

UHWO Sustainable Community Food System Senior Practicum: Directions for Students

Both SCFS 490 - Sr. Farming Systems Practicum and APSC 490X - Sr. Food System Practicum are required courses for graduation from the SCFS Program. See each of the course syllabi for details.

APSC 490X is best taken during your last semester, but does not HAVE to be. Both courses could be taken during the same semester if you have the time. Each course requires 120 hrs. of on-site work + readings, journals, papers (or oral presentations) and in-class discussion time (1x/2 weeks).

The two course syllabi for SCFS 490 and APSC 490X are attached, along with sample student learning objectives and the Senior Practicum Guidelines and Registration Form that **students are responsible for developing and completing with their host organization and returning to Dr. Miles (with all required signatures) before the beginning of the semester.**

Directions:

1. Review the course syllabi for SCFS 490 - Senior Farming Systems Practicum, and APSC 490X - Senior Food Systems Practicum.
2. Define which of the 2 courses (or both) you will be taking during the upcoming semester.
3. Define the ideal host site for your Senior Practicum in consultation with the instructor (Dr. Miles). The site chosen is ultimately up to the student, but the experience should help you meet a specific set of learning objectives around sustainable farming systems and sustainable food systems and food system change (see below).
4. For each practicum class, **students independently define 5-7 key personal learning objectives to achieve through working with the host organization or farming operation of your choosing.** Once students have defined their 5-7 proposed learning objectives, they are **sent to the instructor for review and discussion.** The instructor will edit/modify, as needed, and return to the student to complete the final draft and present proposed host organization. (See the attached example student LOs from prior SCFS 490 and APSC 490X classes.)

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5. Students initiate contact with the proposed host organization (or farming operation) of their choosing to propose an internship and present the final 5-7 learning objectives. Students are to formally request the chosen organization/enterprise to serve as a host/mentor for the semester and commit to helping the student achieve the 5-7 key learning objectives in exchange for the student dedicating 120 hours of required on-site work. **Note:** Your host organization is required to define (in writing) your primary activities and responsibilities in advance of the practicum and present these to both the student and the instructor for review. The instructor will also contact the host organization to discuss details of the practicum requirements as needed. **Please provide the name and contact information for your proposed practicum host.**
6. Once the student, host and instructor have reached a shared agreement on all of the above details, please complete the attached registration form (signed by host organization) and return it to Dr. Miles **before the start of the semester.**

SCFS 490 - Senior Farming System Practicum sites have included the following:

- MAO Organic Farms
- Kahumana Farms
- Mohala Farms
- Waipa Foundation
- UC Davis Student Farm
- The Reppun Farm
- Kaala Farm and Cultural Center
- Double D Farm & Ranch

APSC 490X - Senior Food System Practicum sites have included the following:

- The Kohala Center
- The Kokua Hawaii Foundation
- The Center for Food Safety
- Waianae Coast Redevelopment Corporation/MAO Organic Farms
- The Hawaii Farmers Union United
- We Grow Urban Farm, Sacramento, California
- West Oahu Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD)