



Going Organic just got academic: CALS Certificate in Organic Agriculture

Whether you're interested in food security and production, the environment, human health, animal welfare, climate change, or any number of other topics that intersect with organic and sustainable agriculture, this cross-disciplinary certificate is for you.

15 credits

The flexibility of the certificate means that you can pursue a tailored course of study while easily meeting the credit requirements and focusing on your major

3 Core Courses

- Intro to the Ecology of Food & Agriculture (3 cr)
- Intro to Organic Ag (3 cr)
- Organic Ag Colloquium (1 cr)

44 Electives

Dig deeper into your interests with 6 credits from classes in these themes: Organic Production and Processing, Business and Entrepreneurship, Public Policy, and Social Dimensions from colleges and departments throughout UW

Immersive Experience

A semester or summer session spent following your passion - working on campus, with community groups, in industry, on farms, or anywhere your interests take you (2cr)

About the Certificate

This certificate provides strong opportunities for undergraduate students to not only understand the production and processing approaches that define organic agriculture, but also gain insights into the organic industry in relation to economics, policy, environmental stewardship, health, food systems, and beyond. Students leaving UW with this certificate are set up for success in a variety of disciplines that intersect with organic agricultural production, policy, marketing, business, management, wellness, and community development.

The world is going organic. Now you can too.

Reach out to peterman2@wisc.edu with any questions.

Learning Objectives

- Describe the history of current organic systems and how it influences the way that organic farms and industries work.
- Explore the biological, ecological, and agricultural underpinnings of organic production systems.
- Examine how organic systems, social initiatives, and regulations are developed and how they shape business activities, community development efforts, and human and environmental health outcomes.
- Evaluate the benefits and limitations of organic systems, social initiatives, and regulations from environmental, social, economic, and racial justice perspectives.
- Apply knowledge of organic production through experiential opportunities within local, national and/or international communities.



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