



The summative assessment for Mac-Nutrition Uni is a comprehensive test of your understanding of the course content that has been delivered over the past 12 months. The assessment has been designed to not only test your retention of the information delivered but also your ability to think critically and synthesise new information as solutions for the variety of situations that you will encounter during your nutrition career. As such, passing the final exam is one essential requirement for becoming an MNU Certified Nutritionist.

Please carefully read and make sure you understand the format and rules of the final exams below before attempting to complete your summative assessment. Once you submit an individual exam, you will not be able to edit it and it will count towards your final grading.

Overview & Rules

- I. The initial exam period is a 3-week set period. The specific dates for your exam period are detailed in your course calendar, which is available at the top of your course on LEARN. During the exam period, you may take all four exams at a time that is convenient for you. All exams must be attempted and submitted within the aforementioned exam period. Exam attempts submitted after this time will not be graded, and you will therefore score 0 for this part of the assessment process.
- II. The summative assessment is divided into four separate exams. Each exam can be completed at different time points, however all four exams must be completed within the exam period stated above. You can complete the exams in any order.
- III. The four exams that must be completed and submitted within the exam period are:
 - Exam 1: Core Principles Assessment
 - Exam 2: Multiple Choice Exam
 - Exam 3: Short Answer Exam
 - Exam 4: Case Study Exam
- IV. Each exam has a specific time limit. Once you have started an individual exam, you must complete it within the specified time limit (detailed in point XIII). A countdown clock will appear on LEARN as soon as you start the exam. If you do not submit your exam before the time limit is reached, your exam will be automatically submitted, regardless of how much of the exam you have completed.



- V. The MNU Exams are '**Open Book**' exams meaning you may use your course notes and other resources to refer to during the exam. Although the exam is open book, the time limit for each exam means that it is essential that you know the course content well and prepare your course materials and revision notes appropriately beforehand. Failure to do so will limit your performance during the exam.
- VI. You must complete the exams as an individual. Plagiarism of a fellow student's exam is strictly prohibited. Similarly, un-referenced direct plagiarism of scientific literature and/or online resources is also prohibited. You must write each answer in your own words (only applicable to short answer question and case study exams). Detection of plagiarism will be penalised.
- VII. The exams will only be available to take once you have successfully completed the course requirements (watched the lectures and completed the associated quizzes) and paid for the exam fee. If you do not complete the course requirements or pay for the exam fee prior to the end of the revision period, you will not be eligible to take the exam during the exam period.
- VIII. The exams can be accessed via your LEARN account. Once we confirm you are eligible and you have purchased the exam fee, you will be enrolled onto a separate exam course to complete your exams. You will not be able to sit your exams until your exam period opens. The exams will no longer be available once the exam period closes.
- IX. A stable internet connection is essential for the exams. Please ensure your internet connection is stable at the time of taking the exams.
- X. Completing the final exams on mobile devices such as mobile phones or tablets is not recommended. Due to the nature of the short answer and case study exams, using mobile devices may result in an exam not being submitted within the time limit.
- XI. In the event that, for whatever reason, the exams are not attempted within the exam period or a passing grade is not attained, it will be possible to retake the exam. In such event, exam retake instructions and timeframes will be determined by the examiners. A fee of £150 will be incurred (see XIX for further details).
- XII. You must achieve **90% or more** in the Core Principles Assessment Exam (Exam 1). Failure to achieve 90% within this exam will result in an overall fail. You must also achieve 50% or more in all other individual exams (Exam 2, Exam 3 & Exam 4). Failure to achieve 50% within an individual exam will result in an overall fail. Final grade boundaries (combining grades from all



three exams, excluding the core principles assessment) can be found in the table below.

Classification	Grade Boundary
Pass with Distinction	≥ 80%
Pass	≥ 60%
Fail	< 60%

Exam-Specific Information

XIII. The exam-specific time limits can be found in the table below. Each exam must be completed and submitted within the specified time limit.

Exam	Time Limit
Core Principles Assessment	30mins
Multiple Choice Exam	90mins
Short Answers Exam	120mins
Case Study Exam	120mins

XIV. The number of marks available for each exam can be found in the table below.

Exam	Number of Marks Available
Core Principles Assessment	20
Multiple Choice Exam	150
Short Answers Exam	100
Case Study Exam	60

XV. For both the **short answers exam** and **case study exam**, marks will be deducted for incorrect spelling and grammar. Take care to spell words correctly, especially scientific and/or nutrition terminology and use full sentences to describe your answers. Installing online spelling and grammar check software for the exam is advisable. Examples include Grammarly and GrammarCheck.

XVI. Both the **short answers exam** and **case study exam** will contain calculation questions. Marks will be given for calculation methods as well as the final answer, so working must be shown in all calculation questions. Maximal marks will not be awarded if no mathematical working is shown within the answer, even if the final numerical answer is correct. Where the question states 'answer to X decimal places (d.p)', the final answer must be in the format stated within the question e.g. if the full answer to a question is 2.65543 and the question asks for the answer to 1d.p, the correct answer would be **2.7**.

XVII. Calculators are allowed, however mathematical working must be included within the answers as per XVI.



- XVIII. For the **case study exam**, appropriate referencing of scientific journals is required to achieve the maximal grade for this exam. When referencing scientific journals, please use the following format:
- If more than two authors are cited, reference 'first author name' followed by 'et al.' followed by the year of publication e.g. Phillips et al. (2009)
 - If two authors are cited, reference 'first author name & second author name' followed by the year of publication e.g. Phillips & Tipton (2015)
 - If one author is cited, reference 'author name' followed by the year of publication e.g. Phillips (2013)

Exam Resit Policy

- XIX. Resit exams are charged at £150. This is a fixed fee for 'Fail' exam attempts (overall grade <60%) and 'Partial Fail' exam attempts (individual exam/s <50% but overall grade ≥60%).
- XX. The length of the resit exam period is one month, commencing from the date of payment. In addition to access to a new exam set, the resit fee includes access to LEARN, MNU tutor support via the Student Facebook group, and exam feedback upon request (feedback will only be provided for exams that achieved a 'Fail').
- XXI. For 'Partial Fail' exam attempts, resits are only required for the exam/s that achieved <50%. On successful completion ('Pass') of the resit exam/s, the final overall grade will be capped at the original overall pass mark.
- XXII. For 'Fail' exam attempts, resits are required for all four exams. On successful completion ('Pass') of the resit exams, the final overall grade will be capped at 60%.
- XXIII. Exams that achieved the 'Pass' classification on their first attempt cannot, under any circumstance, be retaken in an attempt to attain a higher classification.
- XXIV. The maximum number of exam attempts permitted is three attempts, which includes the original exam submission. Should a 'Pass' mark not be obtained after three attempts, Mac-Nutrition Uni must be repeated in its entirety before any further exam attempts are completed.