



Cultural Aspects of Food
Fall 2019
0.5 Credits

General Course Information

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Office Hours: Posted in Courselink
Department/School: HFTM
Class Schedule:

Lectures:

Seminars

Mondays 11:30 am - 12:20 pm
(TBA)

Wednesday 11:30 am to 12:20 pm
(TBA)

Section 1 Fridays 9:30-10:20 am
(MINS214)

Section 2 Fridays 11:30-12:20 pm
(MINS214)

Pre-requisites: Prerequisites: 2.00 credits)
Classroom: TBA/or as indicated

Course Description

Students are provided with an opportunity to learn about cultural factors that influence food selection, preparation, and consumption patterns. Food history, religions, geographic location and other aspects of culture are studied to develop an understanding of the impact of these factors on food related beliefs, attitudes & behaviors.

Course Learning Outcomes

Upon successfully completing this course, you will be able to:

Knowledge and Understanding:

1. define and explain concepts that comprise cultural aspects of food, such as culture, cuisine, agriculture, food, recipes, value chains, subcultures, trends and fads and other theories,
2. explain how cultural aspects of food affect food security, sustainability and other issues that are important to public policy, businesses and other organizations within the agriculture and food system,

Discipline/Professional and Transferable Skills:

3. assess a food or recipe that is representative of an identifiable culture or subculture, and,
4. communicate critically about cultural aspects of food

Summary of Course Content and Materials

This course uses a blend of lectures and applied activities.

Course Assessment

Component	Weight	Learning Outcome	Due Date and Location
Tests	60		
Quizzes	10	1,2	<input type="checkbox"/> During any class; TopHat
Test	15	1,2	<input type="checkbox"/> October 23 during lecture *Students may choose to skip this midterm and write only the final exam. <i>You must opt-out by Friday October 18th using the email message that will be sent during that week.</i>
Final Exam	35	1-4	<input type="checkbox"/> Scheduled by the registrar's office; 2 hours
Research Project	40	3,4	Food serve scheduled during seminars on Nov. 1, Nov. 8 & Nov. 15 Report due in DropBox named "FOOD SERVE & REPORT" on Friday NOV. 22 at 8:30 a.m. <input type="checkbox"/> Printed copy of recipe, ingredients listing, nutrition information and cost estimate as well as at least one photo must be available during the "food serve" seminar

*Scheduling for Food Serve and Final Presentation

As soon as course enrolments have been finalized and students have obtained approval for the research project topic, a detailed schedule will be posted in CourseLink with dates on which students are responsible for their Food Serve and Final Presentations. Once they are posted on CourseLink, dates are not negotiable. All activities, assessments and procedures used in this course comply with the Undergraduate Calendar. Students in this course are expected to consult this calendar so they are aware of grading, attendance, accommodations and other policies followed at the University of Guelph. The calendar can be accessed at www.uoguelph.ca/registrar/calendars/undergraduate/current/index.shtml

If you are registered with SAS and need accommodations for any of these activities, see the Professor during the first week of class. This is particularly important for TopHat quizzes.

Teaching and Learning Practices

Lectures	Lectures are used to provide students with an overview of topics, provide context for readings, explain examples and highlight relevant theories and research methods. Lectures cover essential topics in cultural aspects of food, methods of research and knowledge creation that are relevant to cultural aspects of food and contemporary topics.
Readings	A variety of readings are required to learn successfully in this course. The topics covered in the readings range considerably in terms of their disciplinary basis. A student's understanding of the content of these readings will be assessed during quizzes and the final exam. Readings can be accessed from the University of Guelph's Ares Course Reserves System at https://www.lib.uoguelph.ca/find/find-type-resource/course-reserves-ares . Students should aim to complete the readings before lectures. However, since lectures do not match the content of the readings in a precise manner, this is not mandatory, and readings will not be tested using TopHat. Note that all content from the readings will be required knowledge for the midterm and final exam.
Quizzes	Quizzes are integrated into all lectures and seminars. TopHat quizzes are based on lecture and seminar content and activities. TopHat is used for all quizzes.
Research Project	Students will complete a research project on a food or recipe that is representative of an identifiable culture or subculture. This report is designed to be completed on an individual basis, but it may be completed with a partner. Students in 4th year or anyone who might want to use this project as an example of individual work for a portfolio or application for an internship, graduate school or a job should complete the project on their own. If you would like to complete the project with a partner, you will need to see the instructor during the seminar on Sept 27th. Topics will also be selected during the seminar on this day. Students who do not attend this seminar will be assigned a topic and will be required to complete the project on their own. Students will be provided every opportunity to work on a topic of their choice, but since certain topics are always more popular than others, you should identify two topics, since there will be no repetition of topics within each seminar section.

Course Resources

Required Text: None

Recommended Text: None

Other Resources:

TopHat – Required

The TopHat classroom response system will be used extensively in this course. You will be able to submit answers to in-class questions using Apple or Android smartphones and tablets, laptops, or through text messaging.

- Visit the Top at Overview (<https://success.tophat.com/s/article/Student-Top-Hat-Overview-and-Getting-Started-Guide>) to get registered for a Top Hat account, as well as providing a brief overview to get you up and running on the system. The course Join Code is **037077**
- TopHat will require a paid subscription, and a full breakdown of all subscription options available can be found here: <https://tophat.com>.

E-reserve:

Course readings are available on e-reserve @ <http://www.lib.uoguelph.ca/find/find-type-resource/course-reserves-ares>.

Laptop or Tablet with Wi-Fi capability

You should have a laptop, tablet or smart phone to use during class. If you do not own any of these, please see the course instructor to discuss how to complete various in-class activities.

Course Policies

Communication

When sending an email, please use a formal style (i.e. "Hello Dr. van Duren" not "hey Erna" ... and make sure the email subject line is informative (i.e. "Sue Smith-medical reason for missing class on Oct. 1 not "Hey I'm sick today") Also, you must use your University of Guelph email. Emails originating from other email services will not be answered.

Late assignments will be penalized as follows

- less than 1 hour late (0-10% of the student's earned grade;
- 1-24 hours late (33.3% of the student's earned grade,
- 24-48 hours late (50% of the student's earned grade.
- Assignments will not be accepted if they are more than 48 hours late

Quizzes:

Quizzes are assessed as follows. All scheduled classes will incorporate with a 5-7-minute quiz. During the semester you will have the opportunity to earn 100 points. More than 100 points are possible but given that it is reasonable to miss some classes for illness, family issues and other commitments, students who attend or get about 5/6th of all questions correct, will be able to earn the 100 points. Spelling matters in this game. If you do not have a smart phone or suitable device on which to complete the quizzes, please see Dr. van Duren during the first week of class. There will be no opportunity to redo or replace missed questions. If you are in class, and you have a problem, please see the professor immediately after class. You cannot email about this. TopHat fraud is considered academic misconduct.

Seminar Participation

Seminars are used for various activities. As soon as course enrolments have been finalized and students have obtained approval for the research project topic, a detailed schedule will be posted in CourseLink. Students are responsible for participating the seminars in which they are scheduled. Non-attendance or lateness at a seminar during which an assessment is to occur will result in a penalty. The nature and degree of penalty depends on the nature of the seminar and a student's reason for missing or being late.

University Policies

Academic Consideration

When you find yourself unable to meet an in-course requirement because of illness or compassionate reasons, please advise the course instructor in writing, with your name, id#, and e-mail contact. See the

academic calendar for information on regulations and procedures for Academic Consideration:
<http://www.uoguelph.ca/registrar/calendars/undergraduate/current/c08/c08-ac.shtml>

Academic Misconduct

The University of Guelph is committed to upholding the highest standards of academic integrity and it is the responsibility of all members of the University community, faculty, staff, and students to be aware of what constitutes academic misconduct and to do as much as possible to prevent academic offences from occurring.

University of Guelph students have the responsibility of abiding by the University's policy on academic misconduct regardless of their location of study; faculty, staff and students have the responsibility of supporting an environment that discourages misconduct. Students need to remain aware that instructors have access to and the right to use electronic and other means of detection. Please note: Whether or not a student intended to commit academic misconduct is not relevant for a finding of guilt. Hurried or careless submission of assignments does not excuse students from responsibility for verifying the academic integrity of their work before submitting it. Students who are in any doubt as to whether an action on their part could be construed as an academic offence should consult with a faculty member or faculty advisor.

The Academic Misconduct Policy is detailed in the Undergraduate Calendar:

<https://www.uoguelph.ca/registrar/calendars/undergraduate/current/c08/c08-amisconduct.shtml>

Accessibility

The University of Guelph is committed to creating a barrier-free environment. Providing services for students is a shared responsibility among students, faculty and administrators. This relationship is based on respect of individual rights, the dignity of the individual and the University community's shared commitment to an open and supportive learning environment. Students requiring service or accommodation, whether due to an identified, ongoing disability or a short-term disability should contact Student Accessibility Services as soon as possible.

For more information, contact SAS at 519-824-4120 ext. 56208 or email sas@uoguelph.ca or see the website:
<https://wellness.uoguelph.ca/accessibility/>

Course Evaluation Information

Please refer to the [Course and Instructor Evaluation Website](#)

Recording of Materials

No activity that occurs during this course, or which is conducted in relation to course work—including lectures—cannot be recorded or copied without the permission of the presenter, whether the instructor, a classmate or guest lecturer. Material recorded with permission is restricted to use for that course unless further permission is granted.

Drop date

The last date to drop one-semester courses, without academic penalty is Nov. 29th, 2019. For regulations and procedures for Dropping Courses, see the Academic Calendar:

<https://www.uoguelph.ca/registrar/calendars/graduate/current/>

Date Submitted to Chair:	
Chair Signature (Approval):	
Date Approved by Chair:	