

ARIZONA WESTERN COLLEGE  
SYLLABUS

NTR 139 PERSONAL NUTRITION

Credit Hours: 3 Lec 3

PREREQUISITE: None

COURSE DESCRIPTION

A course designed to provide consumers with knowledge to make wise food choices for themselves and their families. Emphasis is placed on using the U.S. Dietary Guidelines and Food Pyramid to plan nutritious meals for health promotion. Current food controversies will be discussed with students drawing their own conclusions based on practical application of nutrition science.

1. COURSE GOALS

- 1.1 To provide non-majors with a broad understanding of the science of nutrition.
- 1.2 To give students the tools to select a nutritious diet for themselves and their families.
- 1.3 To help students evaluate nutrition information found in the popular press.
- 1.4 To improve the health status of students through modification of eating behaviors.

2. OUTCOMES

Upon satisfactory completion of this course, students will be able to:

- 2.1 Apply the U.S. Dietary Guidelines and Food Pyramid to food choices for themselves and their families.
- 2.2 Adjust food selections and portions to meet an individual's nutritional needs with regard to age, activity level, and physiological condition.
- 2.3 Compare foods within a category such as cereals and select the most appropriate one based on nutrient composition, cost, and use.
- 2.4 Evaluate a magazine or newspaper article or TV report on a nutrition topic based on current scientific findings.
- 2.5 Evaluate and adjust personal weight based on an objective self assessment.
- 2.6 Select or reject new food products based on taste tests and label information.

3. METHODS OF INSTRUCTION

- 3.1 Discussion
- 3.2 Audio-visuals
- 3.3 Reading assigned material

4. LEARNING ACTIVITIES

- 4.1 Reading assignments
- 4.2 Participating in class discussions
- 4.3 Viewing audio-visual materials

5. EVALUATION

- 5.1 Evaluation will be through written examinations on lectures and assigned text materials
- 5.2 The final grade will be based on:  
Class participation..... 10%  
Tests and quizzes ..... 40%  
Projects..... 50%
- 5.3 Student must obtain a minimum of 60% for a passing grade (D), 70% for average grade (C), 80% for above average (B), and 90% for outstanding (A)

6. STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES

- 6.1 Under AWC Policy, students are expected to attend every session of class in which they are enrolled.

- 6.2 If a student is unable to attend the course or must drop the course for any reason, it will be the responsibility of the student to withdraw from the course. Students who are not attending as of the 45th day of the course may be withdrawn by the instructor. If the student does not withdraw from the course and fails to complete the requirements of the course, the student will receive a failing grade.
- 6.3 Americans with Disabilities Act Accommodations: Arizona Western College provides academic accommodations to students with disabilities through AccessABILITY Resource Services (ARS). ARS provides reasonable and appropriate accommodations to students who have documented disabilities. It is the responsibility of the student to make the ARS Coordinator aware of the need for accommodations in the classroom prior to the beginning of the semester. Students should follow up with their instructors once the semester begins. To make an appointment call the ARS front desk at (928) 344-7674 or ARS Coordinator at (928) 344-7629, in the College Community Center (3C) building, next to Advising.
- 6.4 Academic Integrity: Any student participating in acts of academic dishonesty—including, but not limited to, copying the work of other students, using unauthorized “crib notes”, plagiarism, stealing tests, or forging an instructor’s signature—will be subject to the procedures and consequences outlined in AWC’s Student Code of Conduct.
- 6.5 Texts and Notebooks: Students are required to obtain the class materials for the course.
- 6.6 Arizona Western College students are expected to attend every class session in which they are enrolled. To comply with Federal Financial Aid regulations (34 CFR 668.21), Arizona Western College (AWC) has established an Attendance Verification process for “No Show” reporting during the first 10 days of each semester.
- Students who have enrolled but have never attended class may be issued a “No Show” (NS) grade by the professor or instructor and receive a final grade of “NS” on their official academic record. An NS grade may result in a student losing their federal financial aid.
- For online classes, *student attendance in an online class is defined as the following* (FSA Handbook, 2012, 5-90):
- Submitting an academic assignment
  - Taking an exam, an interactive tutorial or computer-assisted instruction
  - Attending a study group that is assigned by the school
  - Participating in an online discussion about academic matters
  - Initiating contact with a faculty member to ask a question about the academic subject studied in the course