SWK5026: Community Food Strategies

Follow the Tomato: Exploring Community Food Security Strategies to Address Social and Environmental Justice Issues in the Food System

Spring 2016
Open to undergraduate and graduate students
Fridays: 11 a.m.-1:45 p.m.*
3 credits
Held off-campus in Franklinton
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This service-learning course will explore the complex interrelated social and environmental issues related to the food system. Students will have the opportunity to learn about the development of the global food system and social, economic, health, and environmental consequences related to disparities in the food system. The community food security model will be used to explore how emergency food assistance and sustainable localized food strategies work together to address these issues.

Students will follow the tomato through the food system, spending some class periods working at a food pantry, soup kitchen, produce distribution program, and community garden. Students will also engage in a semester-long community engagement project with Franklinton Gardens, a two-acre nonprofit urban farm, on the Westside of Columbus.

Questions or permission to enroll: please contact Michelle Kaiser at Kaiser.267@osu.edu

* Some classes will meet at alternative times for direct service activities.