

South Madison Community Engagement and Youth Nutrition Education

*Passionate about fostering food equity and educating children?
Then this field experience course may be for you!*

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South Madison is a corridor of great cultural and economic diversity within the city that faces challenges when it comes to equitable access to healthy food. Through partnership between the UW, Slow Food UW, and community partners, a field experience course has been developed to pair UW students with Badger Rock School in South Madison to support educational experiences for schoolchildren focused on nutrition, food, and sustainability. UW students participating in this field experience will be responsible for supporting activities to inspire young learners, mentoring students, working in the school garden, preparing foods, and helping set up and clean up on site.

Participants must enroll in the accompanying 2-credit course (NS421), which meets from 12:05-12:55pm on Mondays for the first 12 weeks of each semester. The course is designed to prepare participants for a successful community engagement experience and provide background on food equity issues in Madison. The course counts as a field experience for the Global Health Certificate and as an elective for other programs, including the Global Health and Nutritional Sciences Majors. An invitation to enroll in the class will be shared after an official offer to join the internship is extended.

Participants must complete a minimum of 20-25 volunteer hours, attend a mandatory orientation (date and time to be stated in the application), and represent the UW in an ethical and professional manner. The UW sponsors transportation for participants to and from the site (Badger Rock is located at the intersection of Rimrock and East Badger Roads). **The application for Spring 2026 will open in November.**

Badger Rock is a charter school focused on environmental sustainability. The school has a thriving garden that is maintained by Rooted, a non-profit organization that partners with the school to teach students about sustainable agriculture practices. Participants will work with Rooted at Badger Rock to support hands-on educational experiences for elementary and middle school students related to cultivating and cooking healthy, seasonal food. In addition to their recurring weekday assignment, participants will support one Saturday School class; Saturday School assignments will be scheduled at the beginning of the Semester. The intern positions for Badger Rock are summarized in the table below.

Badger Rock Program	Intern Positions	Day	Time*	Saturday School (10:10am -12:20pm)*
Middle School Cooking/Garden Class	2	Tuesdays	1:00 to 2:40pm	1 Saturday School Dates TBD at beginning of semester
	2	Wednesdays		
	2	Thursdays		
	2	Fridays		
Middle School Cooking Club	2	Wednesdays	3:10 to 4:50pm	
Elementary School Club	2	Tuesdays	3:10 to 4:50pm	

*Refers to time spent on site; does not include travel to or from site

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