

SWK 5026: Community Food Strategies

Summer 2018

Follow the Tomato: Exploring Community Food Security Strategies to Address Social and Environmental Justice Issues in the Food System



May 11-July 27, 2018

Open to undergraduate and graduate students

Fridays: 8:30 am-11:40 a.m.*

3 credits

Held off-campus in Franklinton

(Westside of Columbus, ~ 4 mi from OSU Campus)

Instructor: Michelle Kaiser, MSW, MPH, PhD

This service-learning class is for students across all disciplines who are interested in thinking critically and engaging in hands-on experiences related to social justice, public health, and environmental sustainability issues in our global food system. Students will explore how long-term community-based food strategies can work with emergency food programs to address food insecurity. We will “follow the tomato” through the food system by engaging in direct service and semester-long group projects designed with our community partner, Franklinton Farms, an urban farm on the Westside of Columbus. Students will also spend some class periods working at Franklinton Farms, packing and sorting food at a food bank, delivering food to homebound seniors, and assisting with a farmers’ market, cooking class, or similar program. This class challenges students to grow (pun intended!) and gives students tools to address real life issues through experiential education, lectures, and guest speakers. *Due to the nature of the class, this time is generally when class is held. Sometimes class will start later and extend beyond this time because of service site hours. The schedule and transportation options are provided ahead of the semester to help students plan, and we will do our best to accommodate schedules. **Questions or permission to enroll: please contact Michelle Kaiser at Kaiser.267@osu.edu.**

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