FSHN offers undergraduate and graduate degrees, conducts research in food science and nutrition, and serves the people of Illinois with extension and outreach programs. We specialize in the science of food, fiber, and nutrition, contributing to the education and discovery that will support the health and well-being of humans and the environment.

FSHN Undergraduate Program

FSHN’s Bachelor of Science program at the University of Illinois College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences (ACES) offers four concentrations—Dietetics, Food Science, Hospitality Management, and Human Nutrition. All four provide a strong scientific foundation, teaching skill sets that prepare students for rewarding careers or continued education.

FSHN Graduate Programs

A variety of graduate degrees are available through FSHN. Students can focus their M.S. or Ph.D. studies in either food science or human nutrition. An additional Professional Science Master’s degree in food science prepares students for careers that combine science with management, business, and leadership responsibilities. Graduate students may also consider completing a graduate dietetic internship in preparation for the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics’ national registration exam for dietitians.

An online, non-thesis program leading to an M.S. in food science makes graduate study accessible to students in various locations who may also be balancing career responsibilities. All required lecture-based courses for this program are delivered in live synchronous online sessions.

Research

Our research in FSHN focuses on these areas:
• Food quality, safety, and nutritional value
• Food materials science
• Food processing
• Diets and foods for optimal health
• Value-added bio-transformation

FSHN faculty members conduct projects in collaboration with other researchers as well as with industry and governmental partners. More than $20 million in research support has been awarded to FSHN in the past four years. You can view a full list of our faculty’s research specialties at www.fshn.illinois.edu/directory.

“My degree prepared me for thinking critically, creatively, and independently.”

– Audrey Stoerzbach Scherer, B.S. ’07
Supporting FSHN

FSHN graduate and undergraduate students benefit from participating in internships and other learning opportunities in the food science and health fields. We regularly invite organizations to campus to interact with students or provide us information to share about their internship or employment opportunities.

We also encourage working professionals to share their knowledge and experiences with students by serving as guest speakers, mentors, and resources.

Financial gifts that support scholarships, research, and professional development also contribute to the success of FSHN, its students, and its many stakeholders.

“My internships were an opportunity to take what I was learning in my food science courses and apply them in the industry. They opened my eyes to what I wanted to do after graduation and showed me where I wanted to take my career.”

– Melissa Jones, B.S. ’06, M.S. ’11

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