FOOD SYSTEMS PH.D.

All students must meet the Requirements for the Doctor of Philosophy Degree (http://catalogue.uvm.edu/graduate/degerequirements/requirementsforthedoctorofphilosophydegree)

OVERVIEW

The PhD in Food Systems combines a comprehensive investigation of food systems and a commitment to developing methods for solving the current problems of the food system through a cohort intensive experience. Every year, the food systems cohort will work together to address problems and devise potential solutions. Students then move towards disciplinary depth and mastery by designing a course of study with a dissertation committee and developing a research proposal. Students will also engage in independent research.

SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS

REQUIREMENTS FOR ADMISSION TO GRADUATE STUDIES FOR THE DEGREE OF DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

There are two ways for a potential PhD candidate to pursue this program. First, a student with a BA/BS can apply to the PhD program. Second, a student can apply to the PhD after completing an MA or MS in an allied field, either at the University of Vermont or at another institution.

Minimum requirements include:

- GPA of 3.00 or higher
- Completion of the GRE with satisfactory results in the general (aptitude) portion. If you have received a Master's Degree from an accredited institution, you may request to have the GRE waived. Contact the Program Coordinator for more information.
- TOEFL exam scores must be submitted if you are an international student.
- Completion of a college-level statistics course. If this information is not clearly listed on a college transcript, you will need to provide additional documentation as evidence that you have fulfilled this requirement.
- A letter of support from a Food Systems Faculty member who agrees to serve as primary advisor during enrollment in the PhD Program.

MINIMUM DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

75 credits, including a minimum of 20 credits of supervised dissertation research.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Course Code</th>
<th>Course Title</th>
<th>Credits</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>FS 335</td>
<td>Qualitative Research Methods</td>
<td>3</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>FS 345</td>
<td>SU:Food Systems, Soc &amp; Policy</td>
<td>3</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>FS 340</td>
<td>Food Systems, Science &amp; Policy</td>
<td>3</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

A minimum of two out of four methodology courses to be determined in cooperation with faculty advisor.

COMPREHENSIVE EXAMINATION

PhD students will take two comprehensive exams.

Comprehensive Exam 1: After completion of the first year of study, all PhD students in first year cohort will be assessed on Food Systems knowledge and applications with an oral exam.

Comprehensive Exam 2: The form, content and timeline of the second exam will be determined at the discretion of the individual student’s advisor in collaboration with the student and the student’s dissertation committee.

REQUIREMENTS FOR ADVANCEMENT TO CANDIDACY FOR THE DEGREE OF DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

Maintain a 3.00 GPA in designated first and second year courses and successful completion of the comprehensive exam.