STUDENT HANDBOOK

DIDACTIC PROGRAM*

NUTRITION DEPARTMENT

UNIVERSITY OF SAINT JOSEPH

*As of July 2009 The University of Saint Joseph Didactic Program was granted program accreditation by the Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics (ACEND) of the AACENDmy of Nutrition and Dietetics (AND)
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The Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics of the AACENDmy of Nutrition and Dietetics for education programs preparing students for careers as registered dietitians or dietetic technicians, registered.

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NOTE: the AND has changed its name to: the AACENDmy of Nutrition and Dietetics

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1. PROGRAM INTRODUCTION

A. UNIVERSITY OF SAINT JOSEPH MISSION STATEMENT

University of saint joseph, founded by the Sisters of Mercy in the Roman Catholic tradition, provides a rigorous liberal arts and professional education for a diverse student population while maintaining a strong commitment to developing the potential of women.

The College is a community which promotes the growth of the whole person in a caring environment that encourages strong ethical values, personal integrity and a sense of responsibility to the needs of society.

B. PHILOSOPHY AND GOALS OF UNIVERSITY OF SAINT JOSEPH

As a College of arts and sciences rooted in the Christian tradition, University of saint joseph stresses the value of a liberal education and strives to meet the changing needs of society. Viewing education as a lifetime process, the College plans programs providing the basis for continuous intellectual and personal development. By design a small College, it emphasizes the worth, creativity, and uniqueness of each person in its community. University of saint joseph is the only four-year College for women in the state of Connecticut. It is therefore unique in that it offers opportunities for development of leadership skills for women as well as professional and personal development.

The College community views the aim of a liberal education as freedom to appreciate the cultural achievements of life in the past, to understand and enrich life in the present, and to meet responsibly the challenge of life on a local, national, and global scale in the future. The faculty and administration seek to accomplish the aim of a liberal education by providing programs of general education and intensive study with varied options in the humanities, and in the natural and social sciences. Offering the student opportunities for full development, intellectual, religious, aesthetic, moral, social and physical, faculty and administration encourage each student to arrive at an awareness of her identity and to search with others, in an atmosphere of community, for the ultimate meaning and value of life, and to assume roles of responsibility in society.

In 2005 the college revised its general education to emphasize Integral Skills: oral and written communication, critical thinking, research/scholarship and collaboration.

C. MISSION, PHILOSOPHY AND GOALS OF THE DIDACTIC PROGRAM IN DIETETICS

The mission of the USJ didactic program is to provide excellence in education in nutrition and dietetics in the context of a liberal arts education and that meets the requirements of the Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics of the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics

Goals of the USJ Didactic Program:

1. USJ didactic students will successfully complete the didactic requirements.

   Outcomes Measures

   a. Over a 5 yr period 75% of entering seniors will complete the program.
b. 100% of didactic program students or graduates will earn at least a C in all major courses and the required sciences.

2. USJ didactic graduates will be successful in furthering their professional education or obtaining employment.

   Outcomes Measures

   a. Of the students who receive didactic verification, 75% over a 5 year period will apply to an internship.

   b. Over a 5 year period, of those who apply 2/3rds or 66% will be accepted

   c. Of those who are accepted into a DI, over a 5 yr period, 90% will successfully complete the internship.

   d. Students who complete a DI, of those who take the exam, 80% will pass the first time over a 5 yr period.

   e. 75% of graduates will obtain employment in nutrition, a nutrition related field or a position of responsibility within 2 years of graduation.

3. USJ didactic graduates will demonstrate life long learning and involvement in the dietetics profession.

   Outcomes Measures

   a. 75% will participate in at least two of the following activities:

      1. join AND or another professional organization and/or a dietetic practice group

      2. attend professional meetings including webinars

      3. read professional journals

      4. become preceptors to didactic students

      5. present posters or talks to the public or professional groups

      6. post graduate work including continuing education credits and/or certificates.

4. USJ didactic graduates will be competent professionals.

   Outcomes Measures

Students will be evaluated in NUTR 499 Coordination, in their DI and in their entry level positions by preceptors, directors and employers, respectively. 80% of the students need to receive an average of 3 or better on the following characteristics: Work methods, ANDptability, decision making, interpersonal skills, communication, leadership characteristics and work habits.
University of Saint Joseph Didactic Program in Dietetics prepares students to master the Knowledge Requirements for Entry-Level Dietitians and to provide the background for entry into the next phase of professional training, the Dietetic Internship. In the University of Saint Joseph ACENDmic community students majoring in Dietetics have the opportunity to study with other students in health-related majors. This interdisciplinary mingling in the preparatory courses allows the students to not only learn the subject matter, but also to be exposed to others anticipating health related careers. They may encounter these same students later while in their supervised practice and when they become professionals. This begins to enable students to understand the concept of a health care team.

The goal of the college that fosters competence in the four areas of Integral Skills is consistent with the goal of the Didactic Program in Dietetics to successfully complete the didactic requirements. Mastery of these integral skills in both the lower level didactic courses and the general education courses will allow the student to excel in the required sciences and upper level nutrition courses.

Crucial to meeting this goal is the development of problem solving and decision-making skills. Critical thinking is integrated in each of the required courses. Through encouragement to participate in seminars and workshops inside and outside of the College the faculty attempt to stress the importance of continuous professional growth and life long learning (goal 3 of the USJ Didactic program). Examination is made of the changing market place and the new demands that it will place on dietitians. Guest speakers to the classroom can often present a new challenge to the student studying dietetics. With service as a College theme, many of the University of Saint Joseph students become involved in community projects. This exposes them to society’s needs, and in so doing challenges them to see how they as a professional and a person can share in meeting those needs. The skills learned in these projects are some of the same skills that will be needed in the profession of Dietetics, especially community nutrition.

Communication and the importance of quantifying data are supported by the College’s goal. All students are tested for mastery, and appropriate courses are assigned to strengthen those who have weaknesses in these areas. Within all the Nutrition Department courses, students are expected to write and speak competently.

University of Saint Joseph is located in Central Connecticut. University of Saint Joseph is within two miles of two major hospitals in Connecticut. It is also within two miles of Hartford, Connecticut and all of the urban programs that exist in a city. Because Hartford is a center for insurance companies, students can hear and read about the changing face of health care. The faculty makes every effort to integrate the classroom with the surrounding environments.

The curricula are based on the major specialty areas of dietetic practice: clinical nutrition, food service management, community nutrition, education and research. Our generalist program prepares the student to assess, plan, implement and evaluate in order to be able to respond to the
changing roles of the dietitian. Because of the size of the College, faculty are available to students and mentoring is encouraged. Thus faculty serve as both educators and role models.

The students that enroll in the Didactic Program in Dietetics at University of saint joseph are a blend of traditional and non-traditional age students. Because of the College philosophy that enables women, we have a number of applicants that are of a non-traditional age and here for education in preparation for a second career. They provide a depth of personal experience to the topics covered in our courses. It is this focus on welcoming those with diverse backgrounds, age and culture that is the focus of the University of saint joseph Program.

Graduates of the University of saint joseph Didactic Program in Dietetics are expected to have developed the following personal characteristics:

1. The desire for life long learning.
2. The desire to strive for excellence and expertise in her professional life.
3. The ability to accept and value all people.
4. The ability to utilize critical thinking skills to approach problems.

Additionally, it is expected that graduates:
- Earn a minimum of C in all required dietetics courses.
- Earn a minimum of C in all required sciences
- Become members of the American Dietetics Association and the state association.
- Obtain a position in the field of nutrition and dietetics
- Attend graduate school or
- Take graduate courses and/or
- Apply to a Dietetic Internship and/or
- Use their general professional skills in a position of responsibility.

Specific Learning outcomes required of Didactic Students are listed at the end of the handbook on page 15.

D. PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The didactic program is a 4-year baccalaureate degree program leading to the completion of the aACENDmic requirements of The AACENDmy of nutrition and dietetics. The courses are designed to meet the knowledge skills and competencies for entry-level didactic education programs.

Completion of this degree qualifies a student to apply for the dietetic internship. After completing both the didactic and the over 1200 hours of experience provided by the internship the student is then eligible to sit for the registration examination to become a registered dietitian.

The didactic program is also open to students with a baccalaureate degree in either a major other than nutrition or to those who need to update their education and therefore wish to meet the aACENDmic requirements of the AND. Students with a Bachelor’s degree must apply for admission to the College for a second degree.
Matriculation into a second degree program allows one to be eligible for financial aid. Students who are updating their education and already have a degree in nutrition may not be eligible for matriculation and may not be eligible for financial aid. Students are referred to the USJ Financial Services for more information.

The curricula are based on the major specialty areas of dietetic practice, clinical nutrition, food service, community nutrition, education and research. The nutrition classes at University of Saint Joseph are small enough so there is significant faculty and student interaction and enough flexibility to allow for frequent student discussions. All the courses emphasize both written and oral skills, and expect students to not only pass examinations but also write papers and give oral presentations.

Students have an opportunity to work in a dietetic placement and earn 3-6 credits toward their degree (NUTR 499 Coordination). Examples of placements students have worked in are WIC programs throughout the state, city health departments, hospital and university food service, University of Saint Joseph Student Health Services, and extended care facilities. Part of the Coordination experience requires students to carry out a project and deliver an oral presentation to the department faculty, preceptors, if possible, invited students. (These placements DO NOT count toward the required hours of supervised practice required for registration eligibility.)

Courses required to meet the didactic requirements are listed on the page 14.

E. COST TO STUDENTS

The cost of the program for the 2011-12 academic year is $655.00 per credit. Twelve credits are considered full time and the tuition is $14,488.00 per semester. (Nine to 11.5 credits costs $11,365.00 per semester). This includes use of the athletic center and health services. There are also student fees that change yearly. The cost is subject to change yearly when the Board of Trustees votes on a new budget.

Students will need to purchase a white lab coat or jacket (estimated cost: $50.00 plus tax) to be worn in the foods lab courses and in some of the science courses.

As discussed in Section II. E., students are encouraged to attend professional meetings. Many are at no cost to the students, but some may cost up to forty dollars. The students usually have a choice as to which meetings they wish to attend unless the subject of a meeting is highly relevant and class time is allotted to attend that particular meeting.

The faculty encourages students to join the AACENDmy of nutrition and dietetics as an associate member. As of 2011-12 the application fee for associate members is waived and the yearly membership dues are $50.00. This membership includes a subscription to the Journal of the AACENDmy of nutrition and dietetics. AND membership dues for active registered dietitians are $200.00 per year. (A form for membership is available in the department or online at www.eatright.org)

The application fee to sit for the registration examination is $125.00. (This may change in the future.) The Registration examination is computerized and is offered year round at over two hundred approved Sylvan Learning Corporation sites nationwide. Some sites are open Saturdays and Sundays in addition to Monday -Friday. Eligible candidates need to call ACT Testing
centers to schedule an examination appointment. Students are responsible for all application deadlines.

To maintain one’s registered status, an annual registration fee must be paid to AND. (This is separate from membership dues.) Additionally 75 credit hours of continuing education must be completed every 5 years after submitting a Professional Development Portfolio.

For more information about the AND visit their website: www.eatright.org.

F. REQUIREMENTS FOR ACCEPTANCE

Students must meet University of saint joseph Admission requirements as described in the College catalog.

Students must receive at least a C in all nutrition courses and required sciences in order to receive credit toward their didactic course requirements. A course may only be repeated once.

G. GUIDELINES FOR DIDACTIC CERTIFICATION FOR SECOND DEGREE STUDENTS

SECOND DEGREE STUDENTS are those who already have completed a bachelor’s degree. Formal application for a second Bachelor’s degree in dietetics is made to the College admissions department. The application is reviewed by an admissions counselor and then reviewed by the Nutrition department. Six credits can be taken before matriculation is required.

The following documents will need to be supplied by the student who requests acceptance into the Didactic Program:

1. OFFICIAL transcripts from all colleges attended.

2. Proof of a Baccalaureate degree from an accredited college.

3. A written plan of study developed with the Didactic program director.

H. PROGRAM COMPLETION REQUIREMENTS

University of saint joseph requires a minimum of 120 credits for graduation. The Didactic program in the Department of Nutrition requires about 40 credits to complete the major.

Second Degree students must complete their individual plan of study as outlined by the Didactic Program Director and complete requirements for the second degree as determined by the admissions department and in the University of saint joseph catalog. The minimum number of credits for a second degree is 30 credits.

Students not seeking a second degree must complete the course requirements as listed by the Didactic Program Director. These are determined on an individual basis at the beginning of their program.
In the Fall prior to the spring semester of completion of the didactic program, the student will meet with the Didactic Program Director to review the process of applying for an internship. Students must make the request to the various programs for applications. Most are accessible via the internet.

At this time, in the fall, the computer matching process is explained and the information booklets distributed. It will be made clear that the student must go to the D and D website to list their choices of internships.

The student will meet with the Didactic Program Director to review program choices, the student essay, GPA calculation and the process of computer matching, and monitor progress.

Declaration of Intent to Complete forms will be now be posted to the online DI application website, DICAS. Intent to complete forms list the courses the student still needs to complete before verification is complete and are part of the application to a Dietetic Internship. These are needed if one is applying before all their coursework is complete.

(The deadline for internship applications is mid-February for a September start date and October for a January start date.)

Verification: This means the student has successfully met the requirements of the USJ Didactic program. Specifically the student has received a bachelor’s from University of saint joseph, received at least a C in all required nutrition and science courses and passed the comprehensive examination (completed at the end of NUTR 499 Coordination).

This form must be part of the DI application if you have finished your requirements or must be forwarded to the internship director when you are accepted. This form will be posted to the DICAS online DI application website if one is eligible to receive it before the February application deadline. Otherwise it will be mailed to the student after course requirements are completed.

This AND verification form is given to the student after the college graduation in Mid May or late December. It is signed by the Didactic Program Director.

Completion of the Didactic Program, followed by completion of a dietetic internship means the student is then able to apply to take the registered dietitian examination.
II. POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

A. POLICIES ON CERTIFYING COURSES

Students wishing to use courses taken at other colleges towards validation must abide by the following criteria:

1. Required non-nutrition courses can be used for validation if they have a passing grade and are accepted by the College if needed for degree completion.

2. Nutrition courses used for validation must have a grade of C or higher. Students applying for a Dietetic Internship must earn a minimum of a C in the following sciences or their equivalent: general biology, microbiology, chemistry 170, biochemistry, anatomy and physiology. A course may be repeated once to raise the grade.

3. A student challenging a University of Saint Joseph nutrition course must earn a grade of 75 or higher.

4. Any nutrition course taken more than five years before application will be individually assessed for validation. A student may be required to retake a nutrition course taken more than five years before application.

5. After acceptance into the University of Saint Joseph Didactic Program all nutrition courses must be taken at University of Saint Joseph unless there are special circumstances which must be discussed with the Didactic Program Director. Non-nutrition courses may be taken at other accredited colleges with prior approval by the University of Saint Joseph Didactic Program Director.

6. Courses and transcripts from non-U.S. schools must be evaluated by World Education Services (www.wes.org) and the evaluation submitted to the didactic program director.

B. GRADES

Students must earn a “C” grade or better in all major courses and the sciences to continue in the seqenced courses of the program. Additionally, they must meet the College aACENDmic requirements as listed in the catalog.

It is College policy to give out mid-semester grades to all students in all classes.

C. CLASSROOM ETHICS (individual instructors may modify)

1. Students should be on time for classes.

2. Class attendance

   Excessive absenteeism is discouraged and each individual instructor may have policies regarding number of absences allowed. All assignments are to be made up. The student will assume responsibility for missed class work and information covered.

3. Students are encouraged to consult with the instructor of any course when they do not fully understand the material presented. Faculty have posted office hours and are accessible via
email. There are tutors available in the Center for AACENDmic Excellence (CAE), often with a nutrition background.

4. Students are encouraged to participate in class discussions. Sharing of experiences will increase enjoyment of classes and facilitate learning.

5. Closed-book examinations are to be taken without the benefit of various aids such as “crib notes”, discussions, or using fellow students’ answers. The aACENDmic integrity policy dictates that a student may face various disciplinary alternatives (refer to the University of saint joseph Student Government Association Handbook) for cheating.

   It is the policy of the department to supervise students who are taking examinations. The purpose of this “proctor system” is to ensure that all students have a fair and equal opportunity to succeed with the course evaluation instruments including examinations.

   Students who are guilty of cheating on an examination will get a zero for the exam and will not pass the course and risk expulsion from the program.

   Submitting work from other students, institutions or publications without referencing is unacceptable and no (0) credit will be given for the paper. This behavior could also result in receiving no credit for the course and expulsion from the program. **Ideas and phrases that are not your own must be referenced properly.**

6. The following policies will apply to student assignments and course standards.

   a. All written assignments must be done on a computer.

   b. All assignments must be stapled, clipped or emailed if instructed.

   c. Assignments are due on the specified date. Late assignments may be penalized.

   d. Papers must be neat. Paper torn out of a notebook, crumpled, dog-eared, dirty, blotched or scratched out is not acceptable.

   e. Assignments should be proofread to avoid misspelling, poor grammar and incoherent sentences. Such mistakes will lower a grade.

   f. Written work should reflect clarity of thought and organization. Be sure to document what you say. *Use the Journal of the AACENDmy of nutrition and dietetics guidelines for referencing (unless your class instructor requests a different format.)*

   g. Each instructor may have additional requirements for assignments.

   h. Students have access to computers in the University of saint joseph computer lab, lower level of McDonough Hall.

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**D. AACENDMIC AFFAIRS**
Each student will be assigned an aACENDmic advisor in the Department of Nutrition. Each student will meet every semester with the advisor to discuss her aACENDmic standing, update course plans, and complete pre-registration forms. It is the student’s responsibility to make appointments.

Student files are kept in a locked file cabinet in faculty offices. Students may review their files if they wish. Students are also able to see their exams.

Each semester students receive midterm grades in order to inform them of their progress at that point in time. Additionally students receive grades at the end of every course.

If at any time the student is concerned about her performance, both in the classroom or in the field, she is encouraged to speak with her instructor or advisor.

E. PROFESSIONAL MEETINGS

1. Students are encouraged to actively support the activities of the Department of Nutrition, such as the Nutrition Club, seminars and National Nutrition Month. The Nutrition Club is open to matriculated and non-matriculated students, majors and nonmajors and abides by the rules of University of saint joseph Student Government

2. Attending professional meetings is an important component of dietetic education. Not only do such programs provide information on the current trends in dietetic practice, they also provide students with opportunities to interact with professionals working in the field.

Each student is required to attend the equivalent of two professional meetings during their didactic program, (summers included) depending on when they enter. When a student attends a meeting, she must briefly describe the content of the conference on a form which will be placed in the student’s file by their aACENDmic advisor.

(Notices of meeting topics and dates will be announced and posted in the department.)

Students are encouraged to join The AACENDmy of nutrition and dietetics. Membership applications are available in the department. The department would like a copy of your membership card for our files. Only students who are members of AND are eligible for scholarships from AND and CDA (such as money to attend the CDA meetings.)

F. GRIEVANCES

Any grievance, by faculty or student, must first be attempted to be resolved between the individuals. If resolution cannot be achieved, individuals should go to the Didactic Program Director and if not resolved, to the Department Director. If it is not resolved at this level, the aggrieved individual has access to the Student Appeals Court (refer to University of saint joseph Student Government Association Handbook).

G. HOLIDAY OBSERVATIONS

The observance of religious holidays, other than those designated by University of saint joseph, must be approved by the instructor and arrangements made in advance by the student to complete assignments.
H. AWARDS

Matriculated students are also eligible for various college and professional awards. The recipient will be nominated by the Department faculty and chosen by the department or where appropriate the AACENDmic Dean’s office.

III. COMPLAINT PROCESS

United States Department of Education regulations mandate accrediting agencies to require accredited programs to provide students with information on how to file complaints with the accrediting agency. To comply with this regulation, the Commission on Accreditation for Dietetics Education is once again publishing the following policy approved at its July 1994 meeting.

**Policy:** Required Notice of Opportunity and Procedure to File Complaints with the Commission

Each program accredited and approved by the Commission on Accreditation for Dietetics Education must develop and implement a procedure to inform students of the mailing address and telephone number of the Commission on Accreditation for Dietetics Education. The notice, to be distributed at regular intervals, but at least annually, must include but is not necessarily limited to the following language:

The Commission on Accreditation for Dietetics Education will review complaints that relate to a program’s compliance with the accreditation/approval standards. The Commission is interested in the sustained quality and continued improvement of dietetics education programs but does not intervene on behalf of individuals or act as a court of appeal for individuals in matters of admission, appointment, promotion or dismissal of faculty, staff, or students.

A copy of the accreditation/approval standards and/or the Commission’s policy and procedure for submission of complaints may be obtained by contacting the Education and Accreditation staff at The AACENDmy of nutrition and dietetics at 120 S Riverside Plaza Suite 2000, Chicago, Illinois 60606-6995 or by calling 1-800-877-1600 ext. 4872. Written complaints should be mailed to the Chair, Commission on Accreditation for Dietetics Education at this address.

Each accredited/approved program must include in its self-study application for reaccreditation/re-approval information to document compliance with this policy. Student complaints received by or made available to ACEND will be reviewed by and action taken according to the **Grievance/Complaint Procedure in the Accreditation Manual for Dietetic Education Programs**, third edition, page 16. Student complaints relating to the Standards of Education and action taken by ACEND will be included in the review of a program for reaccreditation.
IV. COURSES FOR THE DIDACTIC NUTRITION MAJOR (This does not include the General Education Requirements)

Non Nutrition (no prerequisites for these)

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<td>Modern Chemical Concepts (CHEM 170 – USJ)</td>
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Nutrition Major Courses (no prerequisites for these)

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Required Nutrition Courses (after the prereqs are completed)

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Plus > 1000-1200 hours of supervised practice in a Dietetic Internship to sit for the RD exam

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V. Student learning outcomes and corresponding measures

1. Graduates will demonstrate the ability to write and speak effectively.

   a. 100% of students must achieve a 3 or better on their portfolio submission to the CAE.
   b. All students will earn at least a C in NUTR 310 Nutrition Communication and Counseling.
   c. All students must earn at least a C in NUTR 499 Coordination that includes a final paper and an oral presentation.

2. Graduates will have successfully acquired knowledge of biology and chemistry.

   a. Graduates must earn a minimum of C in all required science courses.
   b. Students must earn a minimum of C in NUTR 418 Advanced Nutrition that incorporates nutrition related biochemistry and NUTR 316 Medical Nutrition Therapy I that relies on nutrition related physiology and biochemistry.

3. Graduates will have a broad understanding of food and nutrition for healthy populations.

   a. Graduates will earn at least a C in NUTR 130, 220, 315, 325, 330, 418.

4. Graduates will demonstrate a broad understanding of food and nutrition for individuals in need of medical nutrition therapy.

   a. Students will earn at least a C in NUTR 316, 416 Medical Nutrition Therapy I and II.
   b. Students will earn at least a C in the pediatric case study within NUTR 416.

5. Graduates will demonstrate an understanding of management in a food and nutrition related setting.

   a. Graduates will successfully complete the creation of a food service company in NUTR 411.
   b. Graduates will earn at least a C in both NUTR 311 and 411 Food and Nutrition Management courses.

VI. ACKNOWLEDGMENT

Program in Nutrition and Dietetics, School of Allied Health Sciences, The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston.
Please sign and return the following slip to the DP Director.

I, ______________________________ have read the Student Handbook of the Department of Nutrition, University of Saint Joseph, and am familiar with its contents. I agree to abide by the terms and policies contained therein as long as I am a student in the Didactic Program.

The Department has made no promise or guarantee that upon graduation from the Department I will find employment in dietetics, nor does it ensure that as a graduate of the Department I will pass the registration examination for certifying dietitians.

Signed ________________________________

Date ________________________________