



## COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE AND LIFE SCIENCES

Summer is a great opportunity to take a course as part of the Food Systems Minor. We are offering several courses throughout the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences that will apply to this program. Consider spending the summer getting ahead and enjoying a beautiful time to be in Vermont.

If you would like more information about the Food Systems minor, please look here:  
<http://www.uvm.edu/~fsminor/>.

### Course offerings include:

#### NFS 073-Farm to Table: Our Contemporary Food System

In this course, we will explore the structure and function of the contemporary food system, and compare it to some alternative historical models. This course will introduce students to our contemporary food system and the broad, interdisciplinary type of thinking required to make sense of it.

#### PBIO 006- The Green World

About the course: The Green World is designed for students whose main interests lie outside of the life sciences. This class will introduce to you the fascinating world of plants. Throughout the course, we will explore how plants live, grow, and reproduce, how humans have used plants for food, medicine, clothing, and shelter, and many other topics of interest today.

#### CDAE 127-Consumers, Markets, and Public Policy

About this course: Consumers, Markets and Public Policy course provides a critical analysis of consumer choices from psycho-social and cultural perspectives, with an emphasis on U.S. consumers. Applications of consumer behavior theories will be emphasized.

#### PBIO 177- Biology of Fungi

About the course: Collect, identify and study major fungal groups. Extensive field and lab work, with thematic lectures. Objectives: 1) Learn the unique and shared features of each group. 2) Assess the importance of fungi to humans as sources of foods, drugs, and poisons. 3) Analyze and identify field-collected mushrooms and other macrofungi. 4) Create a high quality collection of well-characterized, identified, and preserved mushrooms (or other macrofungi), that emphasizes features used in their identification.

#### PSS 154- Composting Ecology & Management

About the course: Examines ecological, physical and chemical principles, the practical management of the composting process, and benefits of using compost in plant and soil ecosystems.

#### PSS/ENVS 156- Permaculture

About the course: Design of agriculturally productive environments that have the diversity, stability, and resilience of the natural biosphere to harmoniously integrate landscape and people.

#### PSS 209- Organic Farm Practicum

About the course: As an experiential learning course, students will gain experience in implementing their business and farm management plans generated from the spring course, Organic Farm Planning.

#### PSS 212- Advanced Agroecology

About the course: This course presents an in-depth overview of research and applications in the field of agroecology, including current ecological and social dynamics in agricultural landscapes in Vermont and abroad.



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