Time Line for Human Nutrition and Hospitality Management (HNHM)

1914  Non-credit 6-week class in foods listed in summer school

1916-17  Foods, Cookery, and Household Management was first listed in curriculum.

1927-28  UA catalog 23 courses in Home Economics were being taught in the College of Arts and Sciences.

1928  University of Alabama Index, Vol. 11, no. 10, October 1928: “A major sequence in home economics is offered in the College of Arts and Sciences to train (1) home makers, (2) dietitians, (3) home economics business women, (4) home economics journalists, (5) nutritionists, (6) home economics research workers in textiles, nutrition, living conditions, home equipment. This department has within recent years been very largely expanded. The women’s building now under construction will house the departments of music, art, and home economics.”

1929  Doster Hall was built to house economics and fine arts.

1930  Ina Barbee Crane, a trained dietitian, was added to faculty staff.

A rat laboratory was started and nutrition studies were begun. An instructor, Miss Ruth Fouse, was appointed to serve in home economics and chemistry to correlate home economics and nutrition.

1931-32  Graduates in institution management were accepted as student dietitians by leading hospital training schools.

The curriculum in institution management met all the requirements of the American Dietetics Association.

UA catalog listed the following majors: (1) General Course, (2) Institution Management, (3) Clothing, Textiles and Art; (4) Clothing, Textiles and Chemistry; (5) Nutrition and Chemistry

1938  Course in Nutrition and Chemistry was first taught

1939  Lewis Clifton "Jack" Davis, Jr. was the first man to obtain a B.S. in Home Economics with a major in dietetics.

1940-41  5-year program in home economics and nursing begun—1st, 2nd and 5th year in Home Economics; 3rd and 4th years in approved hospital

1941  Associate professor, Dr. Neige Todhunter, was appointed to teach nutrition and direct nutrition research. She became head of the Food, Nutrition and Food Service Management.

Courses taught were Institutional Management and Foods and Nutrition.

1942  Research Laboratory of Human Nutrition was established—first of its kind in a separate state university.
1942-43  UA Catalog:
   I.  Foods, Nutrition, and Institution Management
      A.  Institution management to prepare hospital dietitians
      B.  Food and Nutrition
         1.  Plan A: train cafeteria, lunchroom or restaurant managers
         2.  Plan B: train for commercial demonstration work
         3.  Plan C: train nutritionists with community and public welfare
              organization
         4.  Plan D: train for research and college teaching
Instructors in family life and nutrition were added.

1943  Cafeteria opened in Doster Hall under administration of UA President Raymond Paty. Students in cafeteria management gained practical experience.

1944  Mable Adams appointed as Assistant Professor in Food and Nutrition.

1947  Doster Hall was designated totally for the College of Home Economics.

1949  Four majors were taught: Dietetics and Institutional Management, School Lunch Management, Foods, and Nutrition.

1953  Dr. Bessie Davey (Fick) became head of the Food & Nutrition Department.

1970  Three majors taught were: Dietetics and Institution Management, Foods, and Nutrition.

1971  Dr. Kathleen Stitt became head of the Food & Nutrition Department.

1973  Coordinated Undergraduate Program in Dietetics began in the fall.

1976  Coordinated Undergraduate Program in Dietetics was the first to be accredited in Alabama.

1977  Two majors were taught: General Dietetics and Foods; Nutrition and Institution Management.

1978  First Coordinated Undergraduate Program in Dietetics was started.

1981  Dr. Kathleen Stitt resigned as department head to become Director of Research.
     Dr. Vera M. Wall became head of the Food & Nutrition Department.

1984  Third major was started--Food Systems Administration.

1985  RHM Hall of Fame was established.

1986  Food Systems Administration was changed to Restaurant and Hotel Management.

1987  JJ Doster Café opened under the leadership of Roy Maize and Betsy Barrett.

1989  First students enrolled in Restaurant and Hospitality Management in Fall semester.

1990  Restaurant and Hotel Management was changed to Restaurant and Hospitality Management.

1993  Dr. Kathleen Stitt retired.
     Nutrition academic programs offered by distance education.

2003  Two UA degree programs (general studies/human environmental sciences, and restaurant and hospitality management) were added to the prestigious eArmyU, the U.S. Army’s largest e-learning virtual university program. UA is one of only 12 new undergraduate and graduate schools selected from around the country that will be phased into eArmyU this year bringing the total number of participating colleges and universities to 32 in 19 states.
2004  RHM accepted as one of only 2 UA programs to participate in the GoArmyED (formally eArmy U).

2006  Dr. Olivia Kendrick received the Outstanding Dietetics Educator Award from the Alabama Dietetic Association

2007  First graduate program in RHM

2008  Lori Greene named the Recognized Young Dietitian of the Year by the Alabama Dietetic Association

2012  March--The University Club became a part of the RHM program

August--Departments of Human Nutrition and Hospitality Management and Health Science moved to Russell Hall

October--The Foods Laboratory was moved to the basement of Doster and renovated

2015  Dr. Linda Knol received an Outstanding Educator for a Coordinated Program award from the Nutrition and Dietetics Educators and Preceptors practice group in the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics