

## LIFELONG EDUCATION AT MSU



Anyone with at least a Bachelor's degree can apply to MSU as a graduate level Lifelong student and take many of our online courses individually and separate from the degree program. Michigan State University will allow transfer of up to 9 credits (with a grade of 3.0 or better in each class) earned through any combination of courses taken through Lifelong education, graduate certification, or in transfer from another institution.

This means that Lifelong students can take up to three 3-credit courses from our graduate program curriculum before applying to the MS in Food Safety program. If

accepted as a graduate student, credits from any course where a grade of 3.0 or better was achieved can be transferred into the Master's program.

### ***WHY LIFELONG EDUCATION?***

Many students have chosen to begin with Lifelong Education. Three of the most common reasons are:

- ...the opportunity to try the program before making a full commitment to the Master's Degree.

A Lifelong student has the chance to preview the MS in Food Safety curriculum, as well as experience online learning first hand.

- ...an applicant is concerned that their credentials may not meet the application requirements for the Online Master of Science in Food Safety program.

Taking classes through Lifelong Education gives the applicant a chance to prove their success before applying to the degree program. While there are no guarantees, successful completion of MS in Food Safety courses can strengthen an application for candidates who do not meet all application requirements (such as a GPA of less than 3.0/4.0).

- ...the quick and easy application procedure.

The MSU Lifelong application can be submitted and processed within a few days, allowing students to start the Master's courses any given semester, even when the graduate application deadline has passed. This allows more time to gather official transcripts and letters of recommendation for application to the Master's program.

***TIME LIMIT***

The time limit for completion of requirements for the master's degree is five calendar years from the date of enrollment in the first course included for degree certification. For students transferring credits, those five years begin with the semester of the first transferred course.

***GRADE POINT***

Lifelong students must maintain a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 or better for their first 9 credits. Failure to maintain the appropriate GPA standard may result in removal from Lifelong Education status.

***TUITION***

<i>Tuition per Credit Hour (based on Fall 2013 rates)*</i> <i>* subject to change without notice</i>	<i>Resident</i>	<i>Non-Resident</i>
Food Safety - Master of Science	700.00	700.00
Food Safety Lifelong	597.25	765.50

***APPLYING FOR LIFELONG EDUCATION***

To apply for Lifelong Education at MSU, go to the MSU Admissions page, under Guest Student, and submit the online application for Lifelong Education ([http://admissions.msu.edu/admission/guest\\_lifelong.asp](http://admissions.msu.edu/admission/guest_lifelong.asp)).

You will be contacted by the Registrar's office within a few days with your MSU Personal Identification Number (PID) and Personal Access Number (PAN). With these, you will set up your MSU NetID and password, allowing you access to enrollment.

For information and guidelines for Lifelong Education students, please refer to the Office of the Registrar's website at <http://www.reg.msu.edu/ROInfo/EnrReg/LifelongEducation.asp>.

***ENROLLMENT AS A LIFELONG STUDENT AT MSU***

Lifelong students at MSU are not assigned a major. Therefore, before enrolling, they must contact the department offering the course to arrange an override. You will need to provide your PID number, your choice of course, and the semester you wish to enroll.

***To request an override:***

- For VM (Veterinary Medicine) courses, contact Heather Ricks, Academic Advisor for the Food Safety Program, at [ricksh@msu.edu](mailto:ricksh@msu.edu).
- For FSC courses, contact Mary Anne Verleger from the Institute for Food Law and Regulations at [iflr@anr.msu.edu](mailto:iflr@anr.msu.edu).

You will enroll for classes using the **Schedule of Courses** and **Schedule Builder** which are available from the Office of the Registrar’s website at <http://www.reg.msu.edu/roinfo/enrollment.asp>.

***MSU STUDENT RESOURCES***

Familiarize yourself with the resource links and tools available to students from the MSU Homepage (<http://msu.edu>). You will use these tools to manage all your activities as an MSU student.

Here you will find links to:

- the **Academic Calendar** where you will track all MSU dates and deadlines regarding enrollment, tuition payments, and course delivery;
- **Register for Classes** where you will find the **Schedule of Courses** and **Schedule Builder**;
- the **Library Catalog**, which is your connection to online resources through the MSU Libraries;
- **StuInfo** where you will manage tuition payments, enrollment confirmations, personal data, grades, etc.;
- **MSU Mail** where you will receive all MSU communications;
- **Computing Help & Tech Support** where you will go for technology assistance;
- and both the **ANGEL** and **Desire2Learn** online course management systems where you will attend class.

From the MSU Homepage, resources are available under specific tabs, such as STUDENTS, ADMISSION and ACADEMICS. You may also click in the white search box in the upper right corner for a menu of POPULAR LINKS.

***CERTIFICATE IN FOOD SAFETY***

As an alternative to the Master of Science, our program offers a four-course (12 credit-hour) online Certificate in Food Safety which is achieved through Lifelong Education.

To satisfy the requirements for the Certificate in Food Safety, a Lifelong student must complete any four approved 3-credit courses within the MS in Food Safety curriculum. These courses can be taken in any sequence. Lifelong students are required to maintain a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 for their first 9 credits.

**Course Options for Lifelong  
 and  
 Certificate in Food Safety Students**

COURSE REQUIREMENTS	MS Core or Elective	# Credits	Semester Offered		
			Fall	Spring	Summer
<b>Lifelong Learners: ANY OF THE FOLLOWING:</b>					
<b>Certificate in Food Safety: ANY 4 OF THE FOLLOWING (12 credits):</b>					
VM 811 section 730 <i>Evolution &amp; Ecology of Food Safety</i>	Core	3	FALL	SPRING	
VM 812 section 730 <i>Food Safety Toxicology</i>	Core	3	FALL	SPRING	
VM 814 section 730 <i>Packaging for Food Safety</i>	Elective	3			SUMMER
VM 817 section 730 <i>Pre-harvest Food Safety</i>	Elective	3		SPRING	
VM 821 section 730 <i>Food Protection &amp; Defense</i>	Elective	3	FALL		
VM 824 section 730 <i>Global Food Safety</i>	Elective	3		SPRING	
VM 825 section 730 <i>Quantifying Food Risk</i>	Elective	3	FALL		
VM 831 section 730 <i>Foodborne Disease Epidemiology</i>	Core	3	FALL		SUMMER
VM 832 section 730 <i>Food Safety Disease Control</i>	Elective	3			SUMMER
VM 840 section 730 <i>Product Protection/ Anti-Counterfeit Strategy</i>	Elective	3			SUMMER
FSC 810 section 730 <i>Int'l Food Laws &amp; Regulations</i>	Core	3	FALL	SPRING	
FSC 811 section 730 <i>U.S. Food Laws &amp; Regulations</i>	Core	3	FALL	SPRING	
Visit the <i>MSU Schedule of Courses</i> to confirm course information and availability: <a href="http://schedule.msu.edu/">http://schedule.msu.edu/</a> .					

For a detailed description of the food safety graduate courses, please visit our website at <http://www.online.foodsafety.msu.edu/foodsafety>.

**PROGRAM CONTACT**

Additional information can be found on our web site at <http://www.online.foodsafety.msu.edu>, or you may contact Peggy Trommater, Administrative Assistant for the Online Master of Science in Food Safety program by E-mail at [trommat2@msu.edu](mailto:trommat2@msu.edu).

