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Introduction
The School of Chemical Sciences and Food Technology offers graduate study programs by thesis and course work to train scientists to carry out fundamental and applied researches in the vision of strengthening and to strengthen UKM as a research university. The Master programs by thesis are supported by several courses that will provide the candidates with essential knowledge in carrying out research. The Master programs by course work require candidates to complete a short and focused research project. Postgraduate courses for Master and Doctor of Philosophy are implemented either on a full-time or part-time basis.

Research Areas and Degrees Offered
The School of Chemical Sciences and Food Technology offers researches which includes specialization in Chemistry and Food Science. The specializations or research offers in the field of chemistry includes natural products, analytical chemistry, Environmental chemistry, synthesis of inorganic compound, kinetics and catalysis as well as polymer and polymer composites. For the area of food science, it covers food chemistry and analysis, food additives, edible biopolymers, food acceptance, sensory evaluation, food safety and quality, food microbiology and fermentation, community nutrition, food processing, inorganic compound, liquid natural rubber, colloidal chemistry, catalysis, environment, natural product from plant, theory and simulation and oils and fats chemistry.

The degrees awarded are as follows:
- Doctor of Philosophy (Chemistry)
- Doctor of Philosophy (Nutrition)
- Doctor of Philosophy (Food Science)
- Master of Science (Chemistry)
- Master of Science (Nutrition)
- Master of Science (Food Science)

Entry Requirements
Candidates applying for the postgraduate programs must fulfill the following requirements:

Doctor of Philosophy Program

a) Master in Science degree from Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia or any other universities approved by the Senate;
   or
b) Other qualifications of the same level as a Master of Science and other qualifications or experience approved by the Senate;
   or
c) Is currently following a Master of Science program in Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia and is endorsed by the Graduate Studies Committee of the Faculty to change the status to a Doctor of Philosophy program;
   or
d) Degree in Science or other equivalent qualification with a Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA) of at least 3.67 from Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia or any other universities approved by the Senate;
Master of Science Program

a) Bachelor of Science degree with a good Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA) from Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia or any other universities approved by the Senate;

or

b) Other equivalent qualification to a Bachelor's degree in Science or other qualification such as experiences approved by the Senate;

or

c) Candidates who do not fulfill the minimum CGPA requirements may be considered on the basis of their experiences in research in related fields.

Program of Study

Doctor of Philosophy

Each candidates of this program is required to register and pass STPD6014 Research Methodology course and thesis every semester until completion of the academic program. Students are required to schedule meetings with their supervisor or postgraduate committee for not less than 40 hours per semester for full-time students and 20 hours per semester for part-time students. The research output is written into a thesis.

Master of Science

Thesis

Each candidates in this program has to register and pass 8-14 credit hours and research findings should be written as a thesis.

The 8-14 credit hours consist of courses offered by the faculty and the school. Full-time students need to schedule discussion with their respective supervisor or Graduates Studies Committee for not less than 26 hours per semester whereas 13 hours per semester is required for part-time students.

Course work

Each candidate in these programs must successfully complete a minimum of 40 credit hours of course work. All the units taken are comprised of core courses and elective courses, as determined by the respective program.

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY (CHEMISTRY)

PROGRAM EDUCATIONAL OBJECTIVES (PEO)

PEO1: Competent with admirable personality and character that can uphold the vision of the faculty and the university as well as able to contribute an energy and expertise toward the current technology development and problem solving.

PEO2: Developing attitudes and awareness to identify, plan work activities, design of new and innovation research in the process and production related to chemistry.

PEO3: Provides in-depth knowledge and exploratory research guide in the field of chemicals that capable in addressing the issues of security, harmony and balance of nature.
PEO4: Provide in-depth knowledge, skills and networking knowledge sharing in the field of chemistry that contribute to the development of agriculture, health and manufacturing industries.

PROGRAM LEARNING OUTCOMES (PLO)

PLO1: Mastering the knowledge in advanced chemistry.
PLO2: Mastering technical skills in chemistry.
PLO3: Ability to identify, formulate and solve problems.
PLO4: Able to use scientific methods to design, manage experiments, analyze and interpret data.
PLO5: Able to appreciate the issues related to ethics, society and environment.
PLO6: Ability to communicate effectively.
PLO7: Able to play a role as an individual in a group as well as becoming an effective leader.
PLO8: Recognizing the need for lifelong learning and acquire skills to do it.
PLO9: Able to have entrepreneurial and management skills.

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY (FOOD SCIENCE)

PROGRAM EDUCATIONAL OBJECTIVES (PEO)

PEO1: Competent with admirable personality and character that can uphold the vision of the faculty and the university as well as able to contribute an energy and expertise toward the current technology development and problem solving.

PEO2: Developing attitudes and awareness to identify, plan work activities, design of new research and innovation in food industry.

PEO3: Provides advanced knowledge in the field of food science and technology and facilitate the current research exploration in the field.

PEO4: Developing and creating a knowledge sharing network to conduct research effectively and equitably to meet the challenges and fulfill the demands of the current food industry.

PROGRAM LEARNING OUTCOMES (PLO)

PLO1: Mastering basic and advanced knowledge to conduct research in food science and technology.

PLO2: Having in-depth technical competence in the field of food science and technology.

PLO3: Ability to identify and solve problems in food science and technology research.

PLO4: Ability to utilize scientific methods to design, conduct, analyze and interpret research data.

PLO5: Understanding of issues and needs related to ethics, society, culture and environment as a professional food scientist and technologist.

PLO6: Competent in both oral and written communications.

PLO7: Ability to function effectively as an individual and in a group with the capacity to be a leader as well as an effective team member.

PLO8: Ability to manage and gather the information for lifelong learning and the capacity to do so.
PLO9: Ability to acquire entrepreneurial and managerial skills to fulfill the needs of food industry.

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY (NUTRITION)

PROGRAM EDUCATIONAL OBJECTIVES (PEO)

PEO1: Competent with admirable personality and character that can uphold the vision of the faculty and the university as well as able to contribute an energy and expertise toward the current technology development and problem solving.

PEO2: Developing attitudes and awareness to identify, plan, develop and carry out research on the development of dietary habits on culture, the environment and changes in community attitudes.

PEO3: Provides advanced knowledge in the field of nutrition and health, and facilitate the exploration of current research in the field.

PEO4: Developing and creating a knowledge sharing network to conduct research effectively and equitably to meet the challenges and fulfill the demands of the current food and nutrition.

PROGRAM LEARNING OUTCOMES (PLO)

PLO1: Mastery basic and of advanced knowledge to conduct research in nutrition

PLO2: Having in-depth technical competence in the field of nutrition.

PLO3: Ability to identify and solve problems in nutritional research.

PLO4: Ability to utilize scientific methods to design, conduct, analyzes and interpret research data.

PLO5: Understanding of issues and needs related to ethics, society, culture and environment as a professional nutritionist.

PLO6: Competent in both oral and written communication.

PLO7: Ability to function effectively as an individual and in a group with the capacity to be a leader as well as an effective team member.

PLO8: Ability to manage and gather the information for lifelong learning and the capacity to do so.

MASTER OF SCIENCE (CHEMISTRY)

Introduction
The master program by thesis emphasizes research work to train scientists to be more capable to carry out fundamental and applied research and to support UKM as a Research University. Research or specialized areas offered by the Chemistry Program are Natural Products, Analytical Chemistry, Environmental Chemistry, Synthesis of Inorganic Compound, Catalysis, green polymers which include Thermoplastics, synthetic polymers and polymer composite.

The Master of Science (Chemistry) by course work offers a package of minimum two semesters for full-time students and four semesters for part-time students. This program is offered to qualified students from chemical industries, private colleges, research institutions, teachers and government sector which have limited time to further their studies. Graduates from this program are expected to contribute effectively to the development of science and technology.

Entry Requirements
Candidates applying for the graduate degree study should fulfill the following requirements:

a) Bachelor of Science degree with a good Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA) from Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia or any other universities approved by the Senate;
or
b) Other equivalent qualification to a Bachelor's degree in Science or other qualification such as experiences approved by the Senate;
or
c) Candidates who do not fulfill the minimum CGPA requirements may be considered on the basis of their experience in research in related fields.

**Type of Programs**

The graduate programs offered are as follows:
- Thesis
- Course Work

**PROGRAM EDUCATIONAL OBJECTIVES (PEO)**

PEO1: Competent with admirable personality and character that can uphold the vision of the faculty and the university as well as able to contribute an energy and expertise toward the current technology development and problem solving.

PEO2: Developing attitudes and awareness to identify, plan work activities, design of new and innovation research in the process and production related to chemistry.

PEO3: Provides in-depth knowledge and exploratory research guide in the field of chemicals that capable in addressing the issues of security, harmony and balance of nature.

PEO4: Provides in-depth knowledge, skills and networking knowledge sharing in the field of chemistry that contribute to the development of agriculture, health and manufacturing industries.

**PROGRAM LEARNING OUTCOMES (PLO)**

PLO1: The ability to master knowledge in advanced chemistry.

PLO2: Having in-depth technical competence in chemistry.

PLO3: Able to undertake problem identification, formulation and solution.

PLO4: Able to utilize scientific method to design and conduct experiments as well as to analyze and interpret data.

PLO5: Able to appreciate issues related to ethics, society and environment.

PLO6: Able to communicate effectively.

PLO7: Able to function effectively in a group as a team member as well as a leader.

PLO8: Recognizing the need for lifelong learning and acquiring the capacity to do so.

PLO9: Able to acquire entrepreneurial and managerial skills.

**Program Structure**

Thesis
Each candidate in this program must complete and pass 8 credit hours course as a fulfilment for the degree of Master of Science. The results of the research will be written out as a thesis.

The compulsory courses offered are as follows:
- STPD6014  Research Methodology
- STKK6014  Laboratory Research Skill

Course work
Each candidates in Master of Science (Chemistry) program by course work must register and successfully complete a minimum of 40 credit hours of course work throughout the studies. The following table listed the core courses and elective courses required to be taken by the candidates.

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Courses Offered
- STPD6014  Research Methodology
- STKK6113  Quantum Chemistry
- STKK6123  Advanced Polymer Chemistry
- STKK6142  Electrochemistry
Course Contents

**STKK6014 Laboratory Research Skill**
This course will expose the students to technical skills for laboratory work, which will help them to improve their skills in research work. The course will discuss the laboratory safety, labeling, chemical storage, chemical waste disposal, chemical safety acts, safety management and chemical safety database. Other laboratory techniques such as vacuum distillation system, cooling under zero temperature, precipitation process, handling of toxic and flammable chemicals, gas handling, dilution, glass tube will be covered. The syllabus will include trace analysis in chemistry and neutron activation analysis. Instrumentation and interpretation techniques from IR, UV, GCMS, AA, HPLC, NMR, TGA, DCS, X-ray Crystallography etc. QA/QC and GLP aspects will also be emphasized.

**References**

**STKK6113 Quantum Chemistry**
This course introduces and discusses the basic principles in quantum theory; topics include wave-particle duality, Schrödinger equation, normalization and quantization, the Born interpretation of the wavefunction, operators, eigenvalues and eigenfunctions, probability and expectation values, and uncertainty principle. The application of wavefunction in solving the particle in a box and motion in two dimensions for translational motion; the energy levels and the wavefunctions for vibrational motion; and rotation in two and three dimensions, and spin for rotational motion will be included in discussion. Atomic and molecular orbitals, energy and orbitals, molecular orbital theory, and the Huckel approximation for polyatomic systems will also be discussed.

**References**

**STKK6123 Advanced Polymer Chemistry**

This course focuses on three fundamental topics: thermodynamics of polymer mixture-enthalpy, entropy and free energy; polymer blending-homogenity, compatibility, intermolecular interaction, curing, phase equilibrium, rheology and phase morphology, physical and mechanical properties of blends, solution blending and melting, and colloidal solution-solute, solvent and amphiphilic molecule clusterings/surfactant, micelle structure and properties, stability, equilibrium and phase diagram, micro and macro emulsion.

**References**


**STKK6142 Electrochemistry**

Topics to be discussed includes general considerations; choice of solvent and electrolyte, cell design and electrodes, voltammetric techniques for synthetic reactions, electrochemical synthesis by controlled potential electrolysis, spectro-electrochemistry, electrochemical reactions in an aqueous media and organic solvent. Application of electrochemistry in industrial including interface electrochemistry, bioelectrochemistry, electrochemistry for sensing, chlor-alkali industries, fuel cell, electroplating and application in environmental pollution control will be highlighted. Corrosions and stability of metals will also be discussed.

**References**

STKK6313 Inorganic Reaction Mechanism
This course involves the fundamentals, methodologies (experimental, computational and theoretical) and applications of inorganic reaction mechanisms, that is of the processes of bond formation and cleavage, electron transfer, the nature of intermediates, medium and other effects, in inorganic and organometallic redox and substitution reactions, including those which underlie important catalytic, environmental, biological and industrial processes. Examples on important inorganic and organometallic reactions will also be exposed to strengthen the understanding of the students in inorganic mechanism.

References

STKK6323 Applied Inorganic Chemistry
Two important topics in inorganic chemistry relating to our daily life, firstly, the structural and functions of metal/metal ions in our life such as minerals, vitamin and coenzymes will be discussed. In addition, biochemistry reactions involving metal ions such as uptake, transport and storage of metal ion as exemplified by iron; copper-proteins, photosynthesis, coenzymes and catalytic enzyme reaction will also be included. Secondly, the important of inorganic compounds in industries as catalyst will be discussed. Mechanisms of homogeneous catalyst will be discussed in detailed and discussion on heterogenous system is concentrated on liquid and gas systems.

References

STKK6342 Physical Inorganic Chemistry
Course involved in-depth study on the properties and reactions of inorganic compound. The main focus is on the substitution reaction of the octahedron complexes, tetrahedron and square planar. The concept of stable, labile and mechanism steps, stereochemistry, trans effect and experimental evidence of associations and exchange mechanism will be studied. Other than substitution reaction, redox reactions with internal and external spherical concept and also
reactions of in coordinated ligands are also investigated. Coordinated ligand reaction involved hydrolysis of ester amide and peptide, template and electrophilic. Reactions related to biochemical system will also be discussed.

References

STKK6513 Organic Synthesis
Reaction leading towards the formation of carbon-carbon bonds, summary of reactions especially involving functional group interconversions. Synthetic methods with emphasis on discovery, development and use of chemical reaction in synthesis; limitations and scope of the reactions in questions. Multi-step synthesis of natural products as templates for various synthetic approaches and strategies. Synthetic reagents using organometallic compound will also be discussed.

References

STKK6523 Spectroscopy in Organic Chemistry
This course introduced the structural determination and stereochemistry of organic compound. Theory and application of modern spectroscopic methods for this particular aim will be discussed including ultraviolet, infrared, one and two-dimensional NMR and mass spectroscopy. In addition, step by step approach in structural elucidation of organic compounds which involves abstraction and interpretation of ultraviolet, infrared, one and two-dimensional NMR and mass spectral data will be discussed in detail. Other than focusing on the structural elucidation exercises based on spectroscopic data, hands-on application of the instrument will also be done during one slot of practical work. The importance of spectroscopic and physical data in stereochemical determination of organic compound will also be covered.

References
STKK6542 Reaction Kinetics and Mechanisms
This course explores on the details on method and data interpretations in parallel to the kinetic of an organic or inorganic reactions. Mathematical treatment of the proposed mechanisms which should be in agreement with the kinetic data obtained. The mechanism for several common reaction including substitution, redox, catalysis acid base, polimerisation and enzymatic reactions will be studied. Stopped flow and temperature jump technique will also be introduced. The linear free energy relationship, isotope effect and mathematical treatment of some complex reactions will be discussed.

References

STKK6713 Principles of Analytical Instrumentation Design
Understanding on the chemical principle of qualitative and quantitative in designing analytical instrumentation is incorporated. System and component in the analytical instrumentation- light source, heater, optic, pump, motor, operational amplifier, electronic, central processing unit (CPU), vacuum, interfaces, volume and mass measurement, detector and others are discussed. Steps in designing analytical instrumentation system for specific purposes and example of automatic analyser and processing analyzer used in various field will also be introduced.

References
**STKK6723 Chemical Management System**

Discussion on systematic chemical management system and related system as chemist in protecting the worker, public and environment: aspect and activities covering the whole life cycle of the chemicals. Role and responsibility of a chemist: Chemist Acts and role of Malaysia Chemistry Institute. Concept of Good Laboratory Practice (GLP) and laboratory accreditation under the Malaysia Laboratory Accreditation Scheme (SAMM) and ISO 17025. Environmental regulations, Good Manufacturing Practice (GMP), quality management (ISO9000 series) and environmental management system (ISO14000).

**References**


**STKK6762 Surface Analysis**

This course will discuss the importance of surface analysis, vacuum system, mean free path (MFP), photoelectron phenomenon and Aufer electron. The electron spectroscopy discussion will involve theory, instrumentation and data analysis for XPS, AES and UPS spectroscopy. Surface analysis for solid sample based on sample saturation/unsaturation involving N\textsubscript{2} gas, BET equation, surface area, pore size and distribution of pore. Selective saturation based on chemical saturation of the H\textsubscript{2} gas and other gases. The normal method used for surface analysis involve instrumental theory and the use of AFM, SEM and TEM instruments.

**References**


**STKK6942 Radiochemical Techniques**

The course gives student the general theory, instrumentation and various methods and applications related to radioactive materials and ionizing radiation in chemistry. Emphasis will be given to the fields of radiochemical analysis and radiation techniques in polymeric systems. The topics of discussion include neutron activation analysis and nuclear reactions, isotope dilution analysis, radio-reagent methods, instrumental analysis based absorption and scattering. In the radiation techniques, discussion will include application of ionizing radiation in polymerization and modification of polymers. General radiation safety will also be given.
References

STKK6972 Research Project I
The objective of this course is to expose the students to the world of chemistry, which consists of organic, inorganic, analytical, physical and polymer chemistry. The research project will be carried out in two semesters consecutively and each student is expected to submit their report at the end of the second semester. The titles for the projects will be given by the respective lecturers who are responsible to guide the students during their studies. This project will be evaluated based on the written proposal, presentation and the progress of the project in the first semester.

STKK6988 Research Project II
Research project II is the continuation of Research Project I where the students in this semester are required to write a report in the form of a dissertation on the research findings. The evaluation will be carried out based on the dissertation and oral examination. The project must be written based on UKM’s format stipulated in ‘The UKM Style Guide’.

Reference

MASTER OF SCIENCE (FOOD SCIENCE)

Introduction
The Food Science Program offers the Master of Science degree by thesis and course work. These fields of study are closely related to food production from the point of harvest or slaughter until it is marketed and reaches the consumer in conditions that satisfy the consumer’s requirements in terms of food safety and taste.

The Master of Science program complements the Doctor of Philosophy program that comprises only research work. Graduates from this program will gain sound knowledge in the fields of Food Science and Nutrition. It is hoped that these graduates will apply the knowledge gained in the areas of research and production of nutritious foods, food safety and quality, food regulations as well as food and nutrition education programs.

Entry Requirements
Candidates applying for graduate degree study should possess the following qualifications:
a) Bachelor of Science degree (Food Science, Food Science and Nutrition, Food Technology) with a good Cumulative Grade Point Average from Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia or any universities approved by the Senate; or
b) Other equivalent qualification to a Bachelor's degree in Science or other qualification such as experiences approved by the Senate; or
c) Candidates who do not fulfill the minimum CGPA requirements may be considered on the basis of their experience in research in related fields.

Type of Programs
Master of Science (Food Science) Program offers two types of study:
- Thesis
- Course work

PROGRAM EDUCATIONAL OBJECTIVES (PEO)
PEO1: Competent with admirable personality and character that can uphold the vision of the faculty and the university as well as able to contribute an energy and expertise toward the current technology development and problem solving.
PEO2: Provides in-depth knowledge and guide exploratory research in the field of food science and technology that is able to address the issue of security, harmony and balance of nature.
PEO3: Developing attitudes and awareness to identify, plan work activities, design of new research and innovation to meet the challenges and fulfill the demand in the current food industry.
PEO4: Provides in-depth the knowledge, skills and networking knowledge sharing in the field of food science and technology that contribute to the development of agriculture, health and food industries.

PROGRAM LEARNING OUTCOMES (PLO)
PLO1: Mastery basic and of advanced knowledge to conduct research in food science and technology.
PLO2: Having in-depth technical competence in the field of food science and technology.
PLO3: Ability to identify and solve problems in food science and technology research.
PLO4: Ability to utilize scientific methods to design, conduct, analyse and interpret research data.
PLO5: Understanding of issues and needs related to ethics, society, culture and environment as a professional food scientist and technologist.
PLO6: Competent in both oral and written communication.
PLO7: Ability to function effectively as an individual in a group with the capacity to be a leader as well as an effective team member.
PLO8: Recognizing the need for lifelong learning and capacity to do so.
PLO9: Ability to acquire entrepreneurial and managerial skills to fulfill the needs of food industry.

Program Structure
All candidates of this program have to register and pass 14 credit hours of courses to fulfill the requirement for graduation. From the 14 credit hours of courses, 4 credit hours core Faculty and 10 credit hours for core program. The list of the courses are:

STPD6014 Research Methodology

and select 10 credit hours courses from the following list:

**Semester I**
- STKM6033 Science of Fats and Oils
- STKM6113 Advanced Food Microbiology
- STKM6712 Food and Nutrition Toxicology

**Semester II**
- STKM6043 Sugar & Chocolate Confection Technology
- STKM6063 Food Additive Substance
- STKM6123 Advanced Food Chemistry

**Course work**
All candidates of this programme have to register and pass 40 credit hours, of which 29 credit hours are from core courses and 11 credit hours from elective courses. Students may take any of the elective courses to fulfill the requirement.

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STKM6323 Food Processing Operations
STKM6712 Food and Nutrition Toxicology
STKM6722 Food Packaging
STKM6973 Research Project I
STKM6986 Research Project II

Course Contents

**STKM6023 Protein Product Technology**
This course discusses the scientific and technological aspects of plant and animal protein. Emphasis is based on animal protein technology especially meat, milk and eggs. The scientific aspects include microbial quality, chemical, biochemical and the physical properties of these proteins. Technological aspects include meat, milk and egg-based product processing technology. The production and usage of side products such as fats, leather, egg shells, whey and lactose will also be discussed.

**References**

**STKM6033 The Science of Fats and Oils**
This course discusses fat and oil processing to produce value added products. These include fractionation, hydrogenation, transesterification and blending to produce emulsifiers (sugar esters, DAG, MAG) and specialty fats (structured lipids, confectionary fats, shortenings). In addition, polymorphic characteristics of fats and oils and their importance in fat migration, compatibility and formation of fat bloom will also be discussed. The physico-chemical changes in fats and oils during cooking will also be explained. The role of dietary fats and oils in health and diseases (coronary heart diseases, obesity) will be explained.

**References**
STKM6043  Sugar and Chocolate Confection Technology
This course will deliberate comprehensively and scientifically on technology of sugar and chocolate confection thoroughly in theory and practice. Course scope will deliberate on specification, raw material, processing, quality control, shelf life, product development and acceptance. Discussion will also focus on several physicochemical aspects of product such as carbohydrate, sweetener, emulsifier and fat. Raw material and confection product that will be discussed are jelly and gum, cocoa products, nuts, sweetener, fat, cocoa butter alternatives, replacement fat, sweet and caramel. Thorough discussions on product processing that will be covered are on crystallization aspect, thickness, blend impact, pH impact, boiling point, food additive and storage.

References

STKM6063  Food Additives
This course discusses the chemical reactions involve in natural food flavour formation from plants and animals as well as via food processing techniques. The method to isolate, separate and identify flavour compounds will also be discussed. Emphasis will be given on identification of off- flavours defects in foods and propose ways of preventing them. The synthetic and natural identical flavourings will be addressed in the course. Students will be given group assignment/project to apply flavourings to various formulated systems.

References

STKM6113  Advanced Food Microbiology
In this course, scientific aspect of microbial contamination in food are discussed, the physiology and biochemistry of microorganisms in contaminated food, and the survival aspects of vegetative cells and microbial spores due to exposure to various food preservation techniques. Toxin production mechanisms by bacteria and its action which causes food poisoning by infection and intoxication are also discussed. Molecular epidemiology, rapid methods of bacterial sub typing and data analysis, and food borne diseases emerging issues and international legislation related to food microbiology are taught. The principles and use of predictive microbiology during food preservation to control food pathogens are introduced besides other topic such as microbial risk assessment and microbiological criteria. Recent techniques based on immunology and genetic for detecting and determining of foodborne microorganisms in food particularly pathogens are also discussed.

References

STKM6122 Experimental Technique in Food Science
This course will discuss the basic principles regarding the technique of conducting research in food science. Discussion will also include several methods in conducting experiments commonly practiced in the field of food science, data analysis and concluding experiment outputs along with the use of software to analyse data. This course will emphasize on hands-on practical aspects apart from the theory.

References

STKM6123 Advanced Food Chemistry
This course will deliberate on the chemistry of protein, carbohydrate and lipid, pertaining to the chemistry and biochemistry, giving special emphasis on appropriate instrumental analytical techniques to monitor physicochemical properties related to quality. Protein chemistry will be discussed on interaction of protein-water, protein-protein, protein-starch and protein-metal and their
importance in food processing. Protein modification technology will also be discussed. Carbohydrate chemistry will cover detailed discussion on the structure-function relationship, modification and application in food industries. Lipid chemistry will cover topics such as the production of fats, classification of lipid, value added products, polymorphism, fat oxidation, structured lipid by interesterification and application of lipid in food systems. Techniques in fat and oils analysis will also be discussed.

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**STKM6322 Current Techniques in Food Microbiology**
In this course, current techniques in food microbiology are exposed to the graduate student. It includes the detection, identification and characterization of different techniques in food microbiology such as nucleic acid-based diagnostic and ELISA. Students are thought the common microbial contaminant in food and risk material of Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy (BSE). They are also exposed to data analysis and molecular epidemiology study from DNA fingerprinting obtained and explained current developments in nucleic acid-based diagnostic for determination of food contents from aspects of religious (Halal issues), safety, legislation and declaration. Besides that, explanation and problem solving method in issue related to microorganism will be exposed to the students.

References

**STKM6323 Food Processing Operation**
Food processing operation involves a series of unit operations which bring about changes in the raw materials. In an effort to produce food products which are safe, nutritious and stable, knowledge of the food product as well as the combination of the processing operation units are of utmost importance. This course discusses the physical and chemical properties of food and the operation units involved in raw material preparation, size reduction, mixing, forming, thickening, heating processes, frying, micro waving, filtration and extraction. This course will also cover the use of pulsed electric field, high pressure processing and ohmic heating in food processing.

References


**STKM6712 Food and Nutritional Toxicology**

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**References**


**STKM6722 Food Packaging**

This course will cover the basic aspects of food packaging. Emphasis will be placed on the types of packaging materials available, their properties such as absorbency, tensile strength and the interaction between the food product and its packaging material. Methods of packaging, the role of packaging during transportation of foods and labeling will be discussed. The importance of packaging in food preservation and protection of food from spoilage and contamination during storage and transportation will be covered too. The properties of packaging materials which come into direct contact with food, controlled or modified atmosphere packaging and water, oxygen and carbon dioxide absorption materials will also be discussed.

**References**

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STKM6986 Research Project II
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MASTER OF SCIENCE (NUTRITION)

Introduction
The Nutrition program offers a Master of Science degree by thesis and course work. The candidates in this field of specialization will be trained on the importance of nutrition in health and the complexity of nutritional problems. Nutrition is also closely linked to food production and safety.

The Master of Science (Nutrition) Program complements the Doctor of Philosophy program that comprises only research work. Graduates from this program will possess sound knowledge in the field of Nutrition. It is hoped that these graduates will apply the gained knowledge in areas of research and production of nutritious foods, food safety and quality, food regulations as well as food and nutrition educational programs.

Entry Requirements
Candidates applying for graduate degree study should possess the following qualifications:

a) Bachelor of Science degree (Food Science and Nutrition, Nutrition or Dietetics) with a good Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA) from Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia or any universities approved by the Senate, or
b) Other equivalent qualification to a Bachelor's degree in Science or other qualification such as experiences approved by the Senate; or
c) Candidates who do not fulfill the minimum CGPA requirements may be considered on the basis of their experience in research in related fields.

**Type of Programs**
The Master of Science (Nutrition) degree offers two types of study program:
- Thesis
- Course work

**PROGRAM EDUCATIONAL OBJECTIVES (PEO)**

PEO1: Competent with admirable personality and character that can uphold the vision of the faculty and the university as well as able to contribute an energy and expertise toward the current technology development and problem solving.

PEO2: Provides in-depth knowledge and guide current exploratory research on the development of dietary habits on culture, the environment and changes in community attitudes.

PEO3: Developing attitudes and awareness to identify, plan work activities, design of new research and innovation to meet the challenges and demands in the current field of nutrition.

PEO4: Developing and creating a knowledge sharing network to conduct research effectively and equitably to meet the challenges of food and nutrition industry demand.

**PROGRAM LEARNING OUTCOMES (PLO)**

PLO1: Mastery of advanced knowledge to conduct research in nutrition.

PLO2: Having in-depth technical competence in the field of nutrition.

PLO3: Ability to identify and solve problems in nutritional research.

PLO4: Ability to utilize scientific methods to design, conduct, analyze and interpret research data.

PLO5: Understanding of issues and needs related to ethics, society, culture and environment as a professional nutritionist.

PLO6: Competent in both oral and written communication.

PLO7: Ability to function effectively as an individual and in a group with the capacity to be a leader as well as an effective team member.

PLO8: Recognizing the need for lifelong learning and possessing the capacity to do so.

PLO9: Ability to acquire entrepreneurial and managerial skills to fulfill the community needs.

**Program Structure**

**Thesis**
All candidates of this program have to register and pass 14 credit hours of courses to fulfill the requirement for graduation. From the 14 credit hours of courses, 4 credit hours core Faculty and 10 credit hours for core program. The list of the courses are:

STPD6014 Research Methodology

*and select 10 credit hours from the list:*
Semester I
STKM6033 Science of Fats and Oils
STKM6122 Experiment Techniques in Food Science
STKM6223 Research Techniques in Nutrition
STKM6313 Food Quality
STKM6413 Nutrition and Aging
STKM6712 Food and Nutrition Toxicology

Semester II
STKM6063 Food Additive Substance
STKM6213 Applied Nutrition
STKM6222 Nutrient and Drug Interactions
STKM6243 Food Safety Management
STKM6333 Diet Therapy Advanced

Course work
All candidates of this program have to register and pass 40 credit hours, of which 29 credit hours are from core courses and 11 credit hours from elective courses. Students may take any of the elective courses to fulfill the requirement.

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STKM6223 Research Techniques in Nutrition
STKM6243 Food Safety Management
STKM6333 Food Quality
Course Contents

STKM6033  Science of Fats and Oils
This course discusses fat and oil processing to produce value added products. These include fractionation, hydrogenation, transesterification and blending to produce emulsifiers (sugar esters, DAG, MAG) and specialty fats (structured lipids, confectionary fats, shortenings). In addition, polymorphic characteristics of fats and oils and their importance in fat migration, compatibility and formation of fat bloom will also be discussed. The physico-chemical changes in fats and oils during cooking will also be explained. The role of dietary fats and oils in health and diseases (coronary heart diseases, obesity) will be explained.

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STKM6063  Food Additives
This course discusses the chemical reactions involve in natural food flavour formation from plants and animals as well as via food processing techniques. The method to isolate, separate and identify flavour compounds will also be discussed. Emphasis will be given on identification of off-flavours defects in foods and propose ways of preventing them. The synthetic and natural identical flavourings will be addressed in the course. Students will be given group assignment/project to apply flavourings to various formulated systems.

References

STKM6122  Experimental Techniques in Food Science
This course will discuss the basic principles regarding the technique of conducting research in food science. Discussion will also include several methods in conducting experiments commonly practiced in the field of food science, data analysis and concluding experiment outputs along with the use of software to analyse data. This course will emphasize on hands-on practical aspects apart from the theory.

References

STKM6213  Applied Nutrition
This course discussed the food habit of ethnic groups in Malaysia. Several nutrition related programs in Malaysia will also be discussed. The students will be exposed to field work in relation to nutrition where the students will be involved in planning, implementing, teaching and evaluating of project conducted.

References

STKM6222  Nutrient and Drug Interactions
This course discusses the effects of nutrient on the efficacy and toxicity of drugs. Students will be exposed to the influence of drugs on the absorption, distribution and metabolism of nutrients. Emphasis will be given on the influence of drugs such as alcohol and food. The interactive effects of food additives and supplements with drugs on certain diseases will also be addressed.

References

**STKM6223 Research Techniques in Nutrition**

This course discusses the techniques commonly used in biological assay of food proteins and nutritional evaluation using small animals and *in vitro* studies. The principals of research technique in nutrition is introduced whereby students will be able to carry out experiments using animals to conduct bioassays, PER and digestibility studies. Students will be exposed to the research ethics, management of the laboratory for animal studies, appreciate the handling of small animals and work in group to achieve results. Research techniques involving surveys and clinical studies will also be covered in this course.

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**STKM6333 Diet Therapy**

This course covers the aspects of nutrition which are the foundations for treatment of certain pathological conditions. Good nutrition can assist the recovery of patients suffering from acute and chronic diseases by alleviating problems such as stress, trauma, infection, metabolic changes and the after effects of surgery. Students will be exposed to the physiology of diseases and various aspects of nutrition such as enteral and parenteral nutrition as well as nutrition for diseases of the intestines, liver and kidneys. Nutrition for conditions such as cancer, diabetes mellitus, cardiovascular diseases, food allergy and others will also be covered in this course.

**References**


**STKM6413 Nutrition and Aging**

This course discusses the elderly demographic pattern, theories related to ageing process and factors influencing ageing process such as environment, social, psychology, biology and physiology. Malnutrition problems faced by elderly, nutritional need and dietary managements well as functional and quality of life will also be discussed. Students will be exposed to the various facilities and institutions available for the elderly in Malaysia.

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