

## A.S. Food Studies

### Description of the Food Studies Program:

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**The Associate in Science (A.S.) Degree in Food Studies** at Hostos Community College consists of 60 credits, which include the following courses: Common Core courses required by the City University of New York; Food Studies core courses; a career practices course; and a required internship. During the first year, students select a track in one of four areas: food policy; food and social issues; health and nutrition; or environment and sustainability. These tracks prepare graduates to transfer into four-year bachelor's programs in food studies and related fields such as political sciences, urban studies, nutrition, and environmental studies.

### For more information, see link below

<https://cms.hostos.cuny.edu/Hostos/media/Pathways/Food-Studies-Major-AS.pdf>

### Skills:

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**Analytical skills.** Agricultural and food science technicians must conduct a variety of observations and on-site measurements, all of which require precision and accuracy.

**Communication skills.** Agricultural and food science technicians must be able to understand and give clear instructions, keep detailed records, and, occasionally, write reports.

**Critical-thinking skills.** Agricultural and food science technicians reach conclusions through sound reasoning and judgment. They determine

how to improve food quality and must test products for a variety of safety standards.

**Interpersonal skills.** Agricultural and food science technicians need to work well with others. They may supervise agricultural and food science workers and receive instruction from scientists or specialists, so effective communication is critical.

**Physical stamina.** Agricultural and food science technicians who work in manufacturing or agricultural settings may need to stand for long periods, lift objects, and generally perform physical labor.

### Sample Job Titles:

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Agricultural and Food Science Technicians, Nutritionist, Urban & Regional Planners, Environmental Science and Protection Technicians

### Employment Outlook:

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Employment of agricultural and food science technicians is projected to grow 6 percent from 2016 to 2026, about as fast as the average for all occupations. Demand will continue for agricultural research into areas such as the effects of population growth, increased demand for water resources, harm from pests and pathogens, changes in climate and weather patterns, and demand for agricultural products, such as biofuels.

<https://www.bls.gov/ooh/life-physical-and-social-science/agricultural-and-food-science-technicians.htm#tab-6>

### Career Path:

The median annual wage for agricultural and food science technicians was \$37,550 in May 2016.

<https://www.bls.gov/ooh/life-physical-and-social-science/agricultural-and-food-science-technicians.htm#tab-1>

**Career Coach** – Search career information and current local wage data

<https://hostos-cuny.emsicc.com/careers/dietitian-and-nutritionist/about>