GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN SUSTAINABLE FOOD SYSTEMS AND SECURITY

At a Glance

Faculty

www.kpu.ca/arts (http://www.kpu.ca/arts/)

Area of Study:

www.kpu.ca/arts/sustainable-food-systems-security (https://www.kpu.ca/arts/sustainable-food-systems-security/)

Academic Level:

Graduate

Credential Granted:

Graduate Certificate

Start Date:

Fall (September)

Intake Type:

- Limited

Minimum Credits Required:

18

Curriculum Effective Date:

01-Sep-2020

The Fall 2025 intake for this program has been cancelled. The next available intake will be Fall 2026.

Description

This is an 18-credit Graduate Certificate composed of six courses in an online delivery format spanning one academic year. The interdisciplinary curriculum comprises two parts: the first part is a comprehensive interdisciplinary examination of contemporary food systems and food security from environmental, social and economic perspectives, elucidating the multi-faceted and deep challenges to humanity and the biosphere; the second part seeks to envision and facilitate a better food system future.

The key program objectives are:

- To impart a comprehensive understanding of the sustainability challenges in our contemporary food system.
- To imbue students with an understanding of emerging research and knowledge around sustainable food systems
- To train change-makers; prepare builders and leaders to implement effective and innovative strategies to advance sustainable food systems.

This program of study is also formally articulated with the Royal Roads University Master of Arts in Interdisciplinary Studies program and required of those Royal Roads University students who want to pursue the MA graduate degree with a Sustainable Food System and Food Security emphasis. Students must still apply formally for admission to Royal Roads University, and transfer of credits from KPU is not automatic, nor guaranteed. Conditions for admission to Royal Roads University and block transfer of KPU credits are set by the receiving institution. Details must be confirmed by the student. For information about any transfer credit agreement, see the Royal Roads University website.

Requirements
Admission Requirements

In addition to the Faculty's Admission Requirements, which consist of KPU's undergraduate English Proficiency Requirement (https://calendar.kpu.ca/admissions/english-proficiency-requirements/), the following program admission requirements apply:

- Successful completion of a recognized undergraduate or graduate degree with a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0. Applicants with a GPA lower than 3.0 may be considered for program suitability in conjunction with other stated admissions requirements.
- A statement of intent in the program, including relevant studies and work experience. Normally, a minimum of three years of professional experience is required. This statement should be 800 – 1000 words and cover the following:
  - Intellectual and creative interests
  - Personal goals related to the program
  - How one's background contributes to the program
  - Self-assessment of emotional intelligence with applied examples
  - Highlight interests in community involvement
- Three references (one academic, two professional) stating suitability for the program

All applicants are assessed by an admissions committee for maturity, fit to the academic program, educational background, and work experience, using the statement of intent and references. Applicants may also be interviewed by a member of the Admissions Committee as part of the application screening process. Meeting the minimum admission requirements does not guarantee admission into the program. For further details about the statement of intent, including submission specifics, visit the department's website at: kpu.ca/arts/sustainable-food-systems-security (https://www.kpu.ca/arts/sustainable-food-systems-security/)

Curricular Requirements

Code	Title	Credits
SFSS 6100	Our Food System and Sustainability	1
SFSS 6110	Environment & Food Systems	4
SFSS 6120	Food System Economics	3
SFSS 6130	Food System & Society	4
SFSS 6140	Creating Our Food System Future	4
SFSS 6180	Community Food System- Capstone Project	2
Total Credits		**18**

Credential Awarded

Upon successful completion of this program, students are eligible to receive a **Graduate Certificate in Sustainable Food Systems and Security**.