

Dipartimento di Medicina Veterinaria



ACADEMIC YEAR 2023/2024

General information		
Academic subject	FUNDAMENTALS OF DIETETIC	
	(Integrated exam of FUNDAMENTALS OF DIETETIC AND NUTRACEUTICALS)	
Degree course	Foods of animal origin safety and health - (LM86)	
Academic Year	2023/2024 – I year	
European Credit Transfer and	5	
Accumulation System (ECTS)		
Language	Italian	
Academic calendar (starting and	II semester	
ending date)		
Attendance	No	

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Virtual headquarters	Teams' platform (n2bddnl)	
Tutoring (time and day)	Monday 8:30 - 10:30 (reservation by mail)	

Syllabus	
Learning Objectives	The course aims to deepen the knowledge of the fundamental of nutrition and dietetics, in physiological conditions and in diseases related to nutrition.
	Students will learn the main techniques of body composition assessment, basic knowledge about the nutritional needs of the population, and different
	strategies in order to prepare a nutritional plan for healthy subjects.
Course prerequisites	Bases of biochemistry and biology
Contents	HUMAN NUTRITION: principles of central nervous system physiology,
	gastrointestinal physiology, liver and pancreas
	BODY COMPOSITION: description of body compartments and measuring
	techniques; measurement of fat and lean mass.
	ENERGY NEEDS: energy requirements and energy balance, "Total Energy
	Expenditure" (TEE), Energy needs of the adult population
	FOOD GROUPS AND GUIDELINES: general concepts and description of food
	groups; the scientific basis for the estimation of nutritional requirements and
	nutrient and energy reference values for the Italian population (LARN: reference
	energy and nutrient intakes); Guidelines for the Italian population; Description of criteria for the formulation of a nutritionally adequate diet; The Food
	Pyramids; the Mediterranean Diet
	NUTRITION AND DISEASE: Obesity, Diabetes and Metabolic Syndrome, eating
	disorders and cancer
Books and bibliography	Alimentazione, nutrizione e salute – Edises;
Additional materials	Papers and reviews. Slide projected in class

Work schedule	
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Total	Lectures	Hands on (Laboratory, working groups, seminars field trips)	, Out-of-class study hours/ Self-study hours
Hours			
125	40	0	85
ECTS			
5	5		
Teaching strategy	У		
		uring the lessons will be provided bibliographic sources	(articles and reviews).
Expected learning	g outcomes		
Knowledge and u	understanding on:	Energy needsBody composition	
Applying knowled understanding or	_	 skills needed to assess the suitability of a guidelines 	diet according to the
Soft skills		Critical assessment and efficacy of a diet	

Assessment and feedback	
Methods of assessment	Test in progress: test to evaluate the student learning during frontal lessons
	• Self-assessment tests: yes
	• Final profit exam: oral exam
Evaluation criteria	knowledge and comprehension skills:
	 Define energy needs.
	 describe the body compartments.
	Applying knowledge and understanding
	 Know the scientific basis for estimating nutritional requirements.
	Judgment autonomy
	 Assess the suitability of a diet.
	Communicating knowledge and understanding
	 Clear exposition
	Communication skills
	o lexical competence
	Ability to learn.
	 Critical evaluation of the use and effectiveness of a diet
Criteria for assessment and	The written self-assessment test consists of a quiz test lasting 1 hour. The
attribution of the final mark	written test is passed if the exact answers exceed 60%.
	The oral exam consists of an interview with the candidate concerning the topics
	covered during the frontal lessons. The final grade is awarded in thirtieths. The
	exam is considered passed when the vote is greater than or equal to 18.
Additional information	