

Graduate Minor Coursework

15 Credits (18 for Ph.D.) from the Following Courses*

ANTH/FCSJ 544 Nutritional Anthropology (4)

ANTH 547 Methods in Food in Culture and Social Justice Studies (4)

ANTH/FCSJ 567 Agri-Food Movements (4)

ANTH/FCSJ 586 Anthropology of Food (4)

AGRI 511 Introduction to Food Systems: Local to Global (3)

ES/FCSJ 564 Food and Ethnic Identity: Decolonizing Food and Our Body (3)

HST 516 Food in World History (4)

FCSJ 506 Food Projects (1)

*Alternate courses subject to approval of Minor Professor

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Food as a Cultural Practice within Systems of Inequality

Food is the most basic of human necessities. But it is also more than just nourishment: it is part of a larger food system that determines our health, plays a large role in the economy, and has a profound effect on the environment. Food is also part of a larger cultural system of meanings rooted in individual and group identities. When and how we eat, what is considered acceptable to eat, how we prepare it, and how we learn about securing and producing food are questions explored in The Food in Culture and Social Justice Program. Food practices and pathways provide rich areas for cultural analysis across time and among people of different nations, social classes, ethnicities, genders, and ages, within microcultures and social movements. Food systems can both nourish and sustain or pollute and degrade which is why examining global and local food systems also involves examining questions of social justice.

Most of us fail to realize the complexities of food systems around the world and the ways producing and consuming food embed us in cultural systems as well as embroil us in the politics of food equity and sustainability. The Food in Culture and Social Justice Program gives students the necessary background to realize that the food choices they make have consequences far beyond the corner grocery store. The Program also provides students with coursework and training necessary to participate knowledgeably in movements for just and sustainable food systems at home and around the globe.



Oregon State University is located in the Willamette Valley, a place of abundant food resources from farms, fields, forests, and waterways. It is also a place of diverse food practices and a thriving local food movement. And yet, despite this abundance of knowledge and resources, hunger and food insecurity persist here. It is precisely this kind of disconnect that the Food in Culture and Social Justice program seeks to investigate.



The Food in Culture and Social Justice Program cultivates in students an understanding of the histories of particular foods and of changes in the way people think about sustaining healthy bodies. Through an interdisciplinary approach, students learn to contextualize foodways in the past and present using environmental, economic, and nutritional research as well as the ways in which humans project images of their foodways in expressive cultural forms. Throughout these explorations, students are encouraged to reflect on the idea of food as a basic human right. Coursework assists students in developing sound research projects vital for increasing understanding of the way people live in the food systems that help create them.

