Hunger Studies At Auburn University

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In 2004, Auburn University was invited by the United Nations World Food Programme (WFP) to become its lead academic partner in a student-focused *War on Hunger* campaign.
Our Hunger Model

Vision

In pursuit of a sustainable future, Auburn University will lead a global higher education movement focused on eradicating world hunger.
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Mission

Auburn will be the catalyst mobilizing universities to collaborate in the pursuit of a grassroots student campaign and an academic agenda to end world hunger
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Founding Goal

*Auburn will develop and implement a human sustainability action agenda for students and faculty that encompasses*

1) hunger awareness and consciousness-raising
2) advocacy
3) action/fundraising
4) academic initiatives (leading to a university community that is fully committed to and engaged in the effort to eliminate world hunger)
Auburn’s Comprehensive Action Agenda: Knowing and Caring About Hunger
Auburn’s Comprehensive Action Agenda: Creating the Political Will to End Hunger

**AWARENESS/FUNDRAISING**
- 60-Mile March to AL State Capitol
- War on Hunger Read into the Congressional Record
- Hunger in Alabama Op Ed
- Alabama Governor's Proclamation
- Letter Writing Campaign
- Washington, DC Lobby Day
- UN WFP Humanitarian Award
- AU School of Pharmacy Spirit Award
- Electronic and Print Media Feature
- Why Care? Campaign

**ADVOCACY**
- Social Networking
- Distinguished Lecture Series
- Community Presentations
- National/International Meetings
- Member, Alliance to End Hunger
- National Launch of Universities Fighting World Hunger
- Annual University Hunger Summit
- European University Hunger Summit
- WFP/YouTube Hungerbytes Winner

**ACADEMIC INITIATIVES**

**Domestic**
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**Global**
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**Short-Term**
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- Electronic and Print Media Feature
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**Long-Term**
- Social Networking
- Distinguished Lecture Series
- Community Presentations
- National/International Meetings
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- European University Hunger Summit
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Auburn’s Comprehensive Action Agenda: Generating Sustainable Solutions to Eradicate Hunger

**ACADEMIC INITIATIVES**

**TEACHING:**
- Hunger Studies Minor
- Food for Thought Course in Agriculture
- Hunger-focused Social Policy Course
- Social Entrepreneurship and CRM
- Honors College Hunger Lyceum
- Study Abroad in Italy Hunger Module
- WFP Internships in Rome
- Hunger Studies Learning Community

**RESEARCH:**
- Hunger Solutions Institute
- Business Ethics/Corporate Social Responsibility
- Sustainable Human Development
- Sustainable Agriculture
- Nutrition and Food Science
- Detection and Food Safety
- Wireless Engineering
- Logistics and Transportation

**OUTREACH:**
- Ending Child Hunger in Alabama Task Force
- Nutrition Education Program (NEP)
- Alabama 4-H Hunger Initiative
- Expanded Food & Nutrition Education Program
- World Food Day Documentary, *To a Willing Mind*
- AU Fisheries Outreach in 120 Countries
- Agricultural Extension to Commodity Groups

**OTHER**
- WFP Senior Staff on Assignment at Auburn
- Faculty Field Experience at WFP Feeding Sites
- National/International Presentations
- Ending Child Hunger in Alabama, Jessie Ball duPont Grant
Established in 2012 to identify innovations, share research, knowledge, best practices and connect multi-sector coalitions

As convener, collaborator, multiplier HSI works in 4 ways:

- **Emphasizes Human Sustainability** – founded within disciplines of human sciences, is human-centric
- **Connects Knowledge with Practice** – aggregates and disseminates information with practitioners
- **Empowers Communities** – locally and globally ensures that solutions are community owned, operated and sustained
- **Creates Multi-sector partnerships** – research & outreach strategy to create knowledge coalitions representing all academic disciplines and implement through multi-sector partnerships
Multi-Sector Partnership Model

Universities foster innovation and critical thinking, intellectual discourse, and transformative experiences
Auburn University: Engaging All Disciplines in the Fight Against Hunger

Committee of 19*
(One student representative, competitively selected, from every college and major campus organization to lead the grassroots campaign)**

College of Agriculture
College of Architecture, Design and Construction
  College of Business
  College of Education
  College of Engineering
School of Forestry and Wildlife Sciences
College of Human Sciences
College of Liberal Arts
  School of Nursing
  School of Pharmacy
College of Sciences and Mathematics
  College of Veterinary Medicine
  Honors College

Student Government Association
  Black Student Union
International Student Organization
  Housing and Residence Life
  Graduate Student Organization
  Greek Life
  University Programs Council

Auburn’s War on Hunger
Leadership Structure

* Symbolizes the 19¢ required by WFP in 2004 to feed a school child in the developing world
** Each representative supported by an Academic Advisor
Our Academic Agenda

Hunger Minor

The Minor in Hunger Studies is open to students of all majors. To eliminate hunger in our lifetime, it must be tackled on all fronts.
Hunger Minor

Learning Outcomes

*Students completing the minor will:*

- **Understand hunger, its causes and consequences, as a sustainable human development issue**
- **Apply critical thinking skills in addressing hunger as a multidisciplinary, socially complex issue**
- **Develop and demonstrate advocacy skills that can engage individuals and communities; affect social policy, and create the political will to end hunger**
- **Acquire leadership skills that will facilitate hunger activism at the domestic and/or global levels**
- **Develop the capacity to think and act as a global citizen**
Hunger Minor

Hunger Intro Course

12 HR Across Three Competency Areas

  Knowledge
  Leadership and Advocacy
  Global Citizenship

Hunger Capstone Course
Hunger Minor

Knowledge

• Crop Science (AGRN 1000) (4)
• Intro. to Animal Sciences (ANSC 1000) (4)
• Nutrition and Health (NUFS 2000) (3)
• Science of Food (NUFS 2050) (4)
• Food for Thought (HORT 2050) (3)
• Animals and Society (ANSC 2010) (3)
• Community Nutrition (NUFS 3620) (2)
• Principles of Aquaculture (FISH 5210) (3)
• International Forestry (FORY 5440) (2)
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Leadership and Advocacy

- Intermediate Ethics (PHIL 3100) (3)
- Intercultural Communications (COMM 3450) (3)
- Agricultural Leadership Development (AGRI 3800) (2)
- Extension Programs and Methods (RSOC 4410) (3)
- Family and Social Policy (HDFS 5300) (3)
- Sociology and Community Development (RSOC 5640) (3)
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Global Citizenship

- Global Consumer Culture (CAHS 2000) (3)
- Cultural Geography (GEOG 2010) (3)
- Culture, Marriage, and the Family (ANTH 3000) (3)
- International Relations (POLI 3090) (3)
- Intro. to World Affairs (POLI 3100) (3)
- Psychology and Culture (PSYC 3550) (3)
- Community Service in Nutrition and Food Science (NUFS 3940) (3)
- International Economics (ECON 4300) (3)
- Food and Culture (NUFS 4580) (2)
- Family in Cross-Cultural Perspective (HDFS 4680) (3)
- Politics of International Economic Relations (POLI 4700) (3)
- Economic Geography (GEOG 5350) (3)
Auburn Capstone Model

• Team-Based

• Multi-Disciplinary Approach

• The Classroom as a Living Laboratory

• Leading-Edge Critical Skills Development
Global Challenge Fellows

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Questions? Comments?