FOOD DEFENSE EDUCATION PROGRAMS

Based on cutting-edge research and current best practices, the Food Protection and Defense Institute’s education agenda offers curriculum innovation, learning opportunities, and workforce training to:

- Increase awareness of food defense
- Enhance the skill set of our current workforce
- Train the next generation of food defense workers

COURSES IN FOOD DEFENSE AND RELATED TOPICS

FOOD DEFENSE: PREPARE, RESPOND, RECOVER
University of Minnesota VMED 5920, 3 credits, In-Person
This course is intended to provide a foundation for students to understand the basic principles of preparedness and emergency response that are utilized to plan for, respond to, and recover from a food disaster.

Available: Fall Semesters

SEMINAR IN FOOD PROTECTION AND DEFENSE
University of Minnesota VMED 5921, 1 credit, Hybrid Online and In-Person
Explore current issues and research activities impacting global food defense. Tap into FFDI’s monthly webinar series to learn from leading experts from the food industry, governmental agencies, and research institutions. The course also features an engaging in-person component using the flipped classroom model.

Available: Spring Semesters

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS: A PUBLIC HEALTH PERSPECTIVE
University of Minnesota PUBH 5231, 2 credits, Online
Gain awareness of preparing for and responding to all-hazard events—both natural and man-made. This course provides a wide-ranging introduction to the public health’s core competencies. Students will look at the purpose, history, organizations, functions, tools, and activities used in the field.

Available: Fall Semesters

FOOD DEFENSE STUDENT PROGRAMS

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT SCHOLARSHIPS
The Food Protection and Defense Institute offers Department of Homeland Security Scholarships to students studying food defense and related fields. The students receive tuition assistance, living stipend, and travel expenses to complete research in food defense, and to attend food defense and homeland security related conferences and experiential learning opportunities. Applications for the scholarship are accepted annually. Contact Debra Freedman (freedman@umn.edu) for more information.

FOOD DEFENSE STUDENT NETWORK
FDDI hosts monthly lunch meetings for students to engage in-person or online with our food defense network. Students are able to explore opportunities for professional development, network with professionals in food defense, and learn about research in food defense.

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