FOOD SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Food science and technology concerns the chemistry and engineering necessary to deliver safe, convenient food products from the farm gate to the food marketer. The academic program integrates principles and concepts in the physical, biological, and engineering sciences, and applies them to the scientific and technological aspects of food and beverage processing. The role of the food scientist is to successfully integrate these disciplines to assure an abundant, high quality, and nutritious food supply.

Graduate programs leading to the MS or PhD degree in food science permit intensified study in subject areas of special interest. Research areas in the department include both basic and applied aspects of chemistry/biochemistry, microbiology/biotechnology, sensory analysis, and food engineering. Research in food processing operations covers a number of food commodities such as cereal products, dairy products, fruits, vegetables, meats, seafood, wines and beers.

Departmental facilities include well-equipped laboratories, a pilot plant, a winery, a pilot research brewery, and an artisan cheese-making plant for instruction and research. Research facilities also are available at the Coastal Oregon Marine Experiment Station Seafood Laboratory at Astoria and the Food Innovation Center in Portland, Oregon.

Work Experience and Internships

Because of the educational value of professional work experience, the department strongly encourages students to gain practical work experience during summer and other terms. Students typically work in brewing, wineries, dairy processing, and seasonal fruit and vegetable processing. Students may earn internship credit with prior approval of the department and of the employer. OSU students may also participate in international internship programs.

Scholarships

The College of Agricultural Sciences, the department, the food industry, and the Institute of Food Technologists offer over 25 merit and financial need scholarships to encourage students preparing for careers in the food industry. For more information, contact the department, 541-737-3131, and the Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships, 541-737-2241.

Career Opportunities

Food science graduates have had excellent success in finding positions (median nationwide entry level salary for bachelor of science degree holders is $50,000) in an industry that possesses tremendous variety, mobility and opportunity for advancement. Career opportunities in the food, brewing, distilling, and enology industries include management, research and development, process and production supervision, quality assurance, distribution, sales, marketing, consulting, and trade associations. Governmental agencies employ food scientists for work in regulatory control, research, and the development of food standards.

Graduates of a master’s or doctoral program hold positions in teaching, colleges and university research and extension, and in industry.

Undergraduate Programs

Major

• Food Science and Technology (BS, HBS) (http://catalog.oregonstate.edu/college-departments/agricultural-sciences/food-science-technology/food-science-technology-bs-hbs)

Options

• Enology and Viticulture
• Fermentation Science
• Food Science

Minors

• Fermentation Science (http://catalog.oregonstate.edu/college-departments/agricultural-sciences/food-science-technology/fermentation-science-minor)
• Food Manufacturing (http://catalog.oregonstate.edu/college-departments/agricultural-sciences/food-science-technology/food-manufacturing-minor)
• Food Science (http://catalog.oregonstate.edu/college-departments/agricultural-sciences/food-science-technology/food-science-minor)
• Food Technology (http://catalog.oregonstate.edu/college-departments/agricultural-sciences/food-science-technology/food-technology-minor)

Graduate Programs

Major

• Food Science and Technology (MS, PhD) (http://catalog.oregonstate.edu/college-departments/agricultural-sciences/food-science-technology/food-science-technology-ms-phd)

Minor

• Food Science and Technology (http://catalog.oregonstate.edu/college-departments/agricultural-sciences/food-science-technology/food-science-technology-bs-hbs)

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Faculty

Professors Daeschel, Goddik, McGorrin, Morrissey, Park, Qian, Shay, Ross, Shellhammer, Su, Zhao
Associate Professors Bakalinsky, DeWitt, Lim, Osborne, Penner, Torres
Assistant Professors Hughes, Tomasino, Waite-Cusic
Senior Instructor 1 Smith
Instructor Just

Food Science and Technology

FST 101. FOOD SCIENCE ORIENTATION. (1 Credit)
For food science majors. Orientation and academic guidance toward career planning in food science and technology.

FST 199. SPECIAL STUDIES. (1-16 Credits)
Graded P/N.
This course is repeatable for 16 credits.
FST 210. FRUIT AND VEGETABLE PROCESSING. (3 Credits)
Lectures, lab activities and plant tours to help majors and non-majors understand traditional and modern fruit and vegetable processing technologies.

FST 212. DAIRY PROCESSING. (2 Credits)
Methods of processing and preserving milk and milk products and related unit operations.

FST 213. DAIRY PROCESSING LABORATORY. (1 Credit)
Laboratory and field work to accompany FST 212. Field trip required.

FST 251. INTRODUCTION TO WINES, BEERS, AND SPIRITS. (3 Credits)
A descriptive introduction to the history, science, sensory, economics, and societal aspects of alcoholic beverages.

FST 260. *FOOD SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY IN WESTERN CULTURE. (3 Credits)
Exploring the sciences and technologies of food processing and preservation within the context of their historical, current, and possible future influences on what we eat, the structure of our society, and our day-to-day lives. (Bacc Core Course)
Attributes: CPWC – Core, Pers, West Culture

FST 273. *WINE IN THE WESTERN WORLD. (3 Credits)
A study of wine throughout history, from its accidental discovery and refinement through today, with a focus on the profound role wine plays in agriculture, social rituals, human health, economics, and the ambivalent pursuit of pleasure. (Baccalaureate Core Course)
Attributes: CPWC – Core, Pers, West Culture

FST 315. PILOT PLANT EXPERIENCES. (2 Credits)
Students will be working in one of the FST pilot plants (dairy, vegetables/fruit, brewing, wine making, distilling) and will be assisting with the manufacturing of foods or beverages. Students must have available blocks of time in their schedules to contribute significantly to a production run. Production schedules for each pilot plant will be determined in advance of registration for each term. Not all pilot plants will be available each term. Lab.

FST 360. FOOD SAFETY AND SANITATION. (3 Credits)
Principles, practices, and regulations governing and ensuring the microbiological safety of our food supply through risk assessment, surveillance, and intervention.
Prerequisites: (BI 211 with D- or better or BI 211H with D- or better or BI 212 with D- or better or BI 212H with D- or better or BI 213 with D- or better or BI 213H with D- or better) and (CH 121 [D-] or CH 221 [D-] or CH 221H [D-] or CH 231 [D-] or CH 231H [D-])

FST 370. INDUSTRY PREPARATION/HACCP. (3 Credits)
Assists students in preparation for internships and employment in the food industry by introducing compliance with food safety regulations, HACCP, and audits.

FST 385. *COMMUNICATING FOOD AND FERMENTATION SCIENCE. (3 Credits)
This writing intensive course (WIC) will guide students in the investigation and critical evaluation of literature on a topic of current interest in food or fermentation science, and the development of their ability to write concisely and with precision about technical subject matter in this discipline. Lec/rec. (Writing Intensive Course)
Attributes: CWIC – Core, Skills, WIC
Prerequisites: WR 121 with C- or better and FST 360 [D-] and MB 302 (may be taken concurrently) [D-]

FST 399. SPECIAL TOPICS. (0-16 Credits)
Equivalent to: FST 399H
This course is repeatable for 16 credits.
FST 460. BREWING SCIENCE. (3 Credits)
Chemistry, microbiology and engineering of malting and brewing operations for the production of beer, including the compositional analysis of barley, malt, hops, water, and beer and their effects on beer quality.
Prerequisites: (BI 212 with C- or better or BI 212H with C- or better) and CH 331 [C-] and CH 332 [C-]

FST 461. BREWING ANALYSIS. (3 Credits)
Compositional analysis, laboratory techniques and sensory evaluation of barley, malt, hops, water, yeast and beer. Lec/lab.
Prerequisites: FST 460 with D- or better and (MB 303 [D-] or MB 303H [D-])

FST 466. WINE PRODUCTION PRINCIPLES. (3 Credits)
Principles of wine production technology from grape berry development through bottling, covering the microbiology and chemistry of fermentation, aging and production practices of red and white table wines, as well as sparkling and dessert wines.
Prerequisites: (BI 212 with C- or better or BI 212H with C- or better) and CH 331 [C-] and CH 332 [C-]

FST 467. WINE PRODUCTION, ANALYSIS, AND SENSORY EVALUATION. (5 Credits)
An integrated lecture/lab course that focuses on the practical fundamentals of red and white wine production. Students will make wine and monitor its progression from the grape to the bottle using standard chemical, microbial, and sensory techniques.
Prerequisites: FST 466 with D- or better and FST 479 (may be taken concurrently) [D-]

FST 479. FERMENTATION MICROBIOLOGY. (3 Credits)
An introduction to industrial microbiology with a focus on the physiology of fermentation and use of microorganisms for the production of food ingredients, fermented foods, and beverages. FST students need to take BB 350 and MB students need to take BB 450 for their respective majors. CROSSLISTED as MB 479/MB 579.
Prerequisites: (BI 212 with C- or better or BI 212H with C- or better) and CH 331 [C-] and CH 332 [C-] and (BB 350 [D-] or BB 450 [D-]) and MB 302 [D-]
Equivalent to: MB 479

FST 480. TOPICS IN FERMENTATION. (0-2 Credits)
Selected topics in fermentation science will be presented by department faculty and invited outside experts. Topics and format will change each quarter. Students may take the course for 1 or 2 credits as the topics change. Lec/lab.
This course is repeatable for 8 credits.

FST 490. FOOD PROCESSING CALCULATIONS. (2 Credits)
Application of engineering principles to produce safe processed foods meeting consumer expectations for safety and quality. Validate process engineering models by comparing predicted values with new experimental data.
Prerequisites: BEE 472 with D- or better and FST 360 [D-]
Corequisites: FST 491

FST 491. FOOD PROCESSING CALCULATIONS LABORATORY. (1 Credit)
Experiments in a pilot plant supported by a computer laboratory. Prepare samples of novel process technology products.
Corequisites: FST 490

FST 495. FOOD PACKAGING. (2 Credits)
Fundamentals of food packaging covering the major packaging solutions with a focus on plastic, paper, and paperboard.

FST 499. SPECIAL STUDIES. (0-16 Credits)
This course is repeatable for 16 credits.
FST 560. BREWING SCIENCE. (3 Credits)
Chemistry, microbiology and engineering of malting and brewing operations for the production of beer, including the compositional analysis of barley, malt, hops, water, and beer and their effects on beer quality.

FST 561. BREWING ANALYSIS. (3 Credits)
Compositional analysis, laboratory techniques and sensory evaluation of barley, malt, hops, water, yeast and beer. Lec/lab.

FST 566. WINE PRODUCTION PRINCIPLES. (3 Credits)
Principles of wine production technology from grape berry development through bottling, covering the microbiology and chemistry of fermentation, aging and production practices of red and white table wines, as well as sparkling and dessert wines.

FST 567. WINE PRODUCTION, ANALYSIS, AND SENSORY EVALUATION. (5 Credits)
An integrated lecture/lab course that focuses on the practical fundamentals of red and white wine production. Students will make wine and monitor its progression from the grape to the bottle using standard chemical, microbial, and sensorial techniques.
Prerequisites: FST 566 with C or better
Corequisites: FST 579

FST 579. FERMENTATION MICROBIOLOGY. (3 Credits)
An introduction to industrial microbiology with a focus on the physiology of fermentation and use of microorganisms for the production of food ingredients, fermented foods, and beverages. FST students need to take BB 350 and MB students need to take BB 450 for their respective majors. CROSSLISTED as MB 479/MB 579.
Equivalent to: MB 579

FST 599. SPECIAL STUDIES. (0-16 Credits)
This course is repeatable for 16 credits.

FST 601. RESEARCH. (1-16 Credits)
This course is repeatable for 16 credits.

FST 603. THESIS. (1-16 Credits)
This course is repeatable for 999 credits.

FST 605. READING AND CONFERENCE. (1-16 Credits)
This course is repeatable for 16 credits.

FST 607. SEMINAR. (1 Credit)
This course is repeatable for 4 credits.

FST 620. ADVANCED TOPICS IN SENSORY SCIENCE. (2 Credits)
Current and/or advanced subjects in human sensory science. Includes 1) topics in human flavor perception that covers human psychophysics, neuroscience, and related fields, and 2) sensory evaluation techniques and data handling methods that are advanced in nature. Different points of view regarding above topics will be discussed.
Prerequisites: FST 520 with C or better
This course is repeatable for 4 credits.

FST 628. FLAVOR CHEMISTRY. (3 Credits)
The definition of flavor, analytical methods in flavor chemistry, and mechanisms of odor interaction in food system will be discussed. In addition, an integrated approach will be used to study the flavor chemistry of economically-important agricultural products in the Pacific Northwest such as dairy products, fruits, and alcoholic beverages.

FST 639. FOOD POLYMER SCIENCE. (3 Credits)
Investigates the theoretical principles and structure-function relationships of food macromolecules. The theoretical principles are related, where possible, to observable phenomena during thermal processing and storage of foods.