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**Be a part of the  
SUSTAINABLE  
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COMMUNITY  
at the U of M!**

- ▶ Join the Sustainable Agriculture Listserv by going to the MISA web site [www.misa.umn.edu](http://www.misa.umn.edu) and click on the Email Discussion Group Link! The Listserv will keep you up-to-date on all the happenings in the sustainable agriculture community.
- ▶ Attend our weekly What's Up in Sustainable Agriculture (WUSA) seminar series. **WUSA** is an informal group of students, staff, and faculty that meets weekly during the school year for a brown bag lunch to talk about sustainable agriculture with other professionals in the field. If you are interested, feel free to bring your lunch and stop by any of our meetings, (Wednesdays 12 –1 PM, 306 Borlaug Hall). Check the MISA web site Calendar for the topics. Contact the MISA office, 612-625-8235 or [misamail@umn.edu](mailto:misamail@umn.edu), to be added to the WUSA email list.

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Undergraduate Studies

## **Sustainable Agriculture Minor**

Imagine an Agriculture that is:

- ▶ Good for the environment
- ▶ Keeps farms in business
- ▶ Supports family farms and
- ▶ Helps small towns thrive?

Want to get out of the classroom and learn by working alongside farmers, agricultural leaders and activists?

The Minor in Sustainable  
Agriculture may be for you!

**University of Minnesota,  
Twin Cities Campus  
College of Agricultural, Food and  
Environmental Sciences**

## Sustainable Agriculture Minor

Students are required to complete 8-10 credits of required courses and a minimum of 9 credits of foundational coursework, for a total of at least 17 credits. One class from each of the foundational clusters is required.

### Required Courses (8-10 credits):

AGRO 4888 Issues in Sustainable Agriculture (2 cr)

ANSC 3203 or Agro 3203. Environment, Global Food Production, and the Citizen (3 cr)

XXXX4096 Professional Experience Program: Internship (1-3 cr)

AGRO 4660 Senior Capstone: Leadership, Decision Making and Problem Solving (2 cr)

### Foundational Clusters ( 7-9 credits):

Land and Public Policy

Agriculture / Environment and Natural Resources

Citizens / Science and Society

For a complete listing of courses see the Undergraduate Minor Packet or MISA's Website.

## How do I get a minor in Sustainable Agriculture?

**Step 1:** Select a faculty member to serve as your minor advisor. You may want to consider the faculty person's areas of interest and expertise when making this choice. Meet with your chosen advisor to plan a program of study.

**Step 2:** Complete an Intent to Enroll form which can be obtained from the Registrar's Office, 130 Coffey Hall. Your advisor must approve the program of study and sign the enrollment form. Also notify the Program Coordinator of your advisor choice.

**Step 3:** Take courses in your program of study for the minor!

**Step 4:** Explore internship opportunities. Find an internship host site. Complete the internship proposal and learning agreement with your advisor and internship host.

**Step 5:** Complete your internship. Debrief with your advisor and the program coordinator about your internship. Submit a one page abstract of your experience to the program coordinator.

## Field Experience in Sustainable Agriculture:

### The Internship

Internships provide students with the opportunity to:

- ▶ Increase their understanding of the goals, concepts and issues of Sustainable Agriculture.
- ▶ Become familiar with decision making approaches used by individuals and organizations.
- ▶ Interact with members of the agricultural community and form working relationships.
- ▶ Perform work on a farm, within an organization, public agency, or agriculture-related business, that will contribute to the development of sustainable agriculture.

**Opportunities to intern with: Farms, CSA's, Organic Producers, Nonprofit Organizations, Public Agencies & More!**

Funding may be available for internships. For information on how to apply contact the Program Coordinator!