

FOOD STUDIES - GRADUATE MINOR

The purpose of the Food Studies Graduate Minor is to:

1. Enable students to develop a specialization in food studies within their respective graduate program
2. Develop specialized knowledge of the complex and dynamic relationship between food and culture
3. Explore the role of culture in food production, distribution and consumption across different cultures
4. Apply ideas and knowledge from graduate seminars to fieldwork for MA thesis or internship in a food studies topic

Program Requirements

Prefix	Title	Credits
Core Curriculum		
Select three from the following: ¹		9
ANTH 520	Ethnographic Field Methods	
ANTH 531	Issues in Nutritional Anthropology	
ANTH 538	Plants, Culture, and Sustainable Development	
ANTH 539	Culture and Foodways	
ANTH 515	Applied Anthropology ²	
ANTH 535	Adv. Human Health and Biological Variation ²	
Total Credits		9

¹ Alternative classes may be substituted for one of the core classes with the approval of the Anthropology Department Head.

² In these cases, the student's class research project should focus on a food studies theme.

Students are expected to conduct a food studies thesis, applying anthropological theoretical frameworks and ethnographic methodologies to the study of a food-related topic. Non-thesis students may select a food studies internship. Possible topics include sustainable development, alternative food movements, community food security, community health, nutrition, food safety, globalization of food, indigenous knowledge systems, food self-sufficiency, among others.