

Department of Agribusiness and Agricultural Economics
ABIZ 1010 Economics of World Food Issues and Policies
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OBJECTIVES

1. Use simple economic tools to look at world food issues.
2. Descriptive analysis of institutions and activities that affect food from farm to plate.
3. Familiarize students with predominant Canadian and world food issues.

BASIC TEXTS FOR THE COURSE

Schlosser, Eric. 2002. *Fast Food Nation*. New York, NY: Perennial, HarperCollins Publisher, Inc.
Southgate, D., D.H. Graham, and L. Tweeten. 2011. *The World Food Economy*. Hoboken: John Wiley & Sons Inc. 2nd Edition

Other readings

On Reserve in the Agricultural Library.

Diamond, Jared. *Guns, Germs, and Steel*. New York, NY: W.W. Norton. Chapters on Agriculture.

Other readings as required.

Notes as available on the internet via Department of Agribusiness and Agricultural Economics Course Page for ABIZ 1010
http://home.cc.umanitoba.ca/~gjohnsn/061_101.html

GRADING

1. Distribution

Mid-terms (2 @ 30% each)	60%
Final (as scheduled)	40%

2. Missed exams

There will be no make up exams. If a student misses a midterm exam with a valid excuse the amount of the course grade for that exam will be added to the course grade for the Final. Notification of an absence or illness before the date of the midterm exam would be appreciated.

3. A student caught plagiarizing or cheating will be subject to the regulations in the *University of Manitoba Undergraduate Calendar for the Academic Year 2010-2011* as given at

<http://webapps.cc.umanitoba.ca/calendar11/regulations/plagiarism.asp>

4. The final will cover all materials presented in the course but will emphasize material covered after the last mid-term.

Tentitive Summary Course Outline

- A. One View of North America Food & Agriculture
- B. A Brief History of Food
- C. Global Demand for Food
- D. Global Supply of Food
- E. Aligning Consumption and Production Over Time
- F. International Trade
- G. Food Security and Safety
- H. Additional Material as Time Allows

Student Code of Conduct

- A. No hats in class
- B. No talking when the instructor is talking
- C. Eating is allowed as long as it does not interfere with the instructor or with the ability of other students to enjoy the course
- D. Cell phones must be turned off during class. No texting in class