FOS 5437C  
Food Product Development Principles  
Proposed Syllabus  
3 Credits, Spring 2017

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Time/Location:  
- M W Period 2 (8:30am – 9:20am); MCCA 1142  
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Overall Course Objectives  
The overall goals are to provide the opportunity for students to integrate their training in food science and technology courses and related disciplines and to gain experience with the theory and practice of developing food products. Lectures and labs/discussion sessions will involve understanding and applying practices to develop food products with traditional and novel food ingredients and processes in the context of existing and projected national and international legal, regulatory, economic, environmental and social constraints. Nutritional and health implications relating to food products will be considered.

This course will help prepare the student for positions in industry, government and/or graduate/professional education. This is the IFT-required senior level capstone course that incorporates and unifies principles from the total undergraduate curriculum. Projects completed in this course may be used in IFT and other sponsored food product development competitions. This course will also serve as a node for assessment of
student learning outcomes (SLOs) for graduating seniors as required by University of Florida/IFAS rules.

For **graduate students** who are entering the field of food science from another institution and/or another major, this course will serve as a foundation for many food science and technology research areas, and will provide a basis for a more thorough understanding of the discipline of food science.

**Prerequisites**

As a capstone course in the Food Science undergraduate program, it is expected and designed that success in this course is dependent on the integration of prior knowledge brought into the course. Therefore, it is departmental policy to require concurrent registration and/or completion of (3) 4000-level FOS courses as a prerequisite for registering for FOS 4435C. Undergraduate FOS majors generally register for this course in their final semester of their Food Science Program.

**Graduate students** in UF/IFAS Food Science and related programs may enroll in the class (as 5437C) if they have not taken FOS 4435C or an equivalent course at another institution and with permission of instructor. The graduate section will have different and/or additional work assignments during the semester as compared to the undergraduate requirements; please refer to this Spring 2015 FOS 5437C syllabus for details. There will also be a major written assignment in the form of a review paper/white paper on a product development topic.

**Electronic Communication and Archives**

Most lecture outlines and mini-lectures, as well as supplemental material, will be archived electronically through the UF eLearning website Canvas (https://lss.at.ufl.edu/) under Resources. I generally post the material for each week on the Friday prior to that week. I will make occasional announcements at the “Recent Announcement” part of the site, but the most updated posted syllabus is the definitive document for due dates, lecture topics, etc. Be sure to consult it on a regular basis. For those unfamiliar with Canvas, there are tutorials available.

I will answer individual student emails promptly during stated office hours, and generally within 24 hrs at other times. Please denote FOS 4435/5437 in the “Subject” line in your emails, send them to goodrich@ufl.edu, and utilize your official ufl.edu email account for course correspondence. It’s a good idea to keep your email inbox as empty as possible so that messages from the instructor are not rejected.

**Class Rules**

I do not take roll for routine lecture classes (designated as **Lecture** on the syllabus), but my experience is that that classroom attendance and attention to the full lecture
provides the best possibility of mastering the concepts of food science and food product
development. However, attendance and promptness is required for all other sessions
that involve group discussion, labs, project work, i.e. anything that is not Lecture on the
syllabus. This is consistent with university policies that can be found at:
https://catalog.ufl.edu/ugrad/current/regulations/info/attendance/aspx

Other rules for the class are simple and essentially involve common sense and courtesy
towards your colleagues and the instructor: no eating or drinking in the classroom
EXCEPT for reclosable water bottles and when I make special arrangements with the
janitorial staff during the Phase III presentations; no side conversations; keep cell
phones and other communication devices muted and stored away; if you are late, take
your seat quietly and unobtrusively. Those that use laptops/tablets for note taking (not
recommended for this class) must sit at the back of the classroom so as not to distract
others; please obtain instructor permission prior to use. Keep in mind that these general
guidelines will be what is expected in business or government environments, as well as
graduate and professional schools.

**Textbook and References**
There is no required text for this course. However, I will have a variety of resource
materials on reserve at the Marston Science Library under FOS 4435C/5437C at the
Reserve Desk. Other publications of interest, including trade and scientific journals will
be made available for use in Room 329, FSHN Building in 2-hour blocks of time.

**Reference Texts:**
DEStech Publications, Inc., Lancaster, PA.


Campbell-Platt, G. 2009. Food Science and Technology. Blackwell Publishing Ltd.,
Oxford, UK.

Gaithersburg, MD.

FL.

Management Association, New York.
Grading

• Exams (3) 60%

The exams will each cover approximately 1/3 of the course material. Exams 1 and 2 (100 points each) will be administered during normal class periods, while exam 3 (150 points) will be offered during the official final exam assigned time. Exam 3 will have an extra section that covers the entire course from an overview perspective. Exams are comprised of material from the lecture, assignments, suggested readings and group project concepts. Make-up exams will only be administered with an official excuse.

• Assignments 10%

Assignments/exercises represent a significant part of the course grade, and their successful completion is critical in ensuring mastery of the material. Assignments should be submitted as directed; no late assignments will be accepted without an official excuse. There will be 5 assignments worth 25 points each; the lowest assignment grade will be dropped. The Butter Lab (50 pts) will be considered an additional assignment.

• Term Paper 10%

Graduate students (only) will write a term paper in the form of a scientific review paper on a food product development topic of their choice. Specific instructions will be provided early in the semester by email to students on the FOS5435C listserv.

• Group Product Development Project 20%

There are three parts to this project which will have specific due dates (see course outline section). Details pertaining to the requirements for each phase will be distributed separately, although the relative point distribution and coverage for each phase, which will be assessed from a report prepared by each group is summarized here. Each group member will receive the same grade on the reports (the first 3 phases; individual contribution will be assessed in the Phase 4 portion of the project.

Phase 1: Abstract (50 points)
- Brainstorming process, project title and concept, market justification, product description, project development plan.

**Phase 2: Development (100 points)**
- Includes product formula, prototype, nutrition label, process flow diagram, regulatory aspects of product.

**Phase 3: Commercialization and final report (100 points)**
- Includes executive summary, final formula, food safety plan(s), packaging concepts, sensory or market research test, conclusions and launch/no launch justification.

**Phase 4: Individual effort as a team member (100 points total)**
- Team collegiality and professionalism will be assessed in this category. Unexcused absence, significant tardiness (arriving after roll call) and/or disengagement from group activities/labs/discussions/presentations as outlined in the syllabus as lab and/or discussion or as scheduled with group members will result in a loss of 5 points from the 50 point attendance base for each occurrence. During the semester each student will prepare and deliver at least one short PowerPoint presentation of 10 minutes on an aspect(s) of the group product development project, for a total of 50 points for that effort.

**Course Average Grade Equivalents:**

92 - 100 A  
90 – 91 A-  
88 - 89 B+  
82 - 87 B  
80 – 81 B-  
78 - 79 C+  
72 - 77 C  
70 – 71 C-  
68 - 69 D+  
65 - 67 D  
< 65 E

This course will not be graded on a curve. Course averages will be rounded to the nearest whole number to obtain the final grade. Please consult the updated University website for additional grading information and discussion of GPA calculations: [http://www.isis.ufl.edu/minusgrades.html](http://www.isis.ufl.edu/minusgrades.html)

**Specific Course Objectives (following IFT Curriculum Requirements)**

1. The student will be able to apply and incorporate the principles of food science in practical, real-world situations and problems by completing a team project consisting of the development and theoretical launch of a new consumer product. This project will
also allow students to define a problem, identify potential causes and possible solutions, and make thoughtful recommendations.

2. Students will integrate food chemistry, food microbiology, food processing and engineering concepts and will be able to synthesize and explain these various facets of a given food ingredient or commodity.

2. Students will demonstrate written and oral communication skills through the completion of various assignments including the authoring of a scientific review paper, the development and delivery of a PowerPoint presentation, and completing of written essay-type questions on formal exams.

3. Students will learn to use computers to solve food science problems by developing a PowerPoint presentation, organizing team project formulas, cost and nutritional data (Excel) and authoring a formal and informal written works in scientific format (Word).

4. Students will understand the basic principles of sensory analysis and apply statistical principles to food science applications through performing and reporting on team project sensory test results.

5. Students will be aware of current topics of importance to the food industry by completing a writing assignment reporting on a “hot topic” related to food product development and through the summarizing information learned from lectures on specific subjects (for example, BSE discussion during Meat and Poultry Products lecture).

6. Team project requires students to work and interact with individuals from diverse cultures and work effectively with others, dealing with individual and/or group conflict.

7. Various assignments will require independent research of both scientific and nonscientific information, and will require competent use of library resources.

8. Team project multiple milestones and course completion will require organization skills including managing time effectively and handling multiple tasks and pressures.

**General Course Policy on Writing**

All writing for this course should be clear and concise (including emails to instructor, exams and particularly assignments). While this is of course a science-based class, employers and graduate/professional programs seek graduates who can communicate effectively through standard scientific and business writing. Please familiarize yourself with the Journal of Food Science as it is a major journal in our discipline and we will be following its citation style.
Proposed Course Outline

Week 1
1/4/17: Review of syllabus and course objectives; submit signed last page of syllabus to instructor (or FSHN mailbox) by 5PM on 1/6/17. Lecture: The US Food Industry in a Global Context

Week 2
1/9/17: Lecture: Corporate Organization of Food Companies (Brody, Chap. 7); An Overview of Food Product Development (FPD) (Brody, Chap. 4)
1/10/17: Group Project: IFT and the IFT Student Product Development Program; Overview of FPD Group Project; Team and Group Project Assignments; Introductions and Information Exchange; Principles of Effective Teamwork
1/11/17: Lecture: The Ideation and Screening Process; Begin Assignment 1; Begin Graduate Paper

Week 3
1/16/17: No Class: UF Holiday
1/17/17: Group Project: Principles of Project Management; Work on Phase 1 of projects; review progress and organization plan with instructor
1/18/17: Lecture: FP Marketing and Market Research; Assignment 1 due

Week 4
1/23/17: Lecture: Role of Process Development in FPD
1/24/17: Project Presentations: Written report for phase 1 group projects due by 5pm (hard copy); group presentations (10 min each – groups 1 through 4 in order)
1/25/17: Lecture: Legal Aspects of FPD

Week 5
1/30/17: Lecture: Financial Aspects pf FPD; brief Exam 1 material review
1/31/17: Exam #1 (75 minutes; closed book)
2/1/17: Lecture: Technical Aspects of NPD – Dairy (1) with organic fluid milk case study; Begin Assignment 2

Week 6
2/6/17: Lecture: Technical Aspects of NPD – Dairy (2) with probiotic yogurt case study
2/7/17: Group Project: Phase 2 Project Guidelines; Work on group projects
2/8/17: **Lecture**: Technical Aspects of NPD – Meat, Poultry, and Egg Products with chicken sausage case study; Assignment 2 due

**Week 7**
2/13/17: **Lecture**: QC/QA Aspects of FPD Part 1 introduction
2/14/17: **Laboratory Session**: Begin Lab 1 – The Butter Lab. *Instructions: Report to FSHN Pilot Plant and be ready to take notes and get started by 8:45am*
2/17/16: **Lecture**: QC – Part 2 food safety hazards

**Week 8**
2/20/17: **Lecture**: Microbial Aspects of NPD (Dr. K. Schneider; keiths29@ufl.edu)
2/21/17: **Lecture**: FSMA, Food Safety Systems and NPD; Butter Lab report due
2/22/17: **Lecture**: Packaging Development and Shelf Life of Packaged Foods; Begin Assignment 3

**Week 9**
2/27/17: **Lecture**: Food Product Development for Kids – Insights (Moskowitz et al., Chap. 13)
2/28/17: **Group Project**: Progress review by instructor; Work on group projects
3/1/17: **Lecture**: Technical Aspects of NPD – Fish and Shellfish Products with frozen seafood entrée case study; Assignment 3 due

**Week 10**
UF Spring Break: 3/4/17 – 3/12/17; no classes

**Week 11**
3/13/17: **Lecture**: Technical Aspects of NPD – Fruits and Vegetables with bagged salad case study; brief Exam 2 review
3/14/17: **Exam #2** (75 minutes, closed book)
3/15/17: **Lecture**: Technical Aspect of NPD – Fats and Oils with heart healthy oil case study

**Week 12**
3/20/17: **Lecture**: Technical Aspects of NPD – Flavors and Flavor Companies; Begin Assignment 4
3/21/17: **Project Presentations**: Phase 2 20-minute presentations (Groups 4-1)
3/22/17: **Lecture**: Food Processing Equipment Companies; Phase 2 report due by 5PM (hard copy)
3/24/17: Draft of graduate paper due to instructor by 5PM in electronic form to goodrich@ufl.edu (optional but highly recommended)

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Week 13
3/27/17:  Lecture: Role of Public Policy in Food Product Development; Assignment 4 due

Week 14
4/3/17:  Lecture: Food Service and Food Ingredient NPD
4/4/17:  Group Project: Phase 3 guidelines; Work on group projects
4/5/17:  Lecture: Cereals and Grains with case study on gluten-free products

Week 15
4/10/17:  Lecture: Technical Aspects of NPD – Fermentations, Enzymes, and Bioprocessing with case study on kombucha tea; Begin Assignment 5
4/11/17:  Mini-Lecture: Good Workplace Practices and Time Management; Group Project: Work on project
4/12/17:  Lecture: Technical Aspects of NPD – Sugar, Candy and Chocolate with stevia product case study

Week 16
4/17/17:  Lecture: Technical Aspects of NPD – Test Markets and Launches, Successes and Failure; Assignment 5 due
4/18/17:  Project Presentations: Phase 3 20-min presentations; Groups 1-4 in order
4/19/17:  Course Wrap Up: Written portion of Phase 3 group projects due by 5pm (hard copy); Exam 3 review; last day of classes for Spring 2017 semester; Graduate Paper due

Week 17
4/28/17:  Exam #3 (2 hours, closed book); 10am to 12pm; MCCA 1142 (location may change due to construction)

Information for All Students

Academic Honesty:
In the process of enrolling and registering for classes at the University of Florida, every student has signed and presumably understands the following statement: “I understand that the University of Florida expects its students to be honest in all their academic work. I agree to adhere to this commitment to academic honesty and understand that failure to comply with this commitment may result in disciplinary action up to and including expulsion from the University.”

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The following information is implicit in all exams and assignments:

*On my honor, I have neither given nor received unauthorized aid on this exam/assignment.*

**Online Course Evaluation Process:**
Student assessment of instruction is an important part of efforts to improve teaching and learning. At the end of the semester, students are expected to provide feedback on the quality of instruction in this course using a standard set of university and college criteria. These evaluations are conducted online at https://evaluations.ufl.edu. Evaluations are typically open for students to complete during the last two or three weeks of the semester; students will be notified of the specific times when they are open. Summary results of these assessments are available to students at https://evaluations.ufl.edu/results.

**Use of Library, Reference Material, Computer Programs, and Electronic Databases:**
These items are university property and should be utilized with other users in mind. Never remove, mark, modify nor deface resources that do not belong to you.

**Software Use:**
All faculty, staff and students of the University are required and expected to obey the laws and legal agreements governing software use. Failure to do so can lead to monetary damages and/or criminal penalties for the individual violator. Because such violations are also against University policies and rules, disciplinary action will be taken as appropriate. *We, the members of the University of Florida community, pledge to hold ourselves and our peers to the highest standards of honesty and integrity.*

**Services for Students with Disabilities:**
The Disability Resource Center coordinates the needed accommodations of students with disabilities. This includes registering disabilities, recommending academic accommodations within the classroom, accessing special adaptive computer equipment, providing interpretation services and mediating faculty-student disability related issues. Students requesting classroom accommodation must first register with the Dean of Students Office. The Dean of Students Office will provide documentation to the student who must then provide this documentation to the Instructor when requesting accommodation.

0001 Reid Hall, 352-392-8565, [www.dso.ufl.edu/drc/](http://www.dso.ufl.edu/drc/)

**Campus Helping Resources:**
Students experiencing crises or personal problems that interfere with their general well-being are encouraged to utilize the university's counseling resources. The Counseling & Wellness Center provides confidential counseling services at no cost for currently enrolled students. Resources are available on campus for students having personal problems or lacking clear career or academic goals, which interfere with their academic performance.

- University Counseling & Wellness Center, 3190 Radio Road, 352-392-1575, [www.counseling.ufl.edu/cwc/](http://www.counseling.ufl.edu/cwc/)
  Counseling Services Groups and Workshops Outreach and Consultation Self-Help Library Wellness Coaching

- U Matter We Care, [www.umatter.ufl.edu/](http://www.umatter.ufl.edu/)

- Career Resource Center, First Floor JWRU, 392-1601, [www.crc.ufl.edu/](http://www.crc.ufl.edu/)
This confirms that I’ve read and understand the syllabus for 2016 Food Product Development.

Student Signature and Date:  

Preferred Name in Class:  

**Miscellaneous Info about You (optional)**

Favorite Area or Class in Food Science Program to date?

Future Professional Plans?

What you hope to get out of Food Product Development class?

Favorite Food(s):