



DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE PS3250 FAO

The Politics of Food

Monday-Wednesday 4:00 - 5:30 PM

OA 1022

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This course is designed to explore the politics of food in Canada and Ontario and the impact on the understanding of food security and food sovereignty. We will focus our attention on three main areas that will include student led workshops.

- **Youth Engagement and Food,**
- **Industrial Food, Labour and Migrant Workers and**
- **Institutional Food Procurement and Student**

Students are expected to complete the weekly readings and to participate in discussions on a regular basis.

Grading:

Group Project*40%
Review Essay (Botany of Desire)**30%
Participation***20%

*Students will create and deliver one workshop in the Community and be graded according to criteria that will be developed in the class.

** Each student will write a 6-8 page Review essay of The Botany of Desire – due on December 4.

***Students will be evaluated by the Instructor

Reading:

Pollan, Michael (2002) The Botany of Desire. New York: Random House.

All other readings pertaining to subject areas are available on D2L site.

Learner Outcomes:

- A greater understanding of food security issues in Canada
- The ability to map and assess a personal and community food system
- The capacity to judge food policy and political action around food security
- A greater understanding of food issues among indigenous peoples
- The ability to connect food security with sustainable economic development
- A greater understanding of the global politics of food production and distribution

CLASS SCHEDULE

September 5 -----Introductory Discussion

September 10-12-----Learning Workshops

September 17 – October 3-----Youth Engagement and Food

October 8-10 -----Fall Reading Week

October 15 - November 7 -----Industrial Food, Labour and Migrant Workers

November 4 – December 5 ----- Institutional Food Procurement and Students

Workshop Schedule:

- Youth Engagement and Food – September 24, 25, 26
- Industrial Food, Labour and Migrant Workers – November 5,6,7
- Institutional Food Procurement and Student – November 26, 27,28