**Course Selection**

- Acquaint yourself with the areas of food science. Recognize that food science builds upon the basic sciences.
- Gateway Courses: FDSC 1000, BIOL 1020/1021, CHEM 1030/1031 and CHEM 1040/1041

**Freshman**

- Consider a minor with the help of your advisor. At end of sophomore year, students should have completed the basic science foundation courses.
- Gateway Courses: CHEM 2030, PHYS 1000/1001 and BIOL 3200

**Sophomore**

- Junior year begins the regular progression of food science courses. Written and oral communication skills should be developing.
- Gateway Courses: FDSC 5430

**Junior**

- Complete remaining upper level food science courses. Refine communication skills. Students should be prepared to enter the food industry or graduate school with a skill set that will enable their success.
- Gateway Courses: POUL 5160, FDSC 4290

**Senior**

- Meet with a counselor in the University Career Center (UCC) to explore career options and receive individualized assistance.
- Work with the UCC to update your resume and cover letter.

**Ask for Assistance**

- Meet with your assigned faculty advisor each semester to discuss your major and academic plan.

**Gain Experience**

- Check your "This Week on Ag Hill" and "Find Your Career" e-mails to learn about ways you can get involved and gain experience on campus.
- Use Handshake to explore employers actively hiring in your field and search part-time jobs that can add experience to your resume.

- Consider traveling abroad. The college offers Study Abroad Scholarships to students studying abroad.
- Apply to the Ag Alumni Mentoring Program. Students get to take part in job shadowing opportunities, networking opportunities, and see first hand where your degree can take you.
- Volunteering! Seek out opportunities that cater to your interest and also challenge you to get out of your comfort zone.
- Attend AU Career Fair
- Attend professional conferences and take part in industry tours.

**Get Involved**

- Join the College of Agriculture Student Services Facebook page for college and major updates, and internship and job postings.
- The Food Science Club is open to students who want to learn more about the food they consume and opportunities in the Food Science sector.
- Become a member of the Institute of Food Technologists (IFT).
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**Career Planning**

**University Career Center**

303 Mary Martin Hall  |  career.auburn.edu

Food Science graduates are prepared to enter many areas of the food industry, including quality control, research and development, and management. Take advantage of experiential opportunities to enhance your candidacy.

**Quality Assurance Supervisor**

Minimum Education: B.S.

Entry Level Salary Range: $17.3K - $65.0K

**Food Scientist**

Minimum Education: B.S.

Entry Level Salary Range: $41.0K - $84.0K

**Product Development Scientist**

Minimum Education: M.S.

Entry Level Salary Range: $42.0K - $101.0K

These are just three options out of many that food science majors pursue. For more career options be sure to check out "What Can I Do With a Major In..." on auburn.edu/career.