FOOD SYSTEMS PH.D.

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

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.

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FS 352 Research Design Seminar 1
FS 355 Ethics and the Food System 3
FS 360 Dissertation Writing Seminar 1
FS 491 Doctoral Dissertation Research minimum of 20 credits

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

Students must also take FS 395 – Issues and Solutions two times during their course of study. This is a 1 credit Seminar

COMPREHENSIVE EXAMINATION

The comprehensive examination is a tool to evaluate the progress of each student and ensure that they are prepared to proceed toward the doctorate degree.

Phase 1 is an oral exam that tests the student’s ability to read, analyze and synthesize scholarly knowledge across disciplines as well as to design a research-based response to a specific food systems issue or problem.

Phase 2 includes two steps: a dissertation pre-proposal and proposal submission. The form, content and timeline will be explained to the student by their advisor and will follow guidelines set forth by the Project and Thesis committee, in collaboration with 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.