



Food Studies 199 Capstone Expectations and Guidelines

The project for the capstone is expected to integrate and synthesize learning from earlier coursework and previous research and can draw upon internship experiences. A well-developed project should (1) frame a significant question or set of questions, (2) focus on a specialized topic, (3) draw upon sound methodological principles, (4) provide broad context by integrating knowledge from across disciplines, (5) and reflect on how the capstone research contributes to the emerging field of Food Studies. The research capstone project for the Food Studies minor will commonly take the form of a research paper. While there is no set page minimum or maximum, students enrolled in the four-unit course are expected to write a research paper in the 20-25 page range.

A capstone project in Food Studies may also include non-written elements. For example, students may engage in a project that complements their major field of study (e.g. film, sociology, biology, geography/environmental studies, and music). In such instances, students must submit a capstone proposal to the Food Studies faculty committee for approval. Finally, at the discretion of the faculty sponsor, students engaged in a non-writing capstone project may also be asked to include a write-up of the project—describing its contents, how the project came about, and the work the project entailed.

Beginning the first week of the term, students are expected to attend weekly meetings with their faculty advisor and must be prepared to discuss progress on their research topic. Advisors are expected to provide feedback on students' progress, make referrals to appropriate resources, and comment frequently on students' in-progress work throughout the term. Upon completion of their capstone project, students are asked to submit a final copy to the Food Studies Academic Counselor.

Food Studies Research Guide

As part of the Library's Research Guides, a Food Studies Guide has been developed to assist those interested in completing research related to food. This Guide can be of great support to anyone completing the 199 Capstone—for more information and/or to access the Guide, visit the following link: <http://guides.library.ucla.edu/food>