



Course syllabus

Faculty of Social Sciences
Department of Sport Science

4IV015 Idrottsnutrition, 7,5 högskolepoäng
Sports nutrition, 7.5 credits

Main field of study

Sport Science

Subject

Sport Science

Level

Second cycle

Progression

A1N

Date of Ratification

Approved 2020-02-05.

Revised 2024-03-15. Editorial corrections of entry requirements, objectives and examination.

The course syllabus is valid from spring semester 2025.

Prerequisites

180 credits in Dietetics/Nutrition, of which at least 7.5 credits in Physiology.

Objectives

Upon completion of the course, students shall be able to:

- explain the relation between the importance of the energy systems and the dietary factors during exercise and competition at elite level,
- problematise the focus on weight and body composition in relation to health and performance,

- argue for the elite athlete's need of nutrients and fluid for health, recovery and optimum performance,
- collect, summarise, interpret and critically analyse an athlete's nutritional status, dietary intake and nutritional requirements based on the training load in a project,
- independently put together and apply scientifically established dietary recommendations for elite athletes in different kinds of sports,
- evaluate pros and cons of the use of dietary supplements for various groups of athletes,
- discuss, critically review and assess other students' scientific dietary guidelines and recommendations, based on practical, educational and scientific aspects.

Content

- Energy expenditure and substrate utilization
- Body composition
- Nutrition related issues in sports
- Macro- and micronutrients, and dietary supplements for athletes
- Periodised nutrition in various phases of exercise
- Individual project and serve as the student reviewer at a public discussion and examination of a fellow student's project

The project work includes analysis and evaluation of an active athlete's dietary status, nutrient intake and requirements, and dietary recommendations. An analysis is performed of the specific sport in relation to physiological, metabolic, practical and nutritional requirements, and a summary is made of scientifically backed dietary recommendations for the specific sport.

Type of Instruction

Teaching consists of lectures and two compulsory seminars.

Examination

The course is assessed with the grades Fail (U), Pass (G) or Pass with Distinction (VG).

Examination of the course takes place by means of one written assignment, public discussion and examination of a fellow student's project, and two compulsory seminars.

In order to receive a grade of Pass, the course objectives must be attained. To be awarded a grade of Pass with Distinction in the course, it is required that the project is assessed as Pass with Distinction, and that the grade of Pass is obtained for the public discussion and examination and the seminars.

A retake of the examination is provided in accordance with the Local Regulations for First-Cycle and Second-Cycle Courses and Examination at Linnaeus University.

Should the university determine that a student is entitled to special educational support due to impairment, the examiner may provide the student with an adapted test or the

student may carry out the examination in an alternative way.

Course Evaluation

A course evaluation is carried out either during or at the end of the course. Results and analysis of the evaluation are presented to the students who have completed the course, and to new students at the following course date. The course evaluation is conducted anonymously.

Overlap

The course cannot be included in a degree along with the following course/courses of which the content fully, or partly, corresponds to the content of this course:
4IM115 Sports Medicine with Emphasis on Sports Nutrition, 7.5 credits

Required Reading and Additional Study Material

Burke Louise, Deakin Vicki & Minehan Michelle (2021). *Clinical sports nutrition*. McGrawHill Medical, London, (848 p.) ISBN 9781760425647.

Scientific articles also included (40-100 pages).