

# AGRICULTURAL & FOOD SYSTEMS (AFS)



## Major in Organic & Sustainable Agriculture

Gain the knowledge and experience to become a professional in organic and sustainable food production.

Organic and sustainable food production systems integrate cultural and biological practices to promote ecological balance and conserve biodiversity. Becoming a professional in organic and sustainable agriculture emphasizes an understanding of **plant and environmental sciences** as well as **integrated pest management, marketing, and food science**. The growth of organic food production and marketing, especially in the U.S., Europe, and China, has created a need to train students to provide expertise, research, product development, and other services for farmers and the food industry at home and worldwide.

Students in the Organic and Sustainable Agriculture Major take a variety of courses in the natural, environmental, plant, soil, social, and economic sciences, as well as courses focused on organic and sustainable production practices.

### Graduates will be prepared for careers in:

CROP CONSULTING • PEST MANAGEMENT • SOIL MANAGEMENT
ORGANIC CERTIFICATION • FARM POLICY & STEWARDSHIP
FOOD SCIENCE • ECONOMICS & MARKETING
ORGANIC PRODUCT PURCHASING • ORGANIC RANCHER

Students in the Organic and Sustainable Agriculture Major have an opportunity to think critically about farming systems and learn from world-class researchers and agricultural professionals.



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WSU Everett is a transfer institution providing upper division courses to complete a Bachelor of Science degree with a major in Organic and Sustainable Agriculture. You can fulfill the majority of WSU's general education (UCORE) and the pre-program acceptance requirements at any college (2 year or 4 year), then complete your Bachelor of Science in Organic and Sustainable Agriculture at WSU Everett.

We strongly recommend transfer students complete an Associate of Arts DTA or an Associate of Science DTA to satisfy WSU UCORE general education requirements. The Bachelor of Science in Organic and Sustainable Agriculture requires (see catalog.wsu.edu/Pullman/Academics/DegreeProgram/10099):

- 120 semester credit hours
- Completion of UCORE general education requirements
- A minimum cumulative (all college coursework) GPA Ranching focus requires additional coursework of 2.0; a transfer GPA above 2.5 strongly advised
- Biology and Chemistry sequences with labs
- Upper division required coursework in Soil Science, Crop/Horticulture Science, Economics, Entomology, Plant Pathology, Agricultural and Food Systems
- Internship/practicum experiences

Through the completion of your Associate DTA degree, focus on completion of the following courses:

### **WSU COURSE REQUIREMENTS**

- UCORE general education requirements
- · CHEM 101 & 102 or CHEM 105 & 106
- BIO 106 & 107
- STAT 212

### **WASHINGTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE** TRANSFER EQUIVALENCY<sup>1</sup>

- DTA requirements
- · CHEM& 161, 162, 163
- BIO& 221, 222, 223
- MATH& 146

#### Select courses taught by research faculty from the Northwestern Washington Research and Extension Center.

• SOIL\_SCI 201 Soil: A Living System (Dr. Gabriel LaHue)

• SOIL\_SCI 303 Organic and Sustainable Agricultural Certifications: From Principle to Practice (Dr. Gabriel LaHue)

 HORT 310 Pomology (Dr. Lisa DeVetter)

 ENTOM 351 **Ecological and Integrated Pest Management** 

(Dr. Louis Nottingham)

Food Systems in Western Washington AFS 350

(Dr. Deirdre Griffin LaHue)

 AFS 401 Capstone (Dr. Deirdre Griffin LaHue) PL\_P 501 Biology & Control of Plant Diseases

(Dr. Chakradhar Mattupalli)





<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Please contact our WSU academic advisor who can help you find equivalent courses at your current school.