Course program and reading list

Semester 1 Year 2023

School: General Studies Unit

Food Systems in the 21st Century

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Course No.:	Course Type :	Weekly Hours :	Credit:
6253	Elective	2	2

Course Requirements :	Group Code :	Language:
Final Paper	231625301	English

Course Description

Starting in the early days of agriculture and up to the most advanced GMO technologies, this online course will equip you with a critical perspective on our current food systems. The course reviews present and projected future challenges of feeding a growing population, including the environmental
and social costs involved. The course unveils controversies pertaining to the food we eat and will assist you to form a position on complex issues that directly affect our plate, and the future of humanity.

Course Goals

- Students will understand the present and future challenges of feeding a growing population.
- Students will be able to analyze controversies pertaining to the food we eat.
- Students will develop critical perspective on our current food systems.

Grading

- The course is comprised of 9 units. Each unit is essentially an online lecture 30-60 minutes long, divided into chapters (videos). Some videos have interactive questions embedded within them – these questions are ungraded and are a great learning tool for you to use.
- Every unit has a quiz with 4 questions regarding the unit's material. You have 2 attempts and the highest grade counts. Each quiz is worth 2 points.
- The course has 9 short writing assignments (each assignment is up to 100 words). The assignments are not graded and are on a pass/fail basis. Each assignment is worth 4 points (If you pass the assignments you will gain 4 points for each assignment).
- The course will have a final writing assignment (2-3 pages)

The final grade of the course is calculated as follows:

- 9 quizzes worth 2 points each (18 points).
- 9 short assignments worth 4 points each (36 point).
- Final assignment worth 46 points.

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Reading List

Reading list is embedded in the on-line course material.