FOOD SYSTEMS AMP

All students must meet the Requirements for the Accelerated Master’s Degree Programs (http://catalogue.uvm.edu/graduate/degerequirements/requirementsforacceleratedmastersdegreeprograms/)

OVERVIEW

Qualified University of Vermont undergraduate students who plan to earn a Master’s degree in Food Systems may enroll in the Accelerated Master’s Entry Program (AMP), which enables students to begin working on a master’s degree while still an undergraduate. Students apply to the program in the second semester of their junior year or the first semester of their senior year. After admission to the graduate program by the Graduate College, students will choose up to 9 credits of graduate level courses from the list of approved electives below that can be taken while still an undergraduate. These credits will also count towards the master’s degree.

APPROVED ELECTIVES - FOR AMP STUDENTS PRIOR TO COMPLETION OF THE BACHELOR’S DEGREE.

The instructor of record must acknowledge their registration at the graduate level before the course begins.

ENVS 212 - Advanced Agroecology
CDAE 208/ASCI 208 - Agricultural Policy & Ethics
CDAE 237 - Economics of Sustainability
NFS 313 - Food Safety & Public Policy
CDAE 326 - Community Economic Development
CDAE 354 - Advanced Microeconomics
PA 306 - Policy Systems
PA 317 - Systems Analysis & Strategic Management
PH 312 - Food Systems & Public Health
CDAE 321 - Economics of Sustainable Food Systems

SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS

Must be a UVM student with a declared Major or Minor in Food Systems. Please visit the Food Systems Graduate program website for application information and deadlines.

Requirements for Admission to Graduate Studies for the Degree of Master of Science for Accelerated Master’s Students

- A declared Food Systems Major or Minor
- Cumulative GPA of 3.00 or higher
- Completion of a college-level statistics course
- Completion of the Graduate College application form and three letters of recommendation, including a faculty letter of support from a current Food Systems Graduate Faculty member

Minimum Degree Requirements

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Food Systems Immersion Selective: May be taken fall, spring or summer terms, or during semester breaks (3 credits). Students have the option of taking a travel immersion or practicum course, or a community internship.

The remainder of required credit hours must be satisfied through graded electives.

AMP students may only complete a Master’s Project. They cannot do a thesis as the capstone for their Master’s degree.

Comprehensive Examination

There is a required comprehensive examination. The details and format are decided upon by the Student Development & Evaluation Committee and will be discussed with the student well in advance of the exam.

Requirements for Advancement to Candidacy for the Degree of Master of Science

Satisfactory completion of the Comprehensive Exam.