Food Science Major

What does a food scientist do?

**STUDY**
the principles underlying the processing and deterioration of foods

**ANALYZE**
food content to determine levels of vitamins, fat, sugar, and protein

**DETERMINE**
the best ways to process, package, preserve, store, and distribute foods

**RESEARCH**
ways to make processed foods safe, palatable, and healthful

**DISCOVER**
new food sources

The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics predicts American employment of agricultural and food scientists will be 8% higher in 2031 than it was in 2021, which is faster than average for all occupations.

In 2021, the average hourly wage of food scientists and technologists was $40.46. The average annual salary was $84,150.

Classes in the Major

- **NDFS 1010** Chocolate: Science, History, and Society
- **NDFS 5100** Sensory Evaluation of Food
- **NDFS 4440** Fundamentals of Food Engineering
- **NDFS 5920** Food Product Development