

Food Systems Innovation & Leadership - M.S.

Curriculum

The Food Systems Innovation & Leadership master's degree empowers emerging and established food professionals to lead change across the global food system. Designed for working professionals, recent graduates and leaders in food organizations, the program integrates systems thinking with hands-on innovation leadership. Students explore how food impacts people, businesses and the planet using new technologies, design methods and entrepreneurial models to create scalable, sustainable solutions that advance the future of food.

Upon completion of the program, graduates are expected to:

- Analyze the global relationship between food, society, business, government and the environment.
- Propose solutions to systemic food system issues that consider the perspective of all users and the potential impact to the food system.
- Organize collaborative diverse teams dedicated to solving systemic food system issues.
- Disseminate empirical research findings.

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Core Courses

FOOD5001	Introduction to Food Safety Systems	3
FOOD5030	Shaping the Future of Food	3
FOOD5150	Law, Economics and the American Food System	3
FOOD5200	Eating Identities: Food, Culture and Social Justice	3
FOOD6030	Action Research in Sustainable Food Systems	3
HOSP6060	Corporate Social Responsibility	3
IDES5030	Food Systems Design Methodology	3
LAW5410	Food Law & Policy **	3
MGMT5800	Effective Leadership	3
SOC5030	The Global Food System	3

Total Credits 30.0

** Course may be offered online only.

Admissions Requirements

To be considered for admission into any JWU graduate degree program offered on campus, the following documents must be submitted:

1. A completed graduate application for admission
2. Official or certified transcripts/mark sheets from all institutions attended, including proof of bachelor's degree and master's degree (if applicable) conferral. Transcripts issued to a student are not considered official unless in an unopened university envelope. When a graduate program application is submitted prior to completing requirements for the bachelor's degree, Graduate Admissions will consider the application and, if admissible, will offer an acceptance pending submission of final transcript verifying bachelor degree conferral. Without such verification, students may not be allowed to register for the current semester or continue enrollment, and will be in jeopardy of losing their academic status with the university.
3. Statement of Purpose: an essay explaining your motivation, aptitude and goals related to graduate-level study
4. Letters of recommendation. Graduate programs at JWU require two letters of recommendation. Recommendations should be from individuals qualified to attest to the applicant's potential for success at the graduate level of study.
5. Current résumé or CV