

**Foods & Nutrition 3320B Global Policies & Food Safety
Brescia University College, UWO**

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Course Description

Through interactive activities explore issues of food safety in the global and local context and the influence of local, national, and international economic and political policies with emphasis on food laws, policies, agreements, agriculture, and other issues. Case studies, class discussions and group work highlight current issues and changes.

Learning Objectives

By the end of the course, students will be able to do the following:

- Describe the Canadian food safety system and use it as a comparator for other systems.
- Understand food safety and how it may be used in international and global trade.
- Describe the operation of the emerging global food safety system.
- Analyze the major food safety issues and governmental involvement.
- Outline and critique the food safety policies and efforts of governments in various countries through an examination of responses to food safety crises.
- Analyze food safety issues and consequences and relationships between governments, food producers, food processors, retailers, and people in their homes.

Course Materials

Readings will be made available through the class. The course will have a Sakai site on which various materials and items will be placed.

Evaluation

Mid Term	20%
Group Presentation	20%
Group Project	20%
Attendance & Participation	10%
Final exam	30%

Participation and Attendance

The class participation grade will be based on students' attendance. Attendance is required to earn participation marks. No make-up assignments will be provided to students unable to attend class.

Group Presentations and Group Papers

Details for the group presentations and group papers will be provided at the first lecture, posted on OWL and discussed in class.

Plagiarism Check: Presentations and papers must be submitted electronically to OWL on the due date.

Midterm and Final Exams

The format for exams will include multiple choice, short answer and long answer. Students wishing to review their exam must provide this request in written to the professors and give a reason for reviewing. Students will be able to look at their exam and discuss with their professor. If re-evaluation is requested on the long and short answer questions, reevaluation will be based on the strength of the explanation and instructions and marking scheme. There is no guarantee the grade will increase after re-evaluation, grades could decrease as a result of re-evaluation.

Response to Emails

The best method to correspond with the professors outside of class is with email. Please allow a minimum of two to three business days for response.

Lecture Notes and Readings

An abridged version of the lecture notes will be posted prior to each lecture. Please note these notes will not provide all the content covered in class.

Required readings will be posted in advance of lectures. Please ensure materials are read prior to class to enhance the richness of the discussion and enable dynamic class discussions

Course Outline

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| Week 1 | January 6, 2016
Course overview and introduction
Fundamentals of food safety for consumers and food services |
| Week 2 | January 13, 2016
Fundamentals of food safety and the role of the local health unit
Economic, consumer and litigation influences on food safety and policy
HACCP |
| Week 3 | January 20, 2016
Canadian food safety structures and systems
Ontario Local Foods Act and its implications
HACCP |
| Week 4 | January 27, 2016
American food safety structures and systems
NAFTA and TPP and implications for food safety
Global food safety |

- Week 5** **February 3, 2015**
Food safety and policy: United States and the EU
- Week 6** **February 10, 2016**
Ethics of food safety: group discussion about examples from food service and clinic nutrition
- Reading Week: February 15 to 19**
- Week 7** **February 24, 2015**
Mid Term (20%)
Group project work time in class
- Week 8** **March 2, 2015**
World Trade Organization and food safety
- Week 9** **March 9, 2015**
Considerations for importing and exporting food
- Week 10** **March 16, 2015**
Issues of food safety issues and policy: GMOs, raw milk
- Week 11** **March 23, 2015**
Is there an absence of a food safety system in China?
- Week 12** **April 6, 2015**
Global policy and the impact to the consumer and food service
Exam review
- EXAM PERIOD: December April 9-30, 2016**
Final Exam (30%)

BRESCIA UNIVERSITY COLLEGE ACADEMIC POLICIES AND REGULATIONS

1. POLICY REGARDING MAKEUP EXAMS AND EXTENSIONS OF DEADLINES

When a student requests academic accommodation (e.g., extension of a deadline, a makeup exam) for work representing 10% or more of the student's overall grade in the course, it is the responsibility of the student to provide acceptable documentation to support a medical or compassionate claim. All such requests for academic accommodation **must** be made through an Academic Advisor and include supporting documentation. Academic accommodation on medical grounds will be granted only if the documentation indicates that the onset, duration and severity of the illness are such that the student could not reasonably be expected to complete her academic responsibilities. Appropriate academic accommodation will be determined by the Dean's Office in consultation with the student's instructor(s). Please note that personal commitments (e.g., vacation flight bookings, work schedule) which conflict with a scheduled test, exam or course requirement are not grounds for academic accommodation.

A UWO Student Medical Certificate (SMC) is **required** if a student is seeking academic accommodation on medical grounds. This documentation should be obtained at the time of the initial consultation with the physician/nurse practitioner or walk-in clinic. A SMC can be downloaded under the Medical Documentation heading of the following website: <https://studentservices.uwo.ca/secure/index.cfm> . If it is not possible to have an SMC completed by the attending physician/nurse practitioner, the student must request documentation sufficient to demonstrate that her ability to meet academic responsibilities was seriously affected. Please note that under University Senate regulations documentation stating simply that the student "was seen for a medical reason" or "was ill" is **not** adequate to support a request for academic accommodation. All documentation is to be submitted to an Academic Advisor.

Whenever possible, requests for academic accommodation should be initiated in advance of due dates, examination dates, etc. Students must follow up with their professors and Academic Advisor in a timely manner.

The full statement of University policy regarding extensions of deadlines or makeup exams can be found at <http://www.westerncalendar.uwo.ca/2015/pg117.html>

2. ACADEMIC CONCERNS

If you feel that you have a medical or personal problem that is interfering with your work, contact your instructor and Academic Advisor as soon as possible. Problems may then be documented and possible arrangements to assist you can be discussed at the time of occurrence rather than on a retroactive basis. Retroactive requests for academic accommodation on medical or compassionate grounds may not be considered.

If you think that you are too far behind to catch up or that your work load is not manageable, you should consult an Academic Advisor. If you consider reducing your workload by dropping one or more courses, this must be done by the appropriate deadlines (refer to the Registrar's website, www.registrar.uwo.ca, for official dates). You should consult with the course instructor and the Academic Advisor who can help you consider alternatives to dropping one or more courses. *Note that dropping a course may affect OSAP eligibility and/or Entrance Scholarship eligibility.*

The Dean may refuse permission to write the final examination in a course if the student has failed to maintain satisfactory academic standing throughout the year or for too frequent absence from the class or laboratory.

3. ABSENCES

Short Absences: If you miss a class due to a minor illness or other problems, check your course outline for information regarding attendance requirements and make sure you are not missing a test or assignment. Cover any readings and arrange to borrow notes from a classmate. Contact the course instructor if you have any questions.

Extended Absences: If you have an extended absence, you should contact the course instructor and an Academic Advisor. Your course instructor and Academic Advisor can discuss ways for you to catch up on missed work and arrange academic accommodations, if appropriate.

4. POLICY ON CHEATING & ACADEMIC MISCONDUCT

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 Web site:

http://www.uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/academic_policies/appeals/scholastic_discipline_undergrad.pdf.

Students are responsible for understanding the nature of and avoiding the occurrence of plagiarism and other academic offences. Students are urged to read the section on Scholastic Offences in the Academic Calendar. Note that such offences include plagiarism, cheating on an examination, submitting false or fraudulent assignments or credentials, impersonating a candidate, or submitting for credit in any course without the knowledge and approval of the instructor to whom it is submitted, any academic work for which credit has previously been obtained or is being sought in another course in the University or elsewhere. Students are advised to consult the section on Academic Misconduct in the Western Academic Calendar.

If you are in doubt about whether what you are doing is inappropriate or not, consult your instructor, the Student Services Centre, or the Registrar. A claim that "you didn't know it was wrong" is not accepted as an excuse.

The penalties for a student guilty of a scholastic offence (including plagiarism) include refusal of a passing grade in the assignment, refusal of a passing grade in the course, suspension from the University, and expulsion from the University.

Plagiarism:

Students must write their essays and assignments in their own words. Whenever students take an idea or a passage from another author, they must acknowledge their debt both by using quotation marks where appropriate and by proper referencing such as footnotes or citations. Plagiarism is a major academic offence (see Scholastic Offence Policy in the Western Academic Calendar).

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.

Computer-marked Tests/exams:

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. Software currently in use to score computer-marked multiple-choice tests and exams performs a similarity review as part of standard exam analysis.

5. PROCEDURES FOR APPEALING ACADEMIC EVALUATIONS

All appeals of a grade must be directed first to the course instructor. If the student is not satisfied with the decision of the course instructor, a written appeal signed by the student must be sent to the Department Chair. If the response of the department is considered unsatisfactory to the student, she may then submit a signed, written appeal to the Office of the Dean. Only after receiving a final decision from the Dean may a student appeal to the Senate Review Board Academic. A Guide to Appeals is available from the Ombudsperson's Office, or you can consult an Academic Advisor. Students are advised to consult the section on Academic Rights and Responsibilities in the Western Academic Calendar.

6. PREREQUISITES AND ANTIREQUISITES

Unless you have either the prerequisites for a course or written special permission from your Dean to enroll in it, you will be removed from the 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.

Similarly, you will also be deleted from a class list if you have previously taken an antirequisite course unless this has the approval of the Dean. These decisions may not be appealed. You will receive no adjustment to your fees in the event that you are dropped from a course because you have taken an antirequisite course.

7. SUPPORT SERVICES

The Brescia University College Registrar's website, with a link to Academic Advisors, is at <http://brescia.uwo.ca/academics/registrar-services/>. The Western Registrar's website is at <http://www.registrar.uwo.ca/index.html>. The website for the Student Development Centre at Western is at <http://www.sdc.uwo.ca/>. 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.

Portions of this document were taken from the Academic Calendar, the Handbook of Academic and Scholarship Policy and the Academic Handbook of Senate Regulations. This document is a summary of relevant regulations and does not supersede the academic policies and regulations of the Senate of the University of Western Ontario.