Faculty of Agricultural and Food Sciences (FAFS)

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Historical Background

The MS graduate program at FAFS was initiated in 1956. The program aims to offer specialized training in a variety of fields in food and agriculture, and to prepare students for further studies in Europe and North America. The first MS degree in Horticulture was granted in 1958, and the first MS in Food Technology in 1959. Since then, FAFS has kept adapting its graduate programs to meet the needs of an evolving regional demand. An MS in Nutrition was introduced in 1963, and the first degree was granted in 1965. An MS in Ecosystem Management, a major of the interfaculty MS in Environmental Sciences, has been offered since 1997. FAFS currently offers MS specialization in animal science, poultry science, agricultural economics, irrigation, plant protection, plant science, nutrition, food technology, ecosystem management, rural community development and food security.

Mission

The mission of FAFS is to foster the sustainable enhancement of the health and well being of people and nature throughout Lebanon and the region. To achieve its goals, the Faculty uses basic and applied research as well as student-centered learning to prepare leaders and agents of change to address issues of local and global relevance at the nexus of human nutrition, food security, and the sustainable use of resources.
Vision

FAFS is a reference academic center specialized in issues of relevance to the Middle East related to agriculture, food, nutrition and the environment for the enhancement of livelihoods, human health and well being.

Graduate Programs

The faculty offers the MS degree, with or without thesis, in the following majors: animal science, poultry science, agricultural economics, irrigation, plant protection, plant science, nutrition, and food technology. The Faculty offers an MS in Environmental Sciences (major: Ecosystem Management- as part of an Interfaculty Graduate Environmental Sciences Program), an Interfaculty Graduate Nutrition Program (GNP) and the faculty also offers two interdepartmental Graduate Programs: an MS in Rural Community Development (RCODE) and an MS in Food Security. The faculty also offers a graduate level non-degree Diploma in Food Security under its Food Security Program.

Students following a thesis program are required to take a minimum of 21 graduate level course credits plus a thesis (equivalent to 9 credits) and a minimum of 24 graduate level course credits plus a thesis (equivalent to 6 credits) in the case of Ecosystem Management and Rural Community Development. The thesis program may include a maximum of 3 tutorial course credits. Core regular courses should constitute a minimum of 12 credits excluding seminars and tutorials, with graduate elective courses to be determined with the adviser. A student following a non-thesis program is required to take a minimum of 33 graduate level course credits and a minimum of 30 graduate level course credits in the case of Ecosystem Management. The program should include a minimum of 3 credits and a maximum of 6 tutorial credits with at least 12 credits being from core courses in the major.

Rules and regulations for graduate programs are given in the Admissions section of this catalogue and include details about the Environmental Sciences Program. Information is also available in the FAFS Graduate Study Manual. Changes made after the publication of this catalogue will be available through the academic advisors.

PhD Program

A PhD program in “Biomedical Sciences/Nutrition” is offered in collaboration with the Faculty of Medicine. For more information, see Faculty of Medicine and Medical Center (FM/AUBMC) page 458