Sustainable Food Systems, BS

Are you drawn to the food and agriculture sector? It's changing in exciting ways, creating demand for professionals who understand the complex interconnections between food, natural resources, policy, economic opportunity and social equity. We'll help you become an innovative problem-solver ready for a wide range of food-related careers.

Program Description

The BS program in sustainable food systems trains students to understand food-related challenges using a food systems lens which encompasses the many aspects of food and agriculture within an integrated social and environmental context and empowers them to grapple with real-life complexities. Students become effective agents of change.

Coursework covers a wide range of topics, such as nutrition science, agricultural production, economics and social justice. Students are encouraged to select electives that build upon core sustainable food systems coursework.

Students are engaged in an active community collectively working to achieve the 2030 United Nations Sustainable Development Goals. Beyond the core subject matter and skills courses, the degree requirements include an internship, a chosen focus area and a culminating project-based course, all of which provide students in-depth knowledge of a food-related subfield and ample preparation for exciting careers.

At a Glance

- **College/School:** [College of Global Futures](#)
- **Location:** [Downtown Phoenix, Polytechnic, Tempe](#) or [Online, ASU Local](#)
• Additional Program Fee: Yes
• Second Language Requirement: Yes
• First Required Math Course: SOS 101 - Intro Appl Math Life & Soc Sci
• Math Intensity: Moderate

Required Courses (Major Map)

2023 - 2024 Major Map (On-campus)
2023 - 2024 Major Map (Online)
Major Map (Archives)

Concurrent Program Options

Students pursuing concurrent degrees (also known as a "double major") earn two distinct degrees and receive two diplomas. Working with their academic advisors, students can create their own concurrent degree combination. Some combinations are not possible due to high levels of overlap in curriculum.

Accelerated Program Options

This program allows students to obtain both a bachelor's and master's degree in as little as five years. It is offered as an accelerated bachelor's plus master's degree with:

Sustainable Food Systems, MS

Acceptance to the graduate program requires a separate application. Students typically receive approval to pursue the accelerated master's during the junior year of their bachelor's degree program. Interested students can learn about eligibility requirements and how to apply.

Admission Requirements

General University Admission Requirements:
All students are required to meet general university admission requirements.
First-year | Transfer | International | Readmission

Transfer Admission Requirements:

Transfer students, those with 12 or more transfer credit hours after high school graduation, are required to have a cumulative transfer GPA of 3.00 or higher. The School of Sustainability reviews transfer applications that fall below this GPA level on an individual basis.

Students with more than 45 transfer credit hours who are not admissible to the School of Sustainability or the second major choice will be contacted to select an appropriate major.
Tuition Information

When it comes to paying for college, everyone’s situation is different. Students can learn about ASU tuition and financial aid options to find out which will work best for them.

Change of Major Requirements

ASU students who would like to change their major to sustainable food systems are required to have a minimum cumulative ASU GPA of 3.00, based on at least 12 credit hours of ASU coursework.

Students should visit the Change of Major form for information about how to change a major to this program.

Attend Online

ASU Online

ASU offers this program in an online format with multiple enrollment sessions throughout the year. Applicants may view the program’s ASU Online page for program descriptions and to request more information.

ASU Local

It is now possible to earn an ASU degree with ASU Local, an integrated college experience in which students take advantage of in-person success coaching and programming experiences on site while completing one of 130+ undergraduate online degree programs, all of which come with online faculty interaction and tutoring support.

Transfer Options

ASU is committed to helping students thrive by offering tools that allow personalization of the transfer path to ASU. Students may use MyPath2ASU® to outline a list of recommended courses to take prior to transfer.

ASU has transfer partnerships in Arizona and across the country to create a simplified transfer experience for students. These pathway programs include exclusive benefits, tools and resources, and they help students save time and money in their college journey.

Global Opportunities

Global Experience
With over 300 programs in more than 65 countries (programs vary in length, from one week to one year), study abroad is possible for all ASU students who wish to acquire a global perspective and knowledge in preparation for their career. Students earn ASU credit for completed courses, while staying on track for graduation, and they may apply financial aid and scholarships toward program costs.

The School of Sustainability recommends these programs for students majoring in sustainable food systems.

### Career Opportunities

Graduates have a broad understanding of sustainable food systems and are prepared for pursuing careers in areas such as:

- agricultural development, poverty alleviation and emerging markets
- food entrepreneurship and innovation, marketing and agribusiness
- food literacy
- improved public health through food
- managing natural resources for food production
- public policy, governance and grassroots organizing
- sustainable food procurement

From the School of Sustainability's 2021 alumni employment survey, 92% are either employed in sectors such as those listed above or pursuing continuing education. Of those employed, 66% have jobs directly related to sustainability. Students can seek additional employment data from program alumni by visiting the [College of Global Futures careers site](#). Because the sustainable food systems program just launched in Fall 2019, the school currently does not have alumni employment data for this specific degree.

Career example titles and salaries listed below are not necessarily entry level, and students should take into consideration how years of experience, geographical location, and required advanced degrees or certifications may affect pay scales.

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**Sustainability Specialist** 4.1% $75,990

* Data obtained from the Occupational Information Network (O*NET) under sponsorship of the U.S. Department of Labor/Employment and Training Administration (USDOL/ETA).

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