

## **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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## & Food Systems Minor

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The Civic Agriculture & Food Systems Minor

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The Civic Agriculture and Food Systems minor within the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences' (CALS) Office of 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 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.

the university and is approved as a Pathways for General Education Minor starting in the Fall of 2018.

Capstone Project Ideas **ALS 2204 Introduction** to Civic Agriculture Introduction to the economic, social, & ecological

participation in civic agriculture. Emphasis given to community-based food and agriculture systems, locally-nationally-globally. (3H, 3C)

Pathways outcomes: Advanced Discourse & Intercultural and Global Awareness

**ALS 4204 Concepts in Community Food Systems** 

Examination of the economic, political, socio-cultural, health and environmental issues related to community food systems and agricultural practices. Topics include local, regional and global food systems development food production and biotechnology, food sovereignty and security, and population and environmental health.

> Pathways outcomes: Reasoning in the Social Sciences & Intercultural and

Nurturing the Capstone Project Plan

Relationship between students. faculty and community partners

national-global food systems. Pre: 3404 (3H, 3C)

**Global Awareness** 

Academic Programs provides the food system. This interdisciplinary minor

This minor is open to any major at

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."

"The minor created space and opportunities

-Micah Smalley, CAFS Class of 2017