

FOOD, AGRICULTURE, & SOCIETY

What is it?

The Food, Agriculture, & Society minor integrates methods and content across the social sciences, humanities, and life sciences to [explore the centrality of food and agricultural practices to social life and human experience](#). This minor includes both classroom experiences and experiential learning opportunities with community partners.



Why do it?

The Food, Agriculture, & Society minor encourages students to investigate how food and food discourses reflect and influence human experiences, [extending this critical inquiry to other meaning-making systems such as politics, business, consumption, education, and scientific research](#). The minor offers a range of mid-level experiences that can match the particular interests and directions of individual students. If you're eager to explore the intricate ways food is embedded in our daily lives and broader systems, this minor offers a comprehensive and engaging approach.

Who is it for?

This minor will serve [a range of students across the life sciences, social sciences, and humanities who want sustained training in the study of food, agriculture, and society](#), as a way to prepare them for future careers in agricultural and food production, policy and advocacy, or writing and cultural production.

Pathways Core Concepts*

- 1a - Advanced Discourse
- 2 - Critical Thinking in the Humanities
- 3 - Reasoning in the Social Sciences
- 4 - Reasoning in the Natural Sciences
- 7 - Critical Analysis of Identity and Equity in the United States

Pathways Integrative Concepts

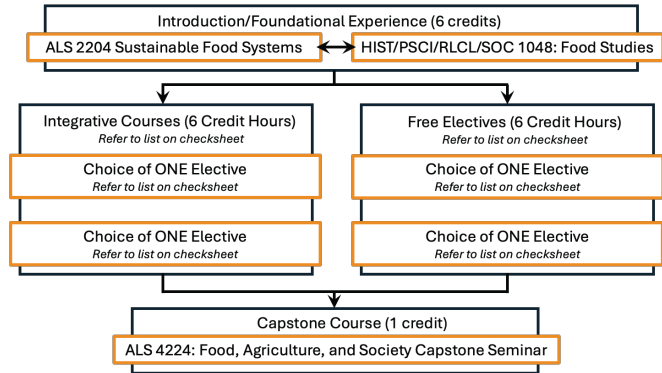
- Ethical Reasoning
- Intercultural and Global Awareness

*Students are guaranteed to meet at least three of the core concepts listed

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Requirements

The 19-hour minor in Food, Agriculture, & Society includes 2 3-hour introductory courses, 6 hours of mid-level pathways courses, 6 hours of free electives and a 1-hour capstone course.



Required courses

ALS 2204: Sustainable Food Systems

HIST/PSCI/RLCL/SOC 1084: Intro to Food Studies

ALS 4224: Food, Agriculture, & Society Capstone Seminar

Elective courses

Based on their interests and career goals, students will choose 6 credit hours of Integrative Courses and 6 credit hours of Free Electives. Integrative Courses are electives that build directly on the concepts introduced in the required two introductory courses. Free Electives are courses that expand student knowledge beyond the core courses. For a complete list of elective courses, consult the checksheet at <https://catalog.vt.edu/undergraduate/minors/food-agriculture-society-minor/>



- Consider the interface between food, land, and society.
- Understand the everyday experiences of struggle and resistance that intersect with the complexity of our food system politics.
- Explore the ways in which people have used food and food discourses to reflect on and process experience.

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