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# Empowering Academia with FAO elearning Academy courses and resources for transforming agrifood systems

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## Questions and Answers

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**1) Is it possible for professionals who already graduated to take part in the FAO e-learning experience if they are working in the areas of food and agriculture?**

The FAO elearning Academy offers over 600 multilingual certified e-learning courses, free of charge, as a global public good, for professionals working in food and nutrition security, social and economic development, and sustainable management of natural resources. The FAO elearning Academy is open to all, at any time and from anywhere.

**2) Which courses focus on “transforming agrifood systems”?**

- Agrifood system pathways to healthy diets: A stepwise approach  
<https://elearning.fao.org/course/view.php?id=976>
- Sustainable food systems: An introduction  
<https://elearning.fao.org/course/view.php?id=736>
- Sustainable food systems: Concept and framework  
<https://elearning.fao.org/course/view.php?id=738>
- Sustainable food systems: Operationalizing the approach  
<https://elearning.fao.org/course/view.php?id=737>
- Introduction: Achieving gender equality in climate change and agrifood systems  
<https://elearning.fao.org/course/view.php?id=1043>
- Course 1: Addressing gender equality in climate change adaptation and mitigation in agriculture  
<https://elearning.fao.org/course/view.php?id=1044>
- Course 2: Building equitable and inclusive agrifood systems  
<https://elearning.fao.org/course/view.php?id=1045>
- Course 3: Gender-Responsive budgeting for agriculture and climate policies  
<https://elearning.fao.org/course/view.php?id=1046>
- Sustainable Food Value Chains for Nutrition  
<https://elearning.fao.org/course/view.php?id=566>
- Developing gender-sensitive value chains  
<https://elearning.fao.org/course/view.php?id=543>
- Building a common vision for sustainable food and agriculture  
<https://elearning.fao.org/course/view.php?id=338>

**3) I've noticed that numerous universities are listed as partners on the FAO elearning Academy website. Could you guide us through the process of establishing official partnership between our university and FAO?**

For further information on the partnerships, kindly contact [academic-partnerships@fao.org](mailto:academic-partnerships@fao.org)

**4) When does student registration begin?**

Students can access the FAO elearning Academy whenever they wish. If the FAO courses are integrated as part of a University programme, the registrations are announced by the universities themselves.

**5) Are there any joint PhD opportunities?**



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**7) Can businesspeople learn and participate in the courses?**

The FAO elearning Academy is free and open to anyone, to professionals working in private sector, Academia, research centers, NGOs, CSOs and government institutions.

**8) If an international, non-profit e-learning organization wants to partner with, and use materials from the FAO elearning Academy, what do we need to do and who should we contact?**

The FAO elearning Academy is free and open to anyone, to professionals working in private sector, Academia, research centers, NGOs, CSOs and government institutions, you can go the website and select the most pertinent courses to your programmes or use the FAO elearning Academy Catalogue of courses <https://rise.articulate.com/share/fc0siRAD5L24ArhsMjNkay0R1jzZrHM4#/>

**9) I already got a number of trainings from the FAO elearning Academy and I suggest that why not cooperate with FAO graduates in the Arab world to publish the content in Arabic to expand the scope of benefit, and I am fully ready to help and participate together**

We really wish to expand the FAO elearning Academy offerings in Arabic and would be pleased to collaborate with institutions in Arabic speaking environments to adapt the courses to Arabic. It depends on the universities and agreements they have.

**10) Can someone choose two courses with different universities?**

<https://rise.articulate.com/share/fc0siRAD5L24ArhsMjNkay0R1jzZrHM4#/>

**11) How did you select the universities you worked with?**

The FAO elearning Academy is working mainly with networks of universities to widen the access and increase the impact, as well as well-known and strategic universities.

**12) Can you show webinar participants how to access and use any of the current FAO courses?**

On the FAO elearning Academy website <https://elearning.fao.org/> in the Help and support section you have the details regarding registration, access and certification



### 13) What would be the scope for a University or Institute to co-create a course with FAO?

Universities throughout the world can select the courses that are pertinent to their programme and integrate the course links as part of their offerings without any permission required.

### 14) What is the difference between a certified and a non-certified course?

The FAO elearning Academy is offering competency-based courses since 2018. The FAO elearning Academy is adopting the Digital Badges Certification System, to certify the acquisition of competencies, in order to **progress talents** within organizations, for in-service professionals, and **increase employment opportunities** for young professionals and university students, who are entering in the professional world  
<https://elearning.fao.org/mod/page/view.php?id=5179>

### 15) How many years does the master's degree last and is it full time or part time?

The structure, content, duration and university credits to be attributed to the various programmes falls within the university responsibilities.

### 16) Is there a programme on food security and consumption vulnerable groups and poverty?

A number of courses are available on these thematic areas, they are listed and accessible from the following link:

<https://elearning.fao.org/local/search/thematic.php?src=eyJsaW5ndWEiOjllbiIsInRoZW1hdGljljoiRm9vZCBhbmQgbnV0cmI0aW9uIHNIY3VyaXR5LCBhbmQgaGVhbHRoliwiaXNuaXZlOiliLCJjZXJ0ljoilwibW9iaWxljoiIn0%3D>

### 17) Do you get a certificate if you take a FOA non-certified course?

You can be granted an FAO Digital Badge certificate only if the course is certified.

### 18) Will you organize a session on creating courses and how they are evaluated?

The following publication documents over 20 years of experience and describes our pedagogical models, learning solutions and initiatives, as well as the steps to design, create, develop, deliver and evaluate courses.

#### **FAO elearning Guide on methodologies and good practices**

in Rise: <https://elearning.fao.org/course/view.php?id=819>

in PDF: <https://www.fao.org/3/i2516e/i2516e.pdf>

### 19) Why isn't the HHP course linked to the agribusiness course?

Each FAO elearning Academy course is a single learning entity with no reference to the other courses unless they are all part of a course series, included in the same curriculum.



Please visit the **FAO elearning Academy** [elearning.fao.org](http://elearning.fao.org), which offers free multilingual courses on the thematic areas covered in the Technical Webinar.

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