MS in Food and Hospitality Systems

Degree Requirements

- Minimum of 30 hours of graduate-level coursework.
- 15 hours must be at the 8000-level or above.
- Maximum of 40% of coursework can be F_S 8090 or F_S 8085 hours.

While a basic goal of the M.S. program is to provide students with specialized skills and training in research methods, the graduate faculty believe that it is important for M.S. students to understand the breadth of the discipline as well.

There are three tracks in the Food and Hospitality Systems (FHS) M.S. program: Food Science, Hospitality Management and Agricultural Systems Technology. Each track includes specific required courses.

Note: Tracks do not appear on transcripts or diplomas. Emphasis areas appear on transcripts.

Food Science Track Required Courses:

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Thesis Requirements

A FHS Masters Degree Program Committee must be identified prior to approval of the research topic for the M.S. thesis and no later than by the end of the second semester. An acceptable FHS M.S. Program Committee must include at least three graduate faculty members, at least two of whom must be from the FHS Graduate Program, including the advisor chair who must be a faculty in the track the student is in. The third committee member must be a graduate faculty member from MU and may or may not be from outside of the FHS Graduate Program. A signed M2 form which lists the names and academic programs of the committee members must be turned in to the FHS DGS by the end of the second semester of the student's graduate program for submission to the Graduate School.

The defense for the M.S. degree program will include the following components:

1. Exit seminar presented to the M.S. graduate program committee and the public.
2. Oral examination to demonstrate mastery of the course of study.
4. Submission of a manuscript based on the student's research in the format of a journal publication.

In addition to the departmental requirements, the Graduate School is requiring that all graduating students include a public abstract. The public abstract will be used by the MU Graduate School to record and track graduating students.

Exit Seminar

Immediately before the final examination, the M.S. student must present a seminar on his or her research. The seminar must take place when MU is officially in session, and is open to the general university audience. The FHS DGS will announce the exit seminar to appropriate colleagues within and outside the program. All members of the M.S. Program Committee will attend and the student must be enrolled at the time of the seminar presentation and the final examination that follows.

Final Examination

After the student's exit seminar has been presented, the FHS M.S. Program Committee will conduct a final oral examination. The candidate should be prepared to defend his/her research and discuss any related areas. A report of the examination, carrying the signatures of at least three members of the committee, must be submitted to the Graduate School before the deadline preceding the anticipated date of graduation. The defense for the M.S. degree program will include the following components:

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A final copy of the thesis must be submitted to the Graduate School electronically. A final bound copy of the thesis and an electronic copy of at least one manuscript suitable for publication must be turned in to the FHS DGS.

Admissions

Applicants are required to meet two sets of minimum qualifications for admission: the requirements of the MS in the Food and Hospitality Systems Graduate Program (https://gradschool.missouri.edu/degerecategroy/food-and-hospitality-systems/) and the minimum requirements of the MU Graduate School (https://gradschool.missouri.edu/admissions/eligibility-process/). Because requirements vary, you must refer to a degree program's graduate admission page to learn about specific admission criteria, application deadlines, eligibility and application process. Your application materials will be reviewed by both the Graduate School and the degree program to which you’ve applied before official admission to the University of Missouri.