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## About your course

### Courses covered

Code	Title	UCAS Code
HHDIET	BSc (Hons) Dietetics	B410

You can find full details of your course in the *Programme Specification*.

### Important points

- This course receives accreditation from the Health and Care Professions Council (HCPC).
- You will be undertaking three practice placements consisting of a total of 24 weeks over three years.
- There is an optional Year Abroad between the second and final year which requires study at one of the School of Life and Medical Sciences academic partner institutions outside the UK. A pass grade for the Year Abroad is mandatory for that named award.
- You will be subject to Enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) checks and Occupational Health (OH) Screening.
- Non-disclosure of any criminal activity prior to or during your studies may lead to you being withdrawn from your programme, as outlined in the School of Life and Medical Sciences' Disclosure and Barring Service Procedure.
- OH, Screening will assess your ability to meet the programme requirements as set out in accordance with the Professional Statutory and Regulatory Bodies (or equivalent bodies). OH, clearance will be required prior to attendance on placement (or other specified activity). If for any reason you should fail to get OH clearance this will prevent you from meeting the programme requirements and may lead to you being withdrawn from your programme.
- You will also be expected to adhere to the 'Principles of Professional Behaviour expected of Students' as outlined in the University of Hertfordshire's Fitness to Practise Policies and Regulations (UPR's).
- For the current versions of the School's Disclosure and Barring Service Procedure and Fitness to Practise UPR (together with other School-specific policies and regulations) Please see this link: <https://www.herts.ac.uk/about-us/governance/university-policies-and-regulations-uprs>.
- Please read them carefully before accepting your offer and let us know if you have any questions about anything in them.

## Academic Year

### Academic Year 2023 – 2024

The University's academic year is made up of 3 Semesters (A, B and C). Semester A and B are made up of teaching weeks followed by exams, where applicable (the re-sit period falls within Semester C). Semester C is normally used for final dissertations and projects.

The academic year will vary each year due to placements. It is not possible to provide the exact terms dates across the three years as these have not been set by the university. However, for the academic year 2023/2024 at level 4 the semester dates are as follows.

- Semester A runs from Monday 25 September 2023 to Friday 19 January 2024
- Semester B runs from Monday 22 January 2024 to Friday 10 May 2024
- Semester C runs from Monday 13 May 2024 to Friday 6 September 2024

The resit period is between Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> June 2023 and Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June 2023.

Please note in your final year (year 3) the academic year will run for 12 months from the last week in September until the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of September the following year.

## Expected workload

In the UK, a full-time student is expected to spend 1200 hours on their studies each year. Please find below an estimate of how your time will be spent on this course during each year of study.

	Lectures, seminars, tutorials	Independent study	Placement
Year 1	27%	62%	12%
Year 2	15%	59%	26%
Year 3	Optional Year Abroad: at least 2 semesters completed with a minimum of 90 credits accumulated, or a semester of placement activity and a minimum of 45 credits accumulated.		
Final Year	16%	51%	33%

## Method of assessment

	Written Exam	Coursework	Practical
Year 1	31%	56%	13%
Year 2	25%	56%	19%
Year 3	Optional Year Abroad: at least 90 credits accumulated, or a semester of placement activity and a minimum of 45 credits accumulated.		
Final Year	16%	51%	33%

## Additional expenses

Description	Year	Mandatory/ Optional	Estimated cost
Weighing scales	1	Mandatory	£30
Lab coat and hat	1	Mandatory	£25
Field Trip (local)	2	Mandatory	£20
Placement travel expenses	All	Mandatory	Dependent on location of placement, costs for travel may range between £160 to £1400 per 12–13-week placement*
Placement accommodation costs	All	Mandatory	Estimated at £1500 per 12-to-13-week placement*
Year Abroad**	3	Optional	Costs may be incurred for travel and accommodation
Purchase of PENG Handbook- A Pocket Guide To Clinical Nutrition	All	Mandatory	Estimated at £60
<p><b>Books</b></p> <p>Undergraduate study requires extensive reading and access to reference works.</p> <p>Recommended texts are available in the Learning Resources Centre either as e-books or printed material. Please note that availability of printed material may be limited so students may wish to purchase their own copies. The average price of a recommended text is estimated at £50-75. Further details of recommended texts are provided with joining instructions.</p>	All	Mandatory	The average price of a recommended text is estimated at £50-75
Uniform	All	Mandatory	Some trusts require students to wear a uniform. You will be provided with 2 sets of uniform but will be required to launder these at a high temperature (costs variable), replace any which become unwearable and return them to the university once you have completed your programme.
<p><b>Other costs</b></p> <p>There may be occasions when other additional costs may occur, e.g., posters and printing.</p>	All	Mandatory	Variable
<p><b>Replacement costs for ID cards and name badges</b></p> <p>ID cards and name badges will be provided at the beginning of Year 1. These must be returned.</p> <p>Some Trusts provide students with 'swipe' access cards and there may be a fee associated with these.</p>	All	Mandatory	£20 for the ID card and name badge

Please be aware that some teaching sessions may be delivered online. Therefore, to study online you will need access to a suitable computer or similar electronic device and a good reliable Internet connection, which may incur additional expenses.

Please note that our Learning Resource Centres (LRCs) have PCs and Macs available to use, including hi-spec PCs. The university also has laptop loans available at both LRCs and provide a remote desktop portal service to allow users to access the software on Lab and LRC Windows PCs when not on campus.

*\* The University does not charge tuition fees for year abroad and sandwich placement year*

*\*\*Eligible students can claim back all, or part of their costs, dependent on circumstances*