UVM is a pioneer and global leader in food systems education, research, and collaboration and is the first and only university in the country to offer undergraduate, master’s, and doctoral degrees in Food Systems.

UVM faculty, staff, and students have developed and maintained this position by embracing transdisciplinary approaches and fostering strong partnerships within the university, state, and beyond that contribute to a culture of collaboration and innovation. Given its strong systems orientation, UVM food systems scholarship encompasses a wide range of topics such as innovative production systems, environmental quality, entrepreneurship, human health and wellbeing, and nutrition. UVM’s scale, as a land-grant university in a small state, provides students, staff, and faculty access to both diverse resources and an approachable campus community. This setting sustains relationships that integrate distinct disciplines in the natural and social sciences, as well as the humanities.

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Courses

FS 1930. Food Systems Seminar I. 2 Credits.
For students in the second year of the Food Systems major, surveys the field exploring academic research in Food Systems.

FS 1990. Special Topics. 1-18 Credits.
See schedule of courses for specific titles.

FS 1991. Internship. 1-3 Credits.
On-site supervised work experience combined with a structured academic learning plan directed by a faculty member or a faculty-staff team in which a faculty member is the instructor of record, for which academic credit is awarded. Offered at department discretion.

FS 1993. Independent Study. 1-18 Credits.
A course which is tailored to fit the interests of a specific student, which occurs outside the traditional classroom/laboratory setting under the supervision of a faculty member, for which credit is awarded. Offered at department discretion.

FS 2010. U.S. Food Policy and Politics. 3 Credits.
Provides a systems perspective on U.S. food policies and politics across the food system. Focuses on understanding the U.S. food policy process, policymakers, stakeholders, issues, goals and feedbacks between food policy and politics. Prerequisite: NFS 1073 or CDAE 1020 or CDAE 1040. Cross-listed with: NFS 2113.

FS 2020. Comparative Food Systems. 3 Credits.
Explores food production systems looking at social, economical, environmental dimensions; draws from multiple disciplines such as economics, sociology, agronomy, biology, geography, and history; critically explore scales of agriculture from very small-scale to very large. Prerequisite: CDAE 1020 or CDAE 1040 or NFS 1073. Cross-listed with: CDAE 2080.

FS 2030. Human Health in the Food Syst. 3 Credits.
Explores food production systems looking at social, economical, environmental dimensions; draws from multiple disciplines such as economics, sociology, agronomy, biology, geography, and history; critically explore scales of agriculture from very small-scale to very large. Prerequisite: NFS 1043 or NFS 1073. Cross-listed with: NFS 2114.

FS 2930. Food Systems Seminar II. 1-3 Credits.
For the final year of the Food Systems major; refines the ability to critically address academic research in the field as well as provides professional development to prepare students for their job field. Prerequisite: FS 1930.

FS 2990. Special Topics. 1-18 Credits.
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FS 2991. Internship. 1-18 Credits.
On-site supervised work experience combined with a structured academic learning plan directed by a faculty member or a faculty-staff team in which a faculty member is the instructor of record, for which academic credit is awarded. Offered at department discretion.

FS 2993. Independent Study. 1-18 Credits.
A course which is tailored to fit the interests of a specific student, which occurs outside the traditional classroom/laboratory setting under the supervision of a faculty member, for which credit is awarded. Offered at department discretion.

FS 2994. Teaching Assistantship. 1-3 Credits.
Undergraduate student service as a teaching assistant, usually in an introductory level course in the discipline, for which credit is awarded. Offered at department discretion.

FS 2995. Undergraduate Research. 1-18 Credits.
Undergraduate student work on individual or small team research projects under the supervision of a faculty member, for which credit is awarded. Offered at department discretion.
**FS 3990. Special Topics. 1-18 Credits.**
See schedule of courses for specific titles.

**FS 3991. Internship. 1-18 Credits.**
On-site supervised work experience combined with a structured academic learning plan directed by a faculty member or a faculty-staff team in which a faculty member is the instructor of record, for which academic credit is awarded. Offered at department discretion.

**FS 3993. Independent Study. 1-18 Credits.**
A course which is tailored to fit the interests of a specific student, which occurs outside the traditional classroom/laboratory setting under the supervision of a faculty member, for which credit is awarded. Offered at department discretion.

**FS 3994. Teaching Assistantship. 1-3 Credits.**
Undergraduate student service as a teaching assistant, usually in an introductory level course in the discipline, for which credit is awarded. Offered at department discretion.

**FS 3995. Undergraduate Research. 1-18 Credits.**
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