CULINARY AND NUTRITION

The Culinary Department explores food preparation and presentation, as well as the responsibilities and skills necessary for introductory positions in restaurant, institutional and other food service operations.

The skills developed in this discipline include food preparation and food related techniques, safety and sanitation, customer service, food inventory and ordering. Career options include positions in food preparation and presentation at many food service operations.

The Nutrition Department provides students with the opportunity to gain broad, introductory knowledge of nutritional science that may be applied to the job market or a more advanced degree.

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Associate Degrees

• Associate of Science in Culinary Arts (https://catalog.cos.edu/areas-study/culinary-nutrition/associate-science-culinary-arts/)

• Associate of Science in Nutrition and Dietetics for Transfer (AS-T) (https://catalog.cos.edu/areas-study/culinary-nutrition/associate-science-nutrition-dietetics/)

Certificates

• Certificate of Achievement in Beginning Culinary Skills (https://catalog.cos.edu/areas-study/culinary-nutrition/certificate-achievement-beginning-culinary-skills/)

• Certificate of Achievement in Culinary Arts Fundamentals (https://catalog.cos.edu/areas-study/culinary-nutrition/certificate-achievement-culinary-arts-fundamentals/)

• Certificate of Achievement in Food Service, Advanced Skills (https://catalog.cos.edu/areas-study/culinary-nutrition/certificate-achievement-food-services-advanced-skills/)

• Skill Certificate in Food Service, Basic Skills (https://catalog.cos.edu/areas-study/culinary-nutrition/skill-certificate-food-service-basic-skills/)

• Skill Certificate in Food Service, Intermediate Skills (https://catalog.cos.edu/areas-study/culinary-nutrition/skill-certificate-food-service-intermediate-skills/)

For a complete list of courses and descriptions visit: COURSES (https://catalog.cos.edu/course-descriptions/)

CULN 201 Foods

3 unit(s)

Hours: 2 Lecture/Discussion
3 Lab

An elementary study on the physical properties and reactions of foods and culinary cooking techniques. Areas of study include food properties, nutritive values, nutrient preservation, product evaluation, food safety and sanitation.

CULN 205 Professional Cooking 1

3 unit(s)

Hours: 2 Lecture/Discussion
3 Lab

An introduction to the fundamentals of culinary arts, this hands-on course covers sauces and stocks, soups, pasta-making, breakfast and brunch items, yeast and quick breads and seasonal cuisine. Also includes knife techniques, culinary terms, menu-planning, tools and equipment. These topics are explored as they fit into a professional culinary operation. The course is taught by a professional with experience in the commercial food service industry.

CULN 206 Professional Cooking 2

3 unit(s)

Hours: 2 Lecture/Discussion
3 Lab

Fundamentals of culinary arts with an emphasis on baking techniques; yeast products, pastries, cookies, pies, and cakes. Other culinary techniques covered are stocks, soups, sauces, fish and shellfish. This hands-on course covers culinary basics such as sanitation and safety, knife skills, mise en place, tools and equipment, and professionalism and is taught by a professional with experience in the commercial food service industry.

CULN 221 Culinary Development 1

4 unit(s)

Hours: 3 Lecture/Discussion
3 Lab

Introduction to the professional world of culinary art. Students will gain a beginning understanding of culinary skills, such as, kitchen safety, knife skills, quality food preparation, and cooking techniques.

CULN 222 Culinary Development 2

4 unit(s)

Hours: 3 Lecture/Discussion
3 Lab

Hands on course encompasses the basic fundamental principles for a career in Culinary Arts. This class will emphasize the importance of such terms and procedures as ‘mise en place’, knife skills, proper use of tools and several other basic principles that are important to the culinary industry. This course will also emphasize the appropriate standard of behavior and uniform that is set by culinary professionals. At the end of this course, students will have a core knowledge and insight into the essential aspects of Culinary Arts.

Prerequisites: CULN 221 and NUTR 107 (may be taken concurrently) or equivalent college course with a minimum grade of C.
CULN 223 Advanced Culinary  4unit(s)
Hours: 3 Lecture/Discussion
  3 Lab
This Advanced Culinary course prepares students for contemporary employment opportunities in the culinary workforce with an emphasis on advanced knife skills, hot hor d’oeuvres, cooking principles, plate presentation, and buffet presenting and maintenance. Students will be held to culinary professionalism vital to success in the field of culinary arts.
Prerequisites: CULN 221 and CULN 222 and NUTR 107 or equivalent college course with a minimum grade of C.

CULN 224 Baking and Desserts  4unit(s)
Hours: 3 Lecture/Discussion
  3 Lab
This course provides a fundamental foundation on baking and pastry skills. Production of yeast breads, quick breads, cakes, cookies, pies, tarts, icings, custards, creams, and desserts are explored. Students with an interest in baking will gain furthering knowledge into this area of culinary arts.
Prerequisites: CULN 221 and NUTR 107 or equivalent college course with minimum grade of C.

CULN 225 Garde Manger  2unit(s)
Hours: 1 Lecture/Discussion
  1 Lab
  2 Other
Essential to culinary knowledge, Garde Manger, or ‘keeper of the cold kitchen’ emphasizes techniques used to make sausage, cured meats and cheeses, tea sandwiches, and cold hor dourves. This hands-on course provides students with the ability to produce and present such items.
Prerequisites: NUTR 107 and CULN 221 or equivalent college course with a minimum grade of C.

CULN 226 Industry Management  3unit(s)
Hours: 3 Lecture/Discussion
Introduction to management of hospitality and the restaurant workplace. This course focuses on leadership, planning, communication, and other qualities to be successful in the culinary industry. At the end of this course, students will have the option of taking the ManageFirst exam, a National Restaurant Association recognized certificate of completion.

NUTR 018 Nutrition  3unit(s)
Hours: 3 Lecture/Discussion
A scientific study of basic chemical, biological and physiological principles and concepts of human nutrition. These principles are applied to the individual and appropriate food selection.

NUTR 020 Cultural Foods  3unit(s)
Hours: 2 Lecture/Discussion
  3 Lab
Equivalent Course: CULN 020
Examination of the cultural and social meanings of food, food behaviors and food systems. Emphasis on the regional, ethnic and religious influences on food habits.
Advisory on Recommended Preparation: ENGL 261 or equivalent college course with a minimum grade of C or eligibility for ENGL 001 as determined by COS Placement Procedures (https://catalog.cos.edu/placement-procedures/).

NUTR 107 Sanitation and Safety  2unit(s)
Hours: 2 Lecture/Discussion
Equivalent Course: CULN 107
This course provides accurate, up-to-date information for all levels of employees in all aspects of food handling. It includes laws and regulations for food safety within the rapidly growing restaurant and food service industry. Students may elect to take the National Food Safety certificate exam at the end of the course.

NUTR 119 Nutrition for Fitness  3unit(s)
Hours: 3 Lecture/Discussion
Equivalent Course: HW 119
This course is designed to acquaint students with the nutritional needs of athletes and the relationship between nutrition and fitness. Students are required to use the computer, Internet and basic math skills to calculate nutritional needs. Topics include human energy, nutrient groups, body composition, and supplement use.
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