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UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON

The Next Generation: Organic Agriculture At University of Wisconsin-Madison



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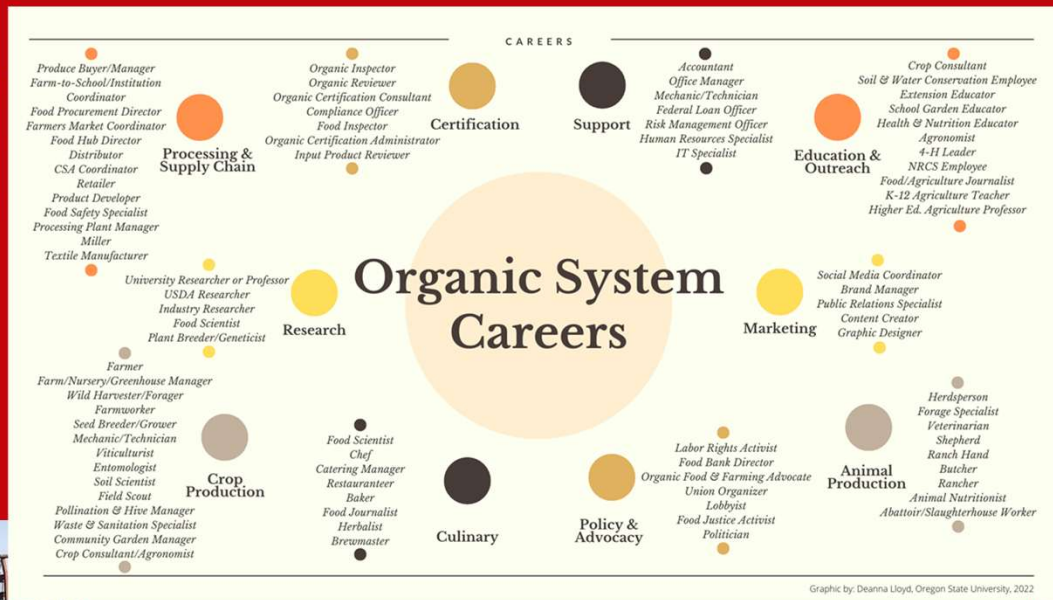








Certificate in Organic Agriculture



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Core Courses

- Introduction to Organic Agriculture: Production, Markets & Policy
- Seminar in Organic Agriculture
- *Independent Study in Organic Agriculture*

Foundational Courses

- Agroecology: An Intro to the Ecology of Food & Agriculture
- Food, Culture, and Society
- Plants, Parasites, and People
- Introduction to Plant Science and Technology

Independent Study in Organic Agriculture

Provide students research and/or hands-on experience within the organic sector in order to gain scientific knowledge and/or an in-depth understanding of organic agriculture, its production, processing, marketing, and social dimensions, and its impact on environmental, community, and human health.

I understand and agree to the information outlined in this agreement, including the responsibilities outlined above.

Student signature: _____ Date: _____

Certificate Advisor signature: _____ Date: _____

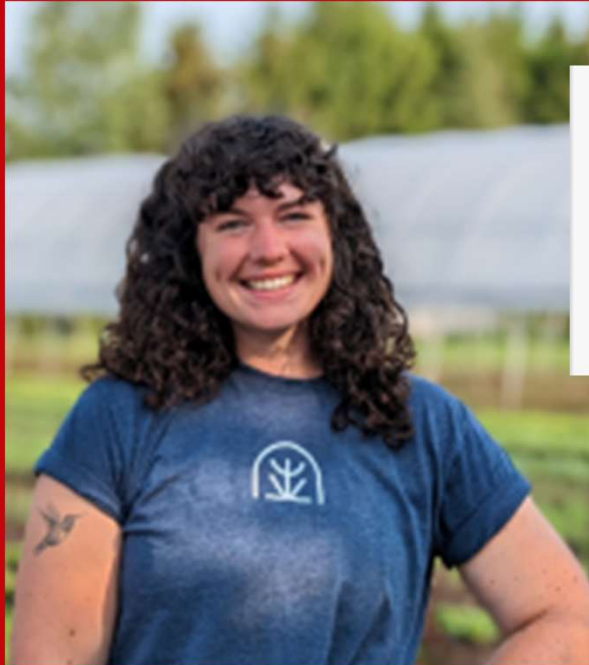
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Success Stories - Megan



“The only reason I ever actually found Vitruvian was through the Organic Ag program. I never would have learned or had an interest in organic farming without needing an immersive experience through that program”

Success Stories - Megan



"The Organic Ag program and the Silva lab were actually my first introductions to agriculture. I didn't care about where my food came from or how it was grown until college."

Success Stories – Ari



Ariana Abbrescia

*Organic Transition Outreach
Specialist*

**UW-Madison Extension-Crops &
Soils**

“I gained the knowledge and skills I needed for my current role directly through my coursework in the Organic Agriculture program.”



Success Stories – Jacob



Food and Agriculture Organization
of the United Nations



During the Organic Agriculture program, I had the opportunity to support a small farm in Kenya through applied coursework and independent study. That experience fundamentally shaped my professional path and expanded my understanding of agriculture as a tool for livelihoods, biodiversity, and community resilience.



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Thank you!



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Success Stories

What I valued most was not only the coursework but the immersive, hands-on learning environment. Collaborating with peers, hearing directly from practitioners, and touring active farms and field sites was the most formative experience of my undergraduate education.