

Food Science at Penn State

Creative, real-world science

The Department of Food Science integrates a range of disciplines—biology, chemistry, engineering, nutrition, and microbiology—to solve problems related to providing safe, nutritious, and affordable food. To major in Food Science, students require a thorough grounding in the basic sciences. Food scientists add value to foods by increasing their convenience, safety, storage life, and other qualities.

WHAT DO OUR STUDENTS LOVE ABOUT FOOD SCIENCE AT PENN STATE?

A survey of current Food Science students reveals the things they like most about their major:

Student-friendly atmosphere

Students get to know and work closely with their professors, interact with their peers in the Food Science Club, and enjoy small classes.

Scholarships and financial aid

Undergraduate scholarships awarded through the food science department last year exceeded \$115,000. Food Science students are also eligible to apply for grants and scholarships from the College of Agricultural Sciences, Institute of Food Technologists, American Association of Cereal Chemists, or National Dairy Promotion and Research Board, among others.

Innovative classes

Food Science courses provide opportunities for hands-on activity, teamwork, critical thinking, and problem solving.

World-class work experiences

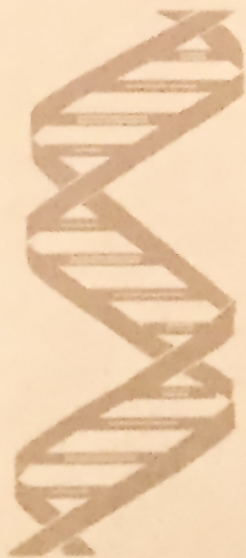
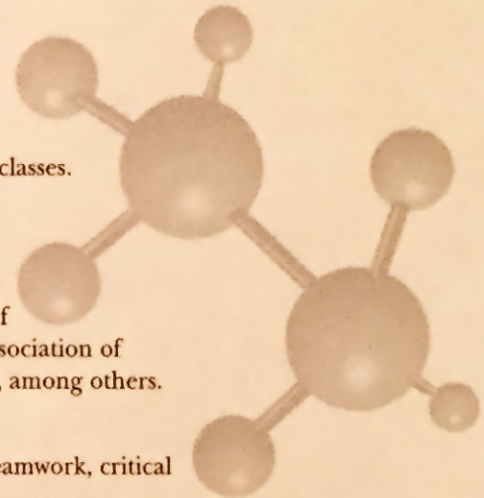
Over 80 percent of our students take advantage of a paid noncredit internship. Students also have the opportunity to work with international companies or do six-month co-ops.

Diverse career paths

A degree in Food Science helps students to enter a range of careers within the food industry or government. Some graduates go on to graduate or professional school. Others become sensory analysts, food microbiologists, food or flavor chemists, nutritionists, or food engineers. Graduates also work in product development, operations management, or a wide variety of other industry-related careers.

Excellent job opportunities and starting salaries

In 2002, 75 percent of Penn State Food Science graduates had job offers before graduation, and all had offers within two months of graduation. The salary range for graduates with a bachelor's degree in food science was \$32,500–\$47,000.



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