

UOC-FAO Joint Postgraduate Diplomas and Specialisations

Course Descriptions

Food Security Programme Management

POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMA

(1 year, 30 ECTS, start in March)

This year-long online Diploma is made up of two Specializations – Food Security: Advocacy and Action and Impact Assessment of Food Security Programmes – and a final project. In the **Specialisation in Food Security: Assessment and Action** students are introduced to concepts and tools used in food security analysis. As a starting point, students consider food security and its relationship to vulnerability, hunger, malnutrition and poverty. Guidelines on how to interpret and use conceptual frameworks for analysing food security are then reviewed. In the second semester, students focus on **assessing food security programmes** and learn about impact assessment in food security programmes; methods and approaches for assessing impact; and, interpreting and communicating impact assessment results.

The Postgraduate Diploma in **Food Security Programme Management** is taught by an international team with extensive field experience. With this training, students will understand food security and be better prepared to undertake and support food security work in their communities.

The Specialization in Food Security: Assessment and Action is an extension of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) Distance Learning courses in Food Security Information for Decision Making, developed with funding from the European Union. The course materials on the Right to Food have been produced by FAO in collaboration with Wageningen University and Research Centre for Development Innovation.

This Diploma can be applied as half of the UOC's Master's in Food, Culture and International Food Governance. The target audience for this Diploma includes both users and generators of information on programme impacts, including:

- Food security programme managers and designers
- Monitoring and evaluation officers
- External evaluators
- Government officials, donors and other decision makers.

Providing students with the necessary tools for improving their employability, giving them the right to knowledge and education to be successful in the different occupations they will have during their lives, is a fundamental purpose of our postgraduate programmes.

Food Security Management and the Right to Food

POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMA

(1 year, 30 ECTS, start in March)

This year-long online Diploma is comprised of two semester-long Specializations – Food Security: Advocacy and Action and Understanding the Right to Food – and a final project. In the **Specialisation in Food Security: Assessment and Action** students are introduced to concepts and tools used in food security analysis. As a starting point, students will consider food security and its relationship to vulnerability, hunger, malnutrition and poverty. Guidelines on how to interpret and use conceptual frameworks for analysing food security are then reviewed. In the second semester, students focus on the **principles and concept of the human right to adequate food** and its practical application. They undertake an overview of the historical development of this human right, the human rights based approach to development, recourse mechanisms, the Right to Food Guidelines and describes the rights, obligations and responsibilities of rights-holders and duty-bearers of the right to food.

The Postgraduate Diploma in **Food Security Management and the Right to Food** is taught by an international team with extensive field experience. With this training, students will understand food security and be better prepared to undertake and support food security work in their communities.

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- UN Country teams and FAO staff;
- Practitioners;
- NGOs/CSOs;
- General Public/Civil Society;
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Impact Assessment of Food Security Programmes

SPECIALISATION

(4 months, 12 ECTS, October Semester)

This 4 month online Specialisation provides a comprehensive understanding and guidance for assessing the impact of food security programmes. Specifically, students review impact assessment in food security programmes; methods and approaches for assessing impact; and, interpreting and communicating impact assessment results.

This Specialisation brings together the latest information on impact assessment from numerous guidelines and presents it within the context of food security programmes. The focus is on large scale programmes but the methods and approaches are equally applicable to smaller food security projects. Students will be challenged with regular assignments and activities and will be supported by teachers with extensive experience.

The target audience for this course includes both users and generators of information on programme impacts, including:

- Food security programme managers and designers
- Monitoring and evaluation officers
- External evaluators
- Government officials, donors and other decision makers.

The main course materials have been produced by FAO in collaboration with Wageningen University and Research Centre for Development Innovation.

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Understanding the Right to Food

SPECIALISATION

(4 months, 12 ECTS, October Semester)

This joint UOC-FAO specialization introduces the principles and concept of the human right to adequate food and its practical application. It provides an overview of the historical development of this human right, the human rights based approach to development, recourse mechanisms, the Right to Food Guidelines and describes the rights, obligations and responsibilities of rights-holders and duty-bearers of the right to food. The main course materials have been developed and produced by FAO.

This course is geared towards:

- UN Country teams and FAO staff;
- Practitioners;
- NGOs/CSOs;
- General Public/Civil Society;
- Academic Institutions.

The Specialisation in Understanding the Right to Food is taught by an international team with extensive field experience. With this training, students will understand food security and be better prepared to undertake and support food security work and the promotion of the right to food.

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