

Graduate Program Student Learning Outcomes
Department of Hotel, Restaurant, Institution Management and Dietetics

Master of Science in Foodservice and Hospitality Management and Administrative Dietetics

Graduates of the Master of Science program are prepared for managerial careers in the fields of hospitality management and/or dietetics or for further graduate study. Underlying this educational experience is the department's expectation that students will be committed to self-direction, self-evaluation, and professional development and display the highest standards of personal and professional ethics. Graduates of the Master of Science program will demonstrate:

Knowledge of...	The ability to...	As evidenced by...
The skills and abilities necessary to effectively manage human, material, technological, and financial resources to achieve organizational goals	Use systems analysis to propose solutions to operational problems in foodservice/hospitality organizations	Completion of pertinent graduate courses with a grade of B or higher
Emerging trends affecting hospitality managers and dietetics professionals and the process for guiding change to meet organizational objectives	Propose a model of organizational and strategic planning to address environmental changes	Acceptable performance on either the comprehensive written/oral examination or thesis oral defense
Concepts of management concepts, marketing, accounting/finance/cost controls, food safety, and statistics and their application to the fields of foodservice, hospitality and/or dietetics	Determine costs of services/operation Prepare a budget Interpret financial data Apply marketing concepts Use current technologies for information and communication	For students in the thesis option, completion of thesis acceptable to student's committee and the KSU Graduate School Publication and/or presentation of student-directed research through a peer-review process
The research process including proposal development, methods, analysis, and communication of results	Interpret current research Plan/implement a research project Use statistical software packages Interpret statistical findings Use oral and written communications in presenting research hypotheses, methodology and findings	Successful post-graduation employment in foodservice, hospitality, and/or dietetics at level commensurate with academic credentials and experience