

GLOBAL FOOD SYSTEMS LEADERSHIP SECONDARY MAJOR

The challenge of feeding a growing world population is daunting. It will require new, innovative and interdisciplinary ways of thinking. An interdisciplinary faculty team from Kansas State University has created a program to increase awareness of food production, activate community systems and leadership, and engage diverse voices in dialogue about agriculture and food systems. We will shape graduates who are ethical leaders, ready to collaboratively facilitate industry and community action to solve food system challenges.

WHAT IS A SECONDARY MAJOR?

A secondary major must be tied to a primary major and is intended to provide broader learning options that enhance the student's primary area of study. The global food systems leadership secondary major requires 24 credit hours, many of which may already be required for the student's primary major, but also provides opportunities for focused course selection. This program was designed to encourage multidisciplinary involvement from students across campus.

WHAT ARE THE REQUIREMENTS?

Students take three core courses for a total of nine credit hours:

- Fundamentals of Global Food Systems Leadership – An interdisciplinary approach to the fundamental roles in the global food system enterprise as it relates to sustainable food production, processing, distribution and availability.
- Uncertainty in Global Food Systems Leadership – This course addresses the impact of cultural identity, life experience and world views on leadership relationships as it relates to privilege and inclusion in the context of global food systems. Students will consider elements of community-engaged work.

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- Global Food Systems Leadership in Action – In this capstone course, students will conduct a community-engaged global food systems leadership research/service project. Additional emphases will be on ethical dimensions of leadership and individual exploration of careers and roles within global food systems.

Students will take an additional six credit hours related to food and agriculture for more basic introduction to the subject area. The course list ranges from animal and crop sciences to human nutrition and policy.

Students will select courses for nine credit hours in their area of concentration. Areas of concentration include:

- Policy
- Community engagement
- Sustainability of natural resources
- Economics and entrepreneurship
- Food production and processing

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