



Meat Snacks Short Course

February 24-26, 2026

This short course takes a comprehensive approach to understanding meat snacks, focusing on jerky, bars, and snack sticks. Participants will learn about the science, safety, and production behind this category of products from a group of nationally and internationally recognized authorities in their fields.

To facilitate a stronger understanding of topics discussed, laboratory demonstrations will be held in the state-of-the-art Meat Science & Animal Biologics Discovery building to reinforce important concepts discussed in the classroom.

Processors from every level of experience can benefit from this program with content focused on those interested in, or currently involved in, the meat snack industry.

Topics Covered

- Basic Meat Science
- Non-Meat Ingredients
- Raw Material Selection
- Meat Microbiology
- Jerky & Whole Muscle Manufacturing Procedures
- Food Safety & Labeling
- Meat Sticks and Bars Manufacturing (Demo)
- Stick & Bar Manufacturing Equipment Technologies
- Starter Cultures & Acidulants
- Casings
- Thermal Processing
- Drying Technologies
- Meat Snack Nutrition, Marketing, & Shelf-Life
- Classification of Meat Snacks

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Registration is \$1450 per person. Late registration begins February 3, 2026 and is \$1550. Registration closes February 10, 2026.



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Location, Lodging, & Transportation

Location

The Meat Snacks Short Course will be held at the state-of-the-art, Meat Science and Animal Biologics Discovery building on the University of Wisconsin-Madison Campus.

1933 Observatory Dr.
Madison, Wisconsin 53706

Lodging

A room block is reserved for this program at the DoubleTree by Hilton Downtown Madison. **A link to book a room will be shared in your registration confirmation email.**

DoubleTree by Hilton Madison Downtown
525 W Johnson St.
Madison, WI 53703

Transportation

A shuttle service will be provided between the DoubleTree by Hilton Madison Downtown and the MSABD building. If you are not staying at the DoubleTree, you will be responsible for either meeting the shuttle each morning or providing your own transportation.

If providing your own transportation, nearby parking is available next to the MSABD building (Lot 67, 2002 Linden Dr.; Lot 36, 1635 Observatory Dr). Follow this [map](#) for more information. Rates are \$1/30 min. for the first 3 hours and \$1/hour thereafter. Maximum rate is \$15/day.

Change in Plans?

You may substitute another person at any time prior to the start of the course. If you need to cancel your registration before February 4, you may receive a refund less a \$50.00 processing fee. If you cancel your registration between February 4 and the start of the course, no refund will be issued. If you fail to cancel, no refund will be issued.

Please contact Ky Peters, kpeters26@wisc.edu, for questions, substitutions, and cancelations.