



# Civic Agriculture & Food Systems Minor at Virginia Tech

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## CAFS Minor Cornerstones

- Food security and sovereignty
- Civic engagement and democratic participation
- Strong local economies
- Ecological stewardship
- Healthy people and communities
- Collaborative teaching and experiential learning

*“Personal growth and professional development is an integral part of the CAFS minor and being involved with this minor gave me the gift of direction and confidence to secure a job as a Community Food Systems Extension Agent”*

*–Caitlin Miller, CAFS Class of 2012*



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# The Civic Agriculture & Food Systems Minor at Virginia Tech

The Civic Agriculture and Food Systems minor within the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences' (CALS) Office of Academic Programs provides the opportunity for interdisciplinary and community-based learning, and active engagement in and outside the classroom. The CAFS minor embodies a commitment to developing and strengthening an **economically, environmentally, and socially sustainable** agriculture and food system. This interdisciplinary minor provides students with knowledge and skills to promote academic enhancement, personal growth, and civic engagement through reflection and **experiential practice to address and solve 'real-world' problems**.

This minor is open to any major at the university and is approved as a Pathways for General Education Minor starting in the Fall of 2018.

*"The minor created space and opportunities to listen and engage in conversations in the classroom, hear and appreciate different viewpoints besides my own, and reflect on why and what I was learning in new ways. It was through the minor that I discovered my passion for fighting food insecurity."*

*-Micah Smalley, CAFS Class of 2017*

