Brescia University College School of Humanities

Fall 2021 Asynchronous Online

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Food in World History

What do vegetarians and cannibals have in common? What is the link between sugar and slavery? Why is that that many of us start each day by consuming an African beverage cultivated in South America and packaged and sold to us by Tim Horton's as a distinctly Canadian product? In an age of globalization why are we so concerned with sourcing local food products? These are some of the questions that History 2158A will address by looking critically at the place of food in world history. Through lectures, readings, films and discussions, students will consider the impact and influence of food upon politics, trade, conflict, and other aspects of society and culture.

This course will provide opportunities for students to develop skills leading to the attainment of

Brescia's Seven Competencies (http://brescia.uwo.ca/academics/bresciacompetencies/): Communication; Critical Thinking; Inquiry and Analysis; Problem Solving: Self Awareness and Development: Social Awareness and Engagement: and Valuing.

Upon the successful completion of this course, students will be able to:

Think historically about food and understand how tastes and perspectives changed over time and recognize that the past may be interpreted from different perspectives.

Outline the historical development of key concepts in the history of food (industrialization, globalization etc.) and how this impacted economic development and social and cultural change.

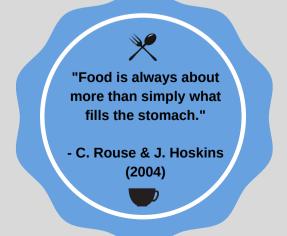
Critically read. summarize and analyze secondary sources.

Connect foodrelated issues with their historical roots.









Textbooks

Brian R. Dott, *The Chile Pepper in China: A Cultural Biography* (2020). Ebook available from the UWO library.

Jeffrey Pilcher, *Food in World History*, 2nd ed (2017). Ebook available from the UWO library.



Short Assignment #1 25% Midterm 15% Participation 10% Short Assignment #2 25% Final Exam 25% 0% 10% 20% 30%

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A penalty of five
(5) marks will be
assessed for
assignments
submitted the first
day after the
deadline.

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A penalty of one
(1) mark will be
assessed for each
subsequent day,
including
weekends.



No assignments will be accepted after the 7th day beyond the deadline, including weekends.



Accommodations or extensions require documentation from an academic advisor.

Slassroom Etiquette

Students are encouraged to debate and discuss the course issues and themes in class forums, but please note that any discussions must be conducted within the grounds of appropriate behaviour. Tantrums, disregard for other contributors, and/or personal attacks will not be tolerated. In short, please respect the views of your fellow students.

"First we eat, then we do everything else".

-M.F.K. Fisher

Accomodation Academic

In the event of a COVID-19 resurgence during the course there may be changes to any remaining assessments at the discretion of the course instructor. In the event of a COVID-19 resurgence, detailed information about the impact on this course will be communicated by the Office of the Dean and by the course instructor.

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For course components worth less than 10% of the total course grade (individual forum posts for example), documentation will be required. Medical or other supporting documentation should be submitted to your Academic Advisor.

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