

FOOD SCIENCE, B.S.

Seven Penn State campuses are scheduled for closure after Spring 2027: DuBois, Fayette, New Kensington, Mont Alto, Shenango, Wilkes-Barre, and York. New students are not being admitted at these campuses.

Begin Campus: Any Penn State Campus

End Campus: University Park

Career Paths

Because of the high demand for food scientists in industry, government agencies, and research institutions, many Penn State Food Science graduates have job offers before graduation with excellent starting salaries. Others go on to graduate school in food science with a view to more research-focused careers in academia, government, and industry.

Careers

Most of our graduates go straight into careers in the food industry where they use what they've learned to develop new products, supervise manufacturing operations, and work to ensure food quality and safety. Other graduates work in government agencies to enforce the regulations that keep our food supply safe.

MORE INFORMATION ABOUT POTENTIAL CAREER OPTIONS
FOR GRADUATES OF THE FOOD SCIENCE PROGRAM ([https://
foodscience.psu.edu/undergraduate/resources/careers](https://foodscience.psu.edu/undergraduate/resources/careers))

Opportunities for Graduate Studies

An M.S. or Ph.D. degree in food science can open doors to careers in research and development in the food industry or academia.

MORE INFORMATION ABOUT OPPORTUNITIES FOR GRADUATE STUDIES
(<https://foodscience.psu.edu/graduate>)

Professional Resources

- Institute of Food Technologists (<https://www.ift.org/>)