Master of Science in Sustainable Food Systems (MSFS)

Green Mountain College’s online Masters of Science in Sustainable Food Systems is the first distance learning program of its kind in the country, offering an in-depth interdisciplinary understanding of sustainable food agricultural production systems that empowers students to develop sustainable food solutions in their communities.

In today’s world of complex food, nutrition, and agriculture systems, we need leaders with a deep knowledge of the economic, ecological, and social forces driving food systems. Students explore their own bioregional foodsheds, and contrast their findings with students from other parts of the U.S. and abroad, enhancing their understanding of food system dynamics and leverage points for change. This is the program of choice for students looking to impact food systems and earn an advanced degree for their profession.

The MSFS program requires 39 Green Mountain College credit hours.

Core courses include:
- Contemporary Food Systems
- Food and Agriculture Policy
- Food System Solutions: Program Design and Impact Measurement
- Sustainable Organization Management

Students complete a capstone research project on a topic of their choice.

“Having moved across country in the middle of the program (from Alaska to Colorado), I never had to discontinue my studies. The program allowed me to do classwork on my own time and I was able to finish in two years while working for a company that is all about the things that are important to me—building community by building a socially and environmentally sustainable economy.”

Vanessa Skean ’16, Supply Chain Manager, Voormi, a company that produces technical wool outdoor apparel

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Become a Master of Sustainability

When you earn an advanced degree from Green Mountain College (GMC), you graduate from a nationally renowned sustainability institution and join a wide network of accomplished colleagues. GMC’s four distance programs are fully accredited by the New England Association of Schools & Colleges (NEASC) and were the first of their kind in the nation. They are designed to help working professionals develop expertise, then put it to work in their own communities and organizations.

THE GMC ADVANTAGE

**Award-Winning Curriculum**
Consistently recognized as the #1 sustainability-based curriculum in the nation, our recent accolades include ranking as the #1 college and curriculum by the Association for Advancement of Sustainability and Sierra magazine.

**World-Class Faculty**
Leaders in their field and highly experienced in online teaching, GMC faculty provide individualized student feedback and support in every course.

**Personalized Approach**
- Courses are designed to deepen your connection to your own bioregion, organization, and community.
- Classes are capped at 20 students to allow for a high level of instructor interaction and peer learning.
- Complete your work at your own pace, on your own time. Students engage with their professors and classmates virtually, at times that best suit their own schedules.

**Affordability**
GMC’s cost per credit is one of the most affordable among comparable online graduate programs.

**Graduate Success**
The emphasis on practical application of knowledge prepares students for professional work, whether they are just launching a career or looking for growth in an established position.

“More than anything, I was drawn to the fact that the faculty of GMC walked the walk: not only were they educators, but they were food growers and hands-on leaders and activists in the sustainable food movement.”

Alexandra Gross, Communications and Healthy Living Program Manager, Simply Smiles

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