

**FOS4636, Section 1992  
Life after Graduation  
1 Credits, Fall 2017**

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**Course Hours/Location**

Time/Location:

- Monday, period 5 (11:45am), MCC G108

**Overall Course Objectives and Description**

The overall goal is to provide an overview of what opportunities are available for food science students after graduation, and tips and advice on how to be successful after graduation. The course is intended for all food science majors, especially those preparing to graduate within the academic year. The format of the course includes team-teaching to utilize the broad expertise of multiple faculty, facilitated discussions, group exercises, outside lecturers and structured lectures. Dr. Sims will provide the point of coordination with respect to course mechanics such as assessments and overall organization.

We will answer individual student emails promptly during stated office hours, and generally within 24 hrs during the work week. Please denote FOS 4936 in the "Subject" line in your emails, direct them to the email addresses noted above, 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 instructors are not rejected. If electronic submission of work is requested, please use [csims@ufl.edu](mailto:csims@ufl.edu) and name your files with the

course number, your last name, and assignment (something like 4936sims(1).doc)

### **Class Rules**

Attendance, attention AND full participation are expected. 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; no side conversations; keep cell phones and other communication devices muted and stored away; if you are late, take your seat quietly and unobtrusively. You are welcome to bring laptops to class for note taking.

### **Resources:**

- 1) The current year FSHN Department Graduate Student Handbook (please see Marianne in Front Office for copies)
- 2) UF Graduate School Website:  
<http://www.graduateschool.ufl.edu/>
- 3) FSHN Graduate Program and Departmental Information:  
<http://fshn.ifas.ufl.edu/index.shtml>

### **Grading**

Attendance, class participation and mastery of key concepts will be the foundation for grades. 70% (70 points) of your grade will be based on attendance. You will be allowed 1 unexcused absence, but after that, you will lose 10 points for every class period missed without an excuse from the instructor. You will be expected to put together a professional resume, which is worth 10 points, and you are expected to do a mock interview through the Career Resource Center, which is worth another 10 points. The remaining 10 points will be based on class participation.

### **General Policy on Writing**

All writing for this course should be clear and concise (including emails to instructors and particularly, any sort of summary assessment we ask you to write). Employers and graduate/professional programs seek graduates who can communicate effectively through standard scientific and business writing. Please familiarize yourself with a major journal in your discipline and follow its citation style throughout the course.

## **Course Outline**

- August 21 Course overview
- August 28 Life after graduation/Who are you, and what are your options?
- September 4 Labor Day, no class
- September 11 Graduate school opportunities
- September 18 Jobs/careers (academia and government)
- September 25 Jobs/careers (alumni from food industry)
- October 2 Jobs/careers (alumni from food industry)
- October 9 Resumes and cover letters
- October 16 Interview skills and complete a mock interview
- October 23 Careers in food science, the big picture
- October 30 Internships, undergraduate and graduate research opportunities
- November 6 International opportunities and study abroad
- November 13 Professional organizations
- November 20 Peace Corp opportunities
- November 27 Professional practices
- December 4 Hot topics

## **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.”

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.*

**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.*

**Disability Issues:**

Students requesting classroom accommodation should register with the Dean of Students Office, who will then provide necessary documentation to the student. Please provide this documentation to the Instructor when requesting accommodation.

**UF Counseling Services:**

We hope to establish an effective and professional class relationship and encourage dialog so that students feel comfortable discussing academic problems directly with me. In addition, resources are available on-campus for students having personal problems or lacking clear career and academic goals that interfere with their academic performance. These resources include:

1. Student Affairs Consultation: Dean of Students Office, 352-392-1261, 352-392-1111 (after hours)
2. Mental Health Consultation or Referral: Counseling and Wellness Center, 352-392-1575, 352-392-1575 (after hours)
3. Office of Victim Services, 352-392-5648 (after hours call UF Police Department at 352-392-1111 and request on call staff person)
4. UF Career Resource Center: Reitz Union, 352-392-1601, career development assistance and counseling, <http://www.crc.ufl.edu/>
5. UF Police Department (UFPD): 352-392-1111; call 911 for emergencies where safety is of immediate concern