Courses

Food Science (FDSC)

FDSC 1011. Exploring Topics in Food Science. 1 Hour.
Introduces the depth and scope of Food Science as a profession. This course emphasizes the importance of science in processing and preservation of food and discusses current topics and issues. Practical information on food processing, composition, additives, labeling, environmental issues, regulations, safety, sensory analysis, and health benefits will be provided. Curriculum offerings in Food Science will be related to job responsibilities as a Food Scientist. Lecture/discussions, 2 hours per week for 8 weeks. (Typically offered: Fall)

FDSC 2201. The Science of Chocolate. 1 Hour.
The objective of this course is to introduce you to the science and technology of chocolate production. You will learn the history, chemistry, and physics of chocolate. This course will provide you with an understanding of chocolate production steps, including cacao bean harvesting, fermentation, drying, roasting, grinding, and manufacturing, and how these unit operations affect chocolate texture and flavor. Special focus will be given to fat and sugar crystallization, sensory evaluation, and sustainability of chocolate production. (Typically offered: Spring)

FDSC 2201H. Honors The Science of Chocolate. 1 Hour.
The objective of this course is to introduce you to the science and technology of chocolate production. You will learn the history, chemistry, and physics of chocolate. This course will provide you with an understanding of chocolate production steps, including cacao bean harvesting, fermentation, drying, roasting, grinding, and manufacturing, and how these unit operations affect chocolate texture and flavor. Special focus will be given to fat and sugar crystallization, sensory evaluation, and sustainability of chocolate production. Prerequisite: Honors standing. (Typically offered: Spring)

This course is equivalent to FDSC 2201.

FDSC 2401. Uncorked: Vines to Wines, 1 Hour.
This introductory course is designed to provide students with an understanding of the basic concepts of growing grapes and winemaking, including history, grape growing, cultivars, chemistry, wine microorganisms, fermentation, winery operations, wine marketing, and the sensory and appreciation of wine. Coursework is expected to integrate lecture and guest presenters with supplemental reading assignments. This course will not include wine tasting, therefore there are no age restrictions for enrollment. (Typically offered: Fall)

FDSC 2401H. Honors Uncorked: Vines to Wines. 1 Hour.
This introductory course is designed to provide students with an understanding of the basic concepts of growing grapes and winemaking, including history, grape growing, cultivars, chemistry, wine microorganisms, fermentation, winery operations, wine marketing, and the sensory and appreciation of wine. Coursework is expected to integrate lecture and guest presenters with supplemental reading assignments. This course will not include wine tasting, therefore there are no age restrictions for enrollment. Prerequisite: Honors standing. (Typically offered: Fall)

This course is equivalent to FDSC 2401.

FDSC 2402. Principles of Food Processing. 3 Hours.
The course is designed as an overview of the unit; food processing operations common to all types of food processing plants. Examples will be drawn from international food processing operations processing fruits and vegetables, poultry and meats, and oil seeds and cereal grains. Emphasis on oral communication and critical thinking skills. Corequisite: Lab component. Prerequisite: FDSC 3103 or CHEM 1123 and CHEM 1121L and (MATH 2043 or MATH 2554). (Typically offered: Fall)

FDSC 2523. Sanitation and Safety in Food Processing Operations. 3 Hours.
Topics covered will provide an understanding of the control of microbial, chemical, and physical food hazards as well as emerging food safety issues. Course will include a discussion of sanitation, cleaners and sanitizers, sanitary equipment and facility designs, and microbial growth and control in food processing operations. Lecture/discussion. (Typically offered: Spring)

FDSC 2701. Food for Health. 1 Hour.
The course is designed for students interested in how foods affect one's health. This course provides students with a background of functional food that will enable them to understand, discuss, and evaluate functionality of food in relation to health. This class is designed to appeal to students studying food science, nutrition, biology, chemistry, nursing, and health and human performance. (Typically offered: Spring)

FDSC 2701H. Honors Food for Health. 1 Hour.
The history, legal aspects, and economic impacts of homebrewing as well as craft beer brewing. Styles, flavors, and quality characteristics of beer will be discussed. Emphasis is on federal regulations relating to food safety, labeling, and the FDA. Discussion relates to practical use of food law. Lecture 2 hours per week. (Typically offered: Spring)

FDSC 2702. Introduction to Food Law. 2 Hours.
Discussion of government laws and regulations affecting the manufacture of food. Emphasis is on federal regulations relating to food safety, labeling, and the FDA. Discussion relates to practical use of food law. Lecture 2 hours per week. (Typically offered: Spring)

FDSC 2702H. Honors Introduction to Food Law. 2 Hours.
Discussion of government laws and regulations affecting the manufacture of food. Emphasis is on federal regulations relating to food safety, labeling, and the FDA. Discussion relates to practical use of food law. Prerequisite: Honors standing. (Typically offered: Spring)

This course is equivalent to FDSC 2702.

FDSC 2800. Exploring Topics in Food Science. 1 Hour.
Investigation of assigned problems in food science. Prerequisite: Junior standing. (Typically offered: Fall, Spring and Summer)

FDSC 3103. Principles of Food Processing. 3 Hours.
The course is designed as an overview of the unit; food processing operations common to all types of food processing plants. Examples will be drawn from international food processing operations processing fruits and vegetables, poultry and meats, and oil seeds and cereal grains. Emphasis on oral communication and critical thinking skills. Corequisite: Lab component. Prerequisite: CHEM 1123 and CHEM 1121L and (MATH 2043 or MATH 2554). (Typically offered: Fall)

FDSC 3202. Introduction to Food Law. 2 Hours.
Discussion of government laws and regulations affecting the manufacture of food. Emphasis is on federal regulations relating to food safety, labeling, and the FDA. Discussion relates to practical use of food law. Lecture 2 hours per week. (Typically offered: Spring)

FDSC 3202H. Honors Introduction to Food Law. 2 Hours.
Discussion of government laws and regulations affecting the manufacture of food. Emphasis is on federal regulations relating to food safety, labeling, and the FDA. Discussion relates to practical use of food law. Prerequisite: Honors standing. (Typically offered: Spring)

This course is equivalent to FDSC 3202.

FDSC 400V. Special Problems. 1-4 Hour.
Investigation of assigned problems in food science. Prerequisite: Junior standing. (Typically offered: Fall, Spring and Summer)

FDSC 4111L. Food Analysis Lab. 1 Hour.
Laboratory exercises providing students with experience of analytical techniques and instrumentation used in food analysis. Laboratory 3 hours per week. Corequisite: FDSC 4113. Prerequisite: FDSC 4304 and CHEM 1123 and CHEM 1121L and CHEM 2613 and CHEM 2611L or (CHEM 3603 and CHEM 3601L). (Typically offered: Spring)
FDSC 4113. Food Analysis. 3 Hours.
Methods of analysis, instrumentation, and laboratory techniques for measuring the chemical composition of raw and value-added products. Lecture 3 hours. Corequisite: FDSC 4111L. Prerequisite: FDSC 4304 and CHEM 1123 and CHEM 1121L and CHEM 2613 and CHEM 2611L or (CHEM 3603 and CHEM 3601L). (Typically offered: Spring)

FDSC 4121L. Food Microbiology Lab. 1 Hour.
A hands-on laboratory course designed to teach students microbiological techniques and certain enumeration and plating techniques of specific food spoilage and pathogenic bacteria. Prerequisite: BIOL 2013 and BIOL 2011L. Pre- or Corequisite: FDSC 4122. (Typically offered: Fall)

FDSC 4122. Food Microbiology. 2 Hours.
The study of food microbiology including classification/ taxonomy, contamination, preservation and spoilage of different kinds of foods, pathogenic microorganisms, food poisoning, sanitation, control and inspection and beneficial uses of microorganisms. Prerequisite: BIOL 2013 and BIOL 2011L or BIOL 2533. (Typically offered: Fall)
This course is cross-listed with BIOL 4122.

FDSC 4304. Food Chemistry. 4 Hours.
Water, carbohydrates, lipids, proteins, vitamins, and minerals in foods; biochemical and functional properties, enzymes, food additives (emulsifiers, pigments, colors, flavors, preservatives, and sweeteners) and texture as related to properties in food systems and during processing. Lecture 3 hours, laboratory 3 hours per week. Corequisite: Lab component. Prerequisite: CHEM 1123 and CHEM 1121L and CHEM 2613 and CHEM 2611L or (CHEM 3603 and CHEM 3601L). (Typically offered: Fall)

FDSC 431V. Internship in Food Science. 1-4 Hour.
The Food Science Internship is a supervised practical work experience with a food industry, research program or governmental agency to gain professional experience and insight into career opportunities. Prerequisite: Junior standing and consent. (Typically offered: Fall, Spring and Summer) May be repeated for up to 6 hours of degree credit.

FDSC 4413. Sensory Evaluation of Food. 3 Hours.
Principles and procedures for sensory evaluation of food. Appropriate uses of specific tests are discussed, along with physiological, psychological, and environmental factors affecting sensory verdicts. Lecture 2 hours, laboratory 2 hours per week. Corequisite: Lab component. Prerequisite: STAT 2303 or BUSI 1033 or STAT 2823 or PSYC 2013. (Typically offered: Fall)

FDSC 4513. Cereal Processing Technology. 3 Hours.
Fundamental concepts of heat and mass transport in grains; cereal/grain structure, property and composition; cereal/grain processing systems and technology; cereal/ grain co-product processing technology and value recovery; cereal/grain quality metrics, grading standards and food safety assurance. Prerequisite: FDSC 3103 or FDSC 4754 or with instructor permission. (Typically offered: Spring Odd Years)

FDSC 4713. Product Innovation for the Food Scientist. 3 Hours.
This is a capstone course integrating knowledge developed in Food Science to the development of new food products. This course will take an integrated multidisciplinary approach to developing innovative food products and will provide learning experiences in new product development and Research & Development.
Topics include product formulation, ingredient interactions, sensory analysis, packaging, labeling, food safety and food law. Corequisite: Lab component. Pre- or Corequisite: FDSC 4113 and FDSC 4111L. Prerequisite: Senior standing, FDSC 4304, FDSC 3103, and FDSC 4413. (Typically offered: Spring)

FDSC 472V. Special Topics in Food Science. 1-4 Hour.
Discussion focused on selected topics of particular fields of raw product physiology, food processing, chemistry, physiology, microbiology, evaluation, sensory analysis, and preservation. (Typically offered: Irregular) May be repeated for up to 4 hours of degree credit.

FDSC 4754. Engineering Principles of Food Processing. 4 Hours.
Basic mechanics of refrigeration, temperature controls, materials handling and mechanical problems as applied to foods and food processing. Lecture 3 hours, laboratory 3 hours per week. Corequisite: Lab component. Prerequisite: MATH 1213, MATH 2554, PHYS 2013, PHYS 2011L and FDSC 3103. (Typically offered: Spring)

FDSC 5001. Seminar. 1 Hour.
Presentation and discussion of graduate student research. Prerequisite: Graduate standing. (Typically offered: Fall, Spring and Summer) May be repeated for up to 2 hours of degree credit.

FDSC 509V. Special Problems Research. 1-6 Hour.
Original investigation on assigned problems in food science. Prerequisite: Graduate standing. (Typically offered: Fall, Spring and Summer) May be repeated for up to 6 hours of degree credit.

FDSC 5111L. Food Analysis Lab. 1 Hour.
Laboratory exercises providing students with experience of analytical techniques and instrumentation used in food analysis. Laboratory 3 hours per week. Graduate degree credit will not be given for both FDSC 4111L and FDSC 5111L. Corequisite: FDSC 4113 or FDSC 5113 (formerly FDSC 4113). Prerequisite: FDSC 4304 or FDSC 5304 (formerly FDSC 4304) and CHEM 2613 and CHEM 1121L and CHEM 2613 and CHEM 2611L or (CHEM 3603 and CHEM 3601L). (Typically offered: Spring)

FDSC 5113. Food Analysis. 3 Hours.
Methods of analysis, instrumentation, and laboratory techniques for measuring the chemical composition of raw and value-added products. Lecture 3 hours. Graduate degree credit will not be given for both FDSC 4113 and FDSC 5113. Corequisite: FDSC 4111L or FDSC 5111L (formerly FDSC 4111L). Prerequisite: FDSC 4304 or FDSC 5304 (formerly FDSC 4304) and CHEM 1123 and CHEM 1121L and CHEM 2613 and CHEM 2611L or (CHEM 3603 and CHEM 3601L). (Typically offered: Spring)

FDSC 5121L. Food Microbiology Lab. 1 Hour.
A hands-on laboratory course designed to teach students microbiological techniques and certain enumeration and plating techniques of specific food spoilage and pathogenic bacteria. Graduate degree credit will not be given for both FDSC 4121L and FDSC 5121L. Prerequisite: BIOL 2013 and BIOL 2011L. Pre- or Corequisite: FDSC 4122 or FDSC 5122 (formerly FDSC 4122). (Typically offered: Fall)

FDSC 5122. Microbiology. 2 Hours.
The study of food microbiology including classification/ taxonomy, contamination, preservation and spoilage of different kinds of foods, pathogenic microorganisms, food poisoning, sanitation, control and inspection and beneficial uses of microorganisms. Graduate degree credit will not be given for both FDSC 4122 and FDSC 5122. Prerequisite: BIOL 2013 and BIOL 2011L or BIOL 2533. (Typically offered: Fall)

FDSC 5223. Food Biosecurity. 3 Hours.
This course is the study of the security of agricultural products and the protection of our food supply from intentional and accidental, domestic and international contamination. Prerequisite: Graduate standing. (Typically offered: Fall Even Years)

FDSC 5304. Food Chemistry. 4 Hours.
Water, carbohydrates, lipids, proteins, vitamins, and minerals in foods; biochemical and functional properties, enzymes, food additives (emulsifiers, pigments, colors, flavors, preservatives, and sweeteners) and texture as related to properties in food systems and during processing. Lecture 3 hours, laboratory 3 hours per week. Graduate degree credit will not be given for both FDSC 4304 and FDSC 5304. Corequisite: Lab component. Prerequisite: CHEM 1123 and CHEM 1121L and CHEM 2613 and CHEM 2611L or (CHEM 3603 and CHEM 3601L). (Typically offered: Fall)
FDSC 5311. Food Science Internship. 1 Hour.
The Food Science Internship is a supervised practical work experience with a food industry, research program or governmental agency to gain professional experience and insight into career opportunities. Graduate degree credit will not be given for both FDSC 4311 and FDSC 5311. Prerequisite: Completion of first year of graduate studies and instructor consent. (Typically offered: Fall, Spring and Summer) May be repeated for up to 2 hours of degree credit.

FDSC 5413. Sensory Evaluation of Food. 3 Hours.
Principles and procedures for sensory evaluation of food. Appropriate uses of specific tests are discussed, along with physiological, psychological, and environmental factors affecting sensory verdicts. Lecture 2 hours, laboratory 2 hours per week. Graduate degree credit will not be given for both FDSC 4413 and FDSC 5413. Corequisite: Lab component. Prerequisite: STAT 2303 or BUSI 1033 or AGST 5023 or STAT 2823 or PSYC 2013. (Typically offered: Fall)

FDSC 5423. Foodborne Diseases. 3 Hours.
This course will introduce students to the major pathogens associated with foodborne diseases, their epidemiology, and approaches to outbreak investigation and control of foodborne illness. An emphasis will be placed on understanding the relationships between the host, the etiologic agent, and the environment as they relate to disease causation. The student will gain knowledge through lectures, case studies, readings, and an individual project. An understanding of basic biology principles is expected for this course. (Typically offered: Summer Odd Years)

FDSC 5503. Safety and Sanitation for the Food Industry. 3 Hours.
This web-based course will provide an appreciation of the need for sanitation in food processing and increase the students' knowledge of sanitary techniques. Topics will include contamination sources, plant and equipment design, cleaners and sanitizers, HACCP, and food biosecurity. Also covered will be considerations in selecting, establishing and maintaining a sanitation program. An understanding of general microbiology and chemistry principles is expected for this course. (Typically offered: Summer Even Years)

FDSC 5513. Cereal Processing Technology. 3 Hours.
Fundamental concepts of heat and mass transport in grains; cereal/grain structure, property and composition; cereal/grain processing systems and technology; cereal/ grain co-product processing technology and value recovery; cereal/grain quality metrics, grading standards and food safety assurance. Prerequisite: FDSC 3103 or FDSC 4754 or instructor permission. (Typically offered: Spring Odd Years)

FDSC 5713. Product Innovation for the Food Scientist. 3 Hours.
This is a capstone course integrating knowledge developed in Food Science to the development of new food products. This course will take an integrated multidisciplinary approach to developing innovative food products and will provide learning experiences in new product development and Research & Development. Topics include product formulation, ingredient interactions, sensory analysis, packaging, labeling, food safety and food law. Graduate degree credit will not be given for both FDSC 4713 and FDSC 5713. Corequisite: Lab component. Pre- or Corequisite: FDSC 4113 or FDSC 5113 (formerly FDSC 4113) and FDSC 4111L or FDSC 5111L (formerly FDSC 4111L). Prerequisite: FDSC 4304 or FDSC 5304 (formerly FDSC 4304), FDSC 3103, and FDSC 4413 or FDSC 5413 (formerly FDSC 4413). (Typically offered: Spring)

FDSC 5754. Engineering Principles of Food Processing. 4 Hours.
Basic mechanics of refrigeration, temperature controls, materials handling and mechanical problems as applied to foods and food processing. Lecture 3 hours, laboratory 3 hours per week. Graduate degree credit will not be given for both FDSC 4754 and FDSC 5754. Corequisite: Lab component. Prerequisite: MATH 1213, PHYS 2013, and PHYS 2011L. (Typically offered: Spring Even Years)

FDSC 5823. Principles of Food Microbiology. 3 Hours.
This web-based course is a study of the fundamentals of food microbiology to include its history, classifications, spores and their importance, and the most common and serious pathogenic food microorganisms. Fermentation, spoilage microorganisms and control methodology are also discussed. (Typically offered: Fall Even Years)

FDSC 5993. Global Horticulture and Human Nutrition to Enhance Community Resilience and Food Security. 3 Hours.
This course covers three broad areas (Global Horticulture, Sustainable International Development, Human Health and Nutrition) and experts on three campuses created the instruction. The course is intended to be multi-disciplinary, and students should use their contextual knowledge to add to weekly discussions. Prerequisite: Graduate standing. (Typically offered: Spring Even Years)

This course is cross-listed with AGED 5993, HORT 5993.

FDSC 600V. Master’s Thesis. 1-6 Hour.
Master's Thesis. Prerequisite: Graduate standing. (Typically offered: Fall, Spring and Summer) May be repeated for degree credit.

FDSC 602V. Special Topics. 1-3 Hour.
Discussions focused on selected topics of particular fields of raw product physiology and food processing, chemistry, physiology, microbiology, evaluation, sensory analysis and preservation. Prerequisite: Graduate standing. (Typically offered: Irregular) May be repeated for degree credit.

FDSC 6033. Food Biochemistry. 3 Hours.
Biochemical characteristics, functions, regulation and impact of components in raw and processed foods of plant origin. Lecture/discussion 3 hours per week. Prerequisite: CHEM 3813. (Typically offered: Fall Odd Years)

FDSC 6143. Advanced Food Processing and Packaging and their Environmental Impact. 3 Hours.
The course is directed to graduate students in food science and related fields. Students will learn advanced food processing technologies and packaging as well as the environmental issues associated to food production, processing, and distribution. An understanding of basic food processing/food engineering principles and knowledge of food processing operations is expected for this course. (Typically offered: Spring Even Years)

FDSC 6323. Nutraceuticals and Functional Foods. 3 Hours.
Course will include past, present and future of nutraceuticals and functional foods, chemistry, mechanism, novel technologies, nutrigenomics, processing, healthy lifestyle, regulation, safety, marketing, international aspects, and industry project. Prerequisite: CHEM 2613 (or CHEM 3603) and CHEM 3813 and FDSC 4304 or instructor consent. (Typically offered: Spring Even Years)

FDSC 6343. Vitamin Nutrition and Metabolism. 3 Hours.
The vitamins required for humans and domestic animals for a healthy life with emphasis on absorption, transport, metabolism, biopotency, mechanism of action, tissue retention and turnover. Prerequisite: CHEM 3813. (Typically offered: Fall Odd Years)

This course is cross-listed with ANSC 6343, POSC 6343.
FDSC 6403. Epidemiologic Principles in Food Safety and Public Health. 3 Hours.
This course will provide an introduction to epidemiologic methods used in foodborne disease outbreak investigations. The importance of surveillance systems in detecting outbreaks and in the development of effective disease prevention and control strategies will also be presented. An emphasis will be placed on understanding the relationships between the host, the etiologic agent, and the environment as they relate to disease causation. In addition, molecular methods utilized for the identification of etiologic agents will be discussed. Selected important foodborne diseases will be discussed in detail to clarify the role of epidemiology in understanding the pathogenesis of infectious processes in individuals and communities. Prerequisite: FDSC 4122 or FDSC 5122 (formerly FDSC 4122) or equivalent. (Typically offered: Fall Even Years)

FDSC 6443. Metabolism of Xenobiotics. 3 Hours.
This course is designed to provide in-depth knowledge of the integration of molecular, cellular, and physiologic aspects of xenobiotics (e.g. phytochemicals)/micronutrients and metabolism. This course will also discuss the current understanding of the mechanism and regulation of gene expression by xenobiotics/micronutrients. Examination of current research literature to understand how xenobiotics/micronutrients and physiological states metabolize and influence gene expression, as well as the research methodology used to address these relations. Prerequisite: CHEM 3813. (Typically offered: Fall Even Years)

FDSC 6603. Chemosensory Perception and Measurement. 3 Hours.
This course is designed to address advanced techniques and current issues in sensory and consumer sciences, with a focus on chemosensory perception. This course consists of two main modules: I) anatomy and physiology of the chemosensory senses and II) measurement/analysis of chemosensory responses. This course includes both individual and group projects with an emphasis of four aspects of "C": "Concept," "Creativity," "Critical thinking skills," and "Communication." Prerequisite: FDSC 4413 or FDSC 5413. (Typically offered: Fall Odd Years)

FDSC 700V. Doctoral Dissertation. 1-18 Hour.
The doctoral program in food science is an interdepartmental program offered by the departments of Food Science, Animal and Poultry Sciences, and Human Environmental Sciences. Prerequisite: Graduate standing. (Typically offered: Fall, Spring and Summer) May be repeated for degree credit.