

Faculty of Higher Education

Subject Code	FDS702
Subject Name	Community Food Systems in Practice 1
Credit points	6
Study Level	Year 3
Delivery mode	On campus
Location	Melbourne
Prerequisites	FDS659 Understanding Food Systems 2

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Subject Overview	<p>Community Food Systems in Practice 1 is based on the central premise that communities and regions are critical arenas of action and that multisectoral participation is required for building sustainable food systems. This subject places students in direct contact with experts and organisers in the social enterprise and community food sector, giving consideration to the identities, motives and practices of those participating in the sector as producers, social entrepreneurs, health and local government professionals, and consumers. Crucially, students will develop a critical awareness of how these various elements interact and can support each other in a mutually interdependent and beneficial manner, thereby constituting an integrated and sustainable food and farming system. Literature in the fields of economic geography and community food economies will form the theoretical basis for discussion and analysis. Students will examine and evaluate how a range of practical projects—from farmers markets, food hubs, urban farming, community-supported agriculture, direct marketing and others—are initiated, organised and sustained.</p>
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Learning Outcomes	Describe and analyse the field of community food systems in practice
	Identify and reflect on opportunities for intervention in a localised food environment
	Collaborate effectively with others in collecting qualitative and quantitative data
	Analyse the impact of a community food enterprise at a local level
	Assess strategies for the development of sustainable community food systems

Assessments	Details	Weighting
	Essay	30%
	Group report	30%
	Essay	40%

Graduate Attributes addressed in this subject	Preparedness
	Ethical and social understanding
	Systematic and coherent body of knowledge
	Scholarly skills