

Minnesota State University Moorhead

HIST 276: The World of Food

A. COURSE DESCRIPTION

Credits: 3

Lecture Hours/Week: 3

Lab Hours/Week: 0

OJT Hours/Week: *.*

Prerequisites: None

Corequisites: None

MnTC Goals: Goal 08 - Global Perspective

Using food and eating as a way to connect disparate cultures and geography, this course discusses issues of global concern such as food security, famines, the gendering of food, GMO crops and food as an industry, as well as topics like religious food restrictions, vegetarianism, local foodsheds, allergies, food and identity and food in popular culture. MnTC Goal 8.

B. COURSE EFFECTIVE DATES: 05/13/2012 - Present

C. OUTLINE OF MAJOR CONTENT AREAS

1. Food and culture.
2. Food in world history.
3. Global food issues.

D. LEARNING OUTCOMES (General)

1. Students will understand that throughout history, food has served more than nutritional needs, but also has important cultural meanings in terms of symbolism, identity, and religious ritual and restrictions.
2. Students will gain an appreciation of the role that food has played in the development of human civilizations, and their expansion and conflicts.
3. Students will learn about the ways in which food continues to inform issues of global concern.

E. Minnesota Transfer Curriculum Goal Area(s) and Competencies

Goal 08 - Global Perspective

1. Describe and analyze political, economic, and cultural elements which influence relations of states and societies in their historical and contemporary dimensions.
2. Demonstrate knowledge of cultural, social, religious and linguistic differences.
3. Analyze specific international problems, illustrating the cultural, economic, and political differences that affect their solution.
4. Understand the role of a world citizen and the responsibility world citizens share for their common global future.

F. LEARNER OUTCOMES ASSESSMENT

As noted on course syllabus

G. SPECIAL INFORMATION

None noted