

SAMPLE COURSE OUTLINE

Department of Applied Human Nutrition Mount Saint Vincent University

NUTR 4499 Honours Thesis Fall XXXX/Winter XXXX

Course Instructor:

Office:

Phone:

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Student:

Student Number:

COURSE OBJECTIVES

Upon completion of the course, the student will:

- Have developed foundations for more advanced learning;
- Have developed a clearly defined research question that will be used to undertake, research, and write the honours thesis;
- Have developed an honours thesis proposal for presentation to the Department of AHN;
- Have completed a supervised research project and defended an honours thesis to the department;
- Have demonstrated understanding of the [NAME OF THEORY HERE] and applied it as the theoretical framework to the research process.
- *Additional objectives as pertaining to the area of selected research*

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

1. **MEETINGS:** Meet regularly with the faculty supervisor to review reading material, discuss student insight and critical analysis of the material, and receive guidance throughout the research process
2. **PROPOSAL:** Submit a thesis proposal to the faculty supervisor (including: introduction, literature review, theoretical framework, research design, intended analyses)
3. **ETHICS REVIEW:** (if conducting research involving humans) submit an Application for Ethics Approval to both AHN and MSVU ethics boards
4. **PRESENTATIONS:** The student will conduct both a proposal defense (December) and a final thesis defense (April).
5. **THESIS:** Submit a draft thesis to the supervisor end of March, following as many drafts necessary, submitting a final version in April.

METHODS OF EVALUATION*

	Value	Due Date
Progress Meetings	Pass/Fail	Bi-weekly
Literature Review, Research Question & Objectives	15%	October (early)
Research Proposal	15%	November (late)
Proposal Presentation	10%	December 15
Ethics Application	Pass/Fail	December (mid)
Thesis- First Draft	<i>for feedback purposes</i>	March (mid)
Thesis- Final	40%	April (early)
Thesis Defense	20%	April 15

*evaluation breakdown presented is only an example of a thesis project evaluation, actual evaluation may be slightly different between student projects

Please visit the following website for the Undergraduate Courses Guidelines for Marking:
<http://www.msvu.ca/calendar/AcademicRegulations/Regulations-general/GradingExaminations.asp>

PLAGIARISM & CHEATING

University regulations on Plagiarism and Cheating and other academic offenses will be strictly enforced. These regulations, including applicable procedures and penalties, are detailed in the University Calendar and are posted on Department notice boards and on the website at www.msvu.ca on the Current Student's page under Academic Offenses.

CORRECT USE OF LANGUAGE

The correct use of language, grammar, spelling, neatness and professional presentation are all criteria included in the evaluation of written assignments.

Referencing for your assignments should be completed using the following format:

International Committee of Medical Journal Editors - Uniform requirements for manuscripts submitted to biomedical journals (<http://www.icmje.org/index.html>). This is the format found in the Canadian Journal of Dietetic Practice and Research.

CONDUCTING RESEARCH

“Students who conduct research involving human participants must have their research reviewed in accordance with the MSVU Policies and Procedures for Ethics Review of Research before starting the research. Check with your thesis advisor or Chair of the Department about proper procedure.”