



Virginia Tech
ALS 4204 Concepts in Community Food Systems

CRN: 10323

ALS 5234G Advanced Concepts in Community Food Systems

CRN: 19355



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Course Overview

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. Analyze models, strategies, and policies within local, national and global food systems.

4204 Pre: 2204; 5234G Graduate standing (3H, 3C)

Curriculum for Liberal Education Credit

Area 2: Ideas, Cultural Traditions, and Values

Area 3: Society and Human Behavior

Having successfully completed this course, the student will be able to:

- Investigate relationships pertaining to community food systems
- Contrast and compare potential implications of various agricultural practices on food systems
- Discuss economic, political, social, and cultural factors that influence agricultural practices, community food systems, food access and availability, and ultimately food security and overall dietary practices
- Examine community models that connect healthy land, food and people and ensure economic viability
- Develop, implement, and evaluate a feasible model, strategy, or policy to promote a sustainable food system with a community partner

<p>ALS 4204, <i>Concepts in Community Food Systems</i>, is a required course for the CAFS minor. ALS 5234G, <i>Advance Concepts Community Food Systems</i> is the graduate version. Students identify, analyze and address the interconnectedness between community food systems work and community vitality, cultural diversity, economic development, social justice, ecological integrity, and environmental quality, and human health through interactive dialogue, small and large group discussions, hands-on experiential service learning opportunities, critical reflective writing; journal article critiquing; case study analysis; and other collaborative activities.</p>	<p>Collaborative Teaching Team</p>	<p>Susan F. Clark, RD, PhD, HORT Instructor of Record sfclark@vt.edu Vivica Kraak, RD, PhD HNFE; vivica51@vt.edu Jenny Schwanke, Community Partner Liaison; jenny@vtymca.org</p>
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	<p>CRN</p>	<p>10323: Undergraduate 19355: Graduate</p>
	<p>Time Location</p>	<p>Fridays 11:15 – 2:00 pm Saunders 408</p> <p><i>Experiential-based with service learning</i></p>