

**THE UNIVERSITY OF WESTERN ONTARIO
DEPARTMENT OF PHILOSOPHY
Undergraduate Course Outline 2015-16**

Philosophy 2010: The Philosophy of Food

**Winter Term 2016
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W 12:30-1:20
F 12:30-2:20**

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DESCRIPTION

Philosophy has long been divided into theoretical and practical domains. We approach this class as a course in practical philosophy. It is meant to be an intensely immersive experience exploring and challenging your own food values. The aim is to develop t critically and philosophically about their food choices and the connections between their food choices and our food system(s). Issues dealt with in the course may include, for example, the treatment of animals, moral and political dimensions of genetically modified food, hunger and obligation to the poor, the role of food in gender, personal and national identity, and what role does food play in the good life. The course aims to do this through philosophical discussions in the classroom and investigative assignments.

Prerequisites: None

Antirequisites: None

Unless you have either the requisites for this course or written special permission from your Dean to enroll in it, you may be removed from this course and it will be deleted from your record. This decision may not be appealed. You will receive no adjustment to your fees in the event that you are dropped from a course for failing to have the necessary prerequisites.

WARNING

This course will require frequent, sometimes personal, and extended discussions of food, an

Individuals with a history of eating disorders may find the material and the course difficult and traumatic.

COURSE OBJECTIVES

Attendance is mandatory for this course and unexcused absences will adversely affect the grade. See Method of Evaluation for information about how attendance is graded.

The objectives of this course include:

- (1) Understanding the contemporary food system, including production, processing, development, distribution, consumption, and waste;
- (2)

(B) 15% will be base

Homework and Assignments (10%) There will be weekly quizzes self-administered via OWL and occasional homework or in-class assignments to be submitted for grading. The weekly quizzes will be short, timed quizzes (15 min time limit) covering material taken directly from class or the assigned reading. The quizzes will be multiple choice or short answer (max 1-2 sentences). The homework or in-class assignments will be announced in class and posted on OWL. The OWL portal will open at 6:00 pm on Sunday following a week of classes and will close at 10:00 am on Wednesday. (Reading week will be the only exception.)

Attendance (10%) All students are required to attend every class. A sign-in sheet will be distributed. Attendance does not connote mere physical presence in the classroom. It requires paying attention and not engaging in rude, disruptive, or disrespectful behavior during the class. Examples of such behavior include, but are not limited to: texting, checking email, reading the newspaper, reading material for another class, chatting or joking during class, surfing the internet, internet shopping, etc.. The instructor reserve from the attendance roll for engaging in the above, or any other such disruptive or disrespectful behavior. Students are awarded 2.70 points per hour of class attended.

Non-medical absences will be accommodated by the instructors with sufficient explanation and documentation for the absence. Late assignments and missed deadlines will also be accommodated by the instructors with sufficient explanation and documentation. Documentation must be submitted by the student d

The Policy on Accommodation for Medical Illness is here:

<https://studentservices.uwo.ca/secure/index.cfm>

For accommodations of work worth less than 10% of the total course grade, documentation and decanal approval is not necessary.

No electronic devices or printed materials are allowed during examinations.

ACADEMIC OFFENCES

Scholastic offences are taken seriously and students are directed to read the appropriate policy, specifically, the definition of what constitutes a Scholastic Offence, at the following W.1 0 0 JET8(re)7TJET4he

All required papers may be subject to submission for textual similarity review to the commercial plagiarism detection software under license to the University for the detection of plagiarism. All papers submitted for such checking will be included as source documents in the reference database for the purpose of detecting plagiarism of papers subsequently submitted to the system. Use of the service is subject to the licensing agreement, currently between The University of Western Ontario and Turnitin.com (<http://www.turnitin.com>).

Computer-marked multiple-choice tests and/or exams may be subject to submission for similarity review by software that will check for unusual coincidences in answer patterns that may indicate cheating.

Students who are in emotional/mental distress should refer to Mental Health@Western (<http://www.uwo.ca/uwocom/mentalhealth/>) for a complete list of options about how to obtain help.