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	30 discussion classes, 9 practicals
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Consumer and Food Sciences
Period of presentation	Year

Module content

Dairy technology: The technology of fluid, concentrated, dried, frozen and fermented dairy products and starter cultures. Requirements for milk supply and other ingredients. Principles for the manufacturing of products in this category. Possible defects, causes and prevention.

Practical work: Preparation of condensed milk, custard, ready-to-eat milk-based desserts, flavoured milk beverages, dairy-fruit juice mixtures; ice cream and other frozen desserts; yoghurt and cultured milk products; cheeses. Evaluation and analysis of the products. Effect of processing on the nutritional value of dairy products. Factory visits.

Meat, poultry, fish and egg technology: Meat, poultry, fish and egg processing and equipment. Meat emulsion, curing, dehydration and fermentation technology. Preservation and storage. Packaging. Legislation. Quality control and hygiene. Effect of processing on the nutritional value of meat products.

Practical work: Manufacturing of dried, cured, fermented and emulsion type products. Visits to processing factories.

Advanced plant food science and technologies 702 (FST 702)

Module credits	15.00
NQF Level	08
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	3 practicals S2, 5 discussion classes in semester 2, 5 practicals S1, 8 discussion classes in semester 1
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Consumer and Food Sciences
Period of presentation	Year

Module content

Plant food functionality: Starch, non-starch polysaccharides, protein. Advanced rheology and texture. Malting and brewing. Ready-to-eat (RTE) technologies and their impact on functional and nutritional quality. Plant oil processing. Minimal processing of fruits and vegetables. Practical work: Pasting properties of starch; Dough rheology; Isolation of legume and cereal proteins; SDS-PAGE electrophoreses of legume and cereal proteins; Malting and mashing of sorghum and barley male; Extraction of essential oils; Extraction and identification of phenolic compounds; Minimal processing of fruit and vegetables.



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