FOOD SYSTEMS PH.D.

All students must meet the Requirements for the Doctor of Philosophy Degree (http://catalogue.uvm.edu/graduate/degreerequirements/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 or IELTS 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 30 hours of graded coursework and 20 credits of supervised dissertation research.

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or PSS 301 Professional Skills Colloquium

| FS 355 | Ethics and the Food System | 3 |
| FS 491 | Doctoral Dissertation Research | minimum of 20 credits |
| EDLP 449 | Dissertation Writing Seminar | 3 |

Students must also take a minimum of 9 credits of methodology coursework in consultation with advisor that represent a variety of methodological and research design approaches, such as FS 335, CDAE 351, EDLP 459, and CSYS 302. Consult with advisor for complete list.

Students must also take FS 395 - Issues and Solutions Seminar two times during their course of study. This is a one 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 Student Development & Evaluation 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.