

Brooks College of Interdisciplinary Studies
Environmental Studies Program
Sustainable Food Systems Certificate

Anyone admitted to GVSU as a degree-seeking student may earn the certificate in sustainable food systems. To complete this certificate students must select a total of at least 15 credits from a list of required and elective courses. Students may pursue the certificate in sustainable food systems concurrently with any major or minor. Any course that satisfies both requirements will be counted towards the certificate and the student's major or minor.

Name: _____ Date: _____ Advisor: _____

CORE COURSES (6 credits needed)

___ ENS 201 – Introduction to Environmental Studies and Sustainability (3 cr.)(ENS)(prereq. Sophomore standing)

___ ENS 492 – Sustainable Agriculture Practicum: Ideas and Techniques (3 cr.)(ENS)(prereq. ENS 201)

ELECTIVE COURSES (9 to 10 credits needed) Students must select **one course from each of the two groups of electives, and one additional elective from either group** for a total of three elective courses. **No more than two elective courses with the same prefix are allowed.**

Group 1: Agriculture (select at least 1 course = 3 or 4 credits)

- ___ BIO 309: Plants & Human Health (3 cr.)(GE: I-H)
- ___ BIO 319: Global Agric. Sustain. (3 cr.)(ENS; GE: I-S)
- ___ BIO 423: Plant Biotechnology (3 cr.)
- ___ GPY 362: Farmers, Crops and Our Challenging Agric. World (3 cr.)(ENS; GE: WP, I-G)
- ___ GPY/ENS 412: Global Enviro. Change (3 cr.)(GE: I-S)
- ___ NRM 281: Principles of Soil Science (4 cr.)

Group 2: Food and Nutrition (select at least 1 course = 3 credits)

- ___ BMS 105: Basic Nutrition (3 cr.)
- ___ HTM 175: International Food & Culture (3 cr.)(ENS; GE: WP)
- ___ LIB 342: Food Matters (3 cr.)(GE: I-H)
- ___ SOC 288: Sociology and Food (3 cr.)(ENS)

This form is a planning tool and does not constitute an agreement regarding program requirements. It is imperative that you meet with an academic advisor in the Brooks College Advising Center early in your career.

Some courses may also count toward other GVSU program requirements:

- SFS = Sustainable Food Systems Certificate
- GE = General Education
- I-G = Issues—Globalization
- I-H = Issues—Health
- I-S = Issues—Sustainability
- WP = World Perspectives

TOTAL NUMBER OF CREDITS

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****Upon completion of the certificate the student needs to fill-out the application for certificate form through the Records Office.**