

FOOD SECURITY GRADUATE CERTIFICATE

Banner Code: HH-CERG-FSEC

Academic Advising

Website: chhs.gmu.edu/nfs/graduate/certificate-food-security.cfm

The graduate certificate in food security provides knowledge and tools in the areas of nutrition, food studies, geography, and geoinformation science to prepare students for careers in food security and safety. The program includes courses in nutrition, food security, food safety, and GIS and remote sensing, and the program will give students insight into the determinants of food security in developing and industrialized countries, the roots of vulnerabilities of populations most at-risk, and programs involved in food security research and interventions worldwide.

The graduate certificate in food security may be pursued on a part-time or full-time basis.

- ¹ Nutrition students must select this course.
² Geography students must select this course.

Elective

Select three credits from the following:

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| GCH 560 | Environmental Health | 3 |
| NUTR 630 | Global Nutrition | |
| BIOD 726 | Food Security | |
| GGG 581 | World Food and Population | |
| or other approved elective course | | |

Total Credits 3

Admissions & Policies

Admissions

Applicants must meet the admission standards and application requirements specified in Graduate Admissions and must apply using the Application for Graduate Admission (<https://www2.gmu.edu/admissions-aid>). The application process is competitive, and applications are considered for the fall and spring semesters. For application deadlines and detailed application requirements, please refer to CHHS Admissions (<http://chhs.gmu.edu/admissions/graduate/deadlines.cfm>).

Policies

For policies governing all graduate certificates, see AP.6.8 Requirements for Graduate Certificates.

Requirements

Certificate Requirements

Total credits: 21

Candidates must have 21 graduate credits and a minimum GPA of 3.00 in coursework applied to the certificate, with no more than 3 credits with a grade of C to earn the certificate.

Required Courses

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| NUTR 608 | Perspectives on Food Security | 3 |
| NUTR 611 | Food and Nutrition Security Policy | 3 |
| NUTR 610 | Food Safety and Defense | 3 |
| NUTR 651 | Nutrition Assessment, Monitoring and Surveillance | 3 |
| GGG 579 | Remote Sensing | 3 |
| Select three credits from the following: | | 3 |
| GGG 553 | Geographic Information Systems ¹ | |
| NUTR 630 | Global Nutrition ² | |
| Total Credits | | 18 |