Nutrition 3620-005 Cultural Aspects of Food  
Spring 2021 
A hybrid course: M-F, 8 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., January 11-15th 2021 
Room TBD 
3 Credits

Pre-requisite: None  
Instructor: Kary Woodruff, PhD, RD, CSSD  
Email: please use Canvas email  
Phone: (801) 585-5936  
Office Location & Hours: Can be arranged virtually via Zoom or phone  
Class time: due to COVID-19 precautions, we will meet in a hybrid manner. Students will be expected to attend class for half of the day; the other half will be held virtually. Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, students will attend class on campus in the mornings; Thursday and Friday in the afternoons. This may change according to COVID-19 precautions.

REQUIRED TEXT:  

COURSE DESCRIPTION:  
This course provides a unique opportunity to explore food and cultures from around the globe. With the leadership of a Registered Dietitian, your instruction includes nutrition science and culinary expertise in a cross-disciplinary lecture approach. During the at-home labs you’ll be introduced to distinct foods, flavors, preparation methods and culinary skills including food safety. The classroom experience is an opportunity to participate in topics like Food and Religion, Food as Medicine, Food as Social Status, Food Sustainability and many other topics fundamental to understanding the importance of food around the world.

Peer mentoring is a learning/teaching style by which students share cultural history, cultural exposure and cultural importance through student presentations, restaurant reviews, and class discussions. Come prepared to use all of your senses as you explore cultures, customs, politics, religions, foods and important cultural literacy considerations that will be important to your future as you become better acquainted with your local and global community.

STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES:  
By the end of the course, you will be able to:  
1. By completing a written restaurant review, students will be able to create a description of a cultural culinary experience that is unique to their past experiences by observing and
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documenting distinctions in food, culture, décor, tradition, and presentation.
2. By completing independent cultural food labs, students will construct a skill set that includes cultural understanding, food practices, food preparation methods, food safety, and food budgeting.
3. By synthesizing a media presentation on a specific culture, students will categorize cultural distinctions by food, cultural practices, geography, politics, economics and natural resources.
4. By attending lectures on Food and Religion, students will compare international and transnational differences and similarities in foods, cultures, geography, religion, economics, and language.
5. By attending lectures on Food Needs, students will examine the cross-border phenomena as it evolves through language, politics, trade, food, war and geography.
6. By attending lectures on Food and Health, students will explore historical and contemporary food and cultural practices and their relevance to current social events and issues.
7. By attending lectures on Food, Connectivity and Sustainability, students will participate in interdisciplinary problem solving and an increased awareness of cultural and social literacy both in the local community and the global community.

TEACHING AND LEARNING METHODS
The course focuses on material from the required textbook with additional resources on Canvas such as chapter outlines and supplemental material that is relevant to the material presented in the text. Students should read the assigned readings prior to coming to class. Doing so will create a foundation for course material and will allow you to follow the lectures more easily.

Be comfortable with Canvas! You are responsible for getting on the site and learning how to navigate it.

POLICIES
• All students must wear a face mask and follow all University required COVID-19 precautions.
• All assignments are due in class unless the assigned date is after the week-long intensive course date. Late assignments are graded at 50% after the due date up to 3 days.
• All assignments are to be uploaded onto Canvas by 11:59pm of the due date. Do not bring a hard copy to class. It is your responsibility to get assignments uploaded so that if you run into technical difficulties you have time to deal with the issue. Technical difficulties will not be an acceptable excuse for late assignments. In the event you are not able to upload something, you can always email it to the instructors (via Canvas email).
• Do your own work, only collaborate with your classmates if specifically told to do so.
• Assignments showing signs of plagiarism will be given a zero and may fail the course.
• All students are expected to maintain professional behavior in the classroom setting, according to the Student Code, spelled out in the Student Handbook. Students have specific rights in the classroom as detailed in Article III of the Code. The Code also specifies proscribed conduct (Article XI) that involves cheating on tests, plagiarism, and/or collusion, as well as fraud, theft, etc. Students should read the Code carefully and know they are responsible for the content. According to Faculty Rules and Regulations, it is the faculty responsibility to enforce responsible classroom behaviors, and I will do so, beginning with verbal warnings and progressing to dismissal from and class and a failing grade. Students have the right to appeal such action to the Student Behavior Committee.
COURSE ASSIGNMENTS

1. **Restaurant Review: (10%)** Students will select an ethnic restaurant in the community and write a 2-3 page restaurant review which includes specific information on the restaurant, location, first impression, menu, décor, wait staff, description of foods selected, assessment of the quality of food, the quantity of food and presentation of food. There will be a restaurant takeout and recipe review alternative if desired.

2. **Daily Quizzes: (20%)** There will be a quiz at the beginning of each class (Monday-Friday) that will be based upon the reading assignments. Quizzes will be completed on Canvas and so a computer or app will be needed each day in class.

3. **Individual Presentation: (10%)**: Students will give a five-minute class presentation on how food influences their personal identity and/or culture(s). This presentation will be basic **public speaking**, meaning you will get up in front of the class and **speak** (not present a PowerPoint or other digital/technological platform presentation) about how you define your identity and/or the culture(s) to which you belong and how food fits into this identity and/or these cultures. Students will work with the instructor to determine the date of presentation.

4. **Group Presentation: (25%)** In groups of 3-5, students will prepare a 20-25-minute class presentation exploring the food culture of a specific region (to be assigned in class). Students will work with the instructor to determine the date and style of presentation

5. **Final Summary Paper: (10%)** Students will be asked to write a final paper that synthesizes the information they have learned from the course. Students will use information they gather through daily reflections to create a summary of their individual food culture. This paper will be due two weeks after class ends on Canvas.

6. **Class assignments (25%)** Throughout the week there will be various in class assignments that will include class presentations and submission to Canvas assignments. These various assignments will be worth 25% of the total grade.

**UNIVERSITY GRADING SCALE**

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POINTER BREAKDOWN FOR ASSIGNMENTS AND EXAMS

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ADD/DROP POLICY

A withdrawal is accomplished with a withdrawal form picked up by the student from the Registrar's Office. This form must be signed by the instructor and verified by the Division Director. The completed form is returned to the Registrar's Office, 250 Student Services Building. PLEASE KEEP YOUR RECEIPTS.

TENTATIVE IN-CLASS SCHEDULE - may be subject to changes.

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Mandatory Reporter:

Duty to Notify: As a University representative, most faculty, staff, and teaching assistants (other than professional mental health counselors) are required to report information learned about instances of sexual misconduct, discrimination, and/or immediate threats to safety to the University of Utah Office of Equal Opportunity and Affirmative Action and/or the Office of the Dean of Students.
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If you do choose to disclose instances of sexual misconduct, discrimination, or violence to me, please be aware that I am a mandatory reporter and am required by University policies to notify the appropriate Office.

- **Electronic or equipment failure**: It is your responsibility to maintain your computer and related equipment in order to participate in the online nature of the course.
- **Document archiving**: You are responsible for making sure your assignments, including attachments, are received before the deadline. Students are also responsible for ensuring that the documents submitted are the correct document to be graded.
- **Naming conventions and software type**: You are responsible for submitting the assignment with the required naming convention, correct file extension, and using the software type and version required for the assignment. See assignment instructions for acceptable formats.
- **Classroom equivalency**: Discussion threads, e-mails, and chat rooms are all considered to be equivalent to classrooms, and student behavior within those environments shall conform to the University of Utah Student Code. Specifically:
  - Posting photos or comments that would be off-topic in a classroom are still off-topic in an online posting.
  - Off-color language and photos are never appropriate.
  - Using angry or abusive language is called "flaming", is not acceptable, and will be dealt with according to the Student Code.
  - Course e-mails, e-journals, and other online course communications are part of the classroom and as such, are University property and subject to GRAMA regulations and the Student Code. Privacy regarding these communications between correspondents must not be assumed and should be mutually agreed upon in advance, in writing.

**UNIVERSITY POLICIES**

**DROP/WITHDRAWAL POLICIES**

Students may drop a course within the first two weeks of a given semester without any penalties. Students may officially withdraw (W) from a class or all classes after the drop deadline through the midpoint of a course. A “W” grade is recorded on the transcript and appropriate tuition/fees are assessed. The grade “W” is not used in calculating the student’s GPA. For deadlines to withdraw from full-term, first, and second session classes, see the U’s [Academic Calendar](https://registrar.utah.edu/academic-calendars/index.php).

**PLAGIARISM & CHEATING**

It is assumed that all work submitted to your instructor is your own work. When you have used ideas of others, you must properly indicate that you have done so. Plagiarism and cheating are serious offenses and may be punished by failure on an individual assignment, and/or failure in the course. Academic misconduct, according to the University of Utah Student Code, “…Includes, but is not limited to, cheating, misrepresenting one’s work, inappropriately collaborating, plagiarism, and fabrication or falsification of information…It also includes facilitating academic misconduct by intentionally helping or attempting to help another to commit an act of academic misconduct.”

For details on plagiarism and other important course conduct issues, see the U’s [Code of Student](https://...).
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Rights and Responsibilities (http://regulations.utah.edu/academics/6-400.php).

SAFETY AT THE U
The University of Utah values the safety of all campus community members. You will receive important emergency alerts and safety messages regarding campus safety via text message. For more information regarding safety and to view available training resources, including helpful videos, visit safe.utah.edu (http://safe.utah.edu/).

To report suspicious activity or to request a courtesy escort, contact:

   Campus Police & Department of Public Safety
   801-585-COPS (801-585-2677)
   dps.utah.edu (https://dps.utah.edu/)
   1735 E. S. Campus Dr.
   Salt Lake City, UT 84112

WELLNESS AT THE U
Your personal health and wellness are essential to your success as a student. Personal concerns like stress, anxiety, relationship difficulties, depression, or cross-cultural differences can interfere with a student’s ability to succeed and thrive in this course and at the University of Utah. Please feel welcome to reach out to your instructor or TA’s to handle issues regarding your coursework.

For helpful resources to manage your personal wellness and counseling options, contact:

   Center for Student Wellness
   801-581-7776
   wellness.utah.edu (http://wellness.utah.edu/)
   2100 Eccles Student Life Center
   1836 Student Life Way
   Salt Lake City, UT 84112

   Women's Resource Center
   801-581-8030
   womenscenter.utah.edu (https://womenscenter.utah.edu/)
   411 Union Building
   200 S. Central Campus Dr.
   Salt Lake City, UT 84112
   (http://www.wellness.utah.edu/)

ADDRESSING SEXUAL MISCONDUCT
Title IX makes it clear that violence and harassment based on sex and gender (which includes sexual orientation and gender identity/expression) is a civil rights offense subject to the same kinds of accountability and the same kinds of support applied to offenses against other protected categories such as race, national origin, color, religion, age, status as a person with a disability, veteran’s status, or genetic information. If you or someone you know has been harassed or assaulted, you are encouraged to report it to university officials:

   Title IX Coordinator & Office of Equal Opportunity and Affirmative Action
   801-581-8365
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oeo.utah.edu (https://oeo.utah.edu/)
135 Park Building
201 Presidents' Cir.
Salt Lake City, UT 84112

Office of the Dean of Students
801-581-7066
deanofstudents.utah.edu (https://deanofstudents.utah.edu/)
270 Union Building
200 S. Central Campus Dr.
Salt Lake City, UT 84112

To file a police report, contact:
Campus Police & Department of Public Safety
801-585-COPS (801-585-2677)
dps.utah.edu (https://dps.utah.edu/)
1735 E. S. Campus Dr.
Salt Lake City, UT 84112

If you do not feel comfortable reporting to authorities, the U's Victim-Survivor Advocates provide free, confidential and trauma-informed support services to students, faculty, and staff who have experienced interpersonal violence. To privately explore options and resources available to you with an advocate, contact:
Center for Student Wellness
801-581-7776
wellness.utah.edu (http://wellness.utah.edu/)
328 Student Services Building
201 S. 1460 E.
Salt Lake City, UT 84112

AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT (ADA)
The University of Utah seeks to provide equal access to its programs, services, and activities for people with disabilities. All written information in this course can be made available in an alternative format with prior notification to the Center for Disability Services (CDS). CDS will work with you and the instructor to make arrangements for accommodations. Prior notice is appreciated. To read the full accommodations policy for the University of Utah, please see Section Q of the Instruction & Evaluation regulations (http://regulations.utah.edu/academics/6-100.php).

If you will need accommodations in this class, or for more information about what support they provide, contact:
Center for Disability Services
801-581-5020
disability.utah.edu (https://disability.utah.edu/)
162 Union Building
DIVERSE STUDENT SUPPORT
Your success at the University of Utah is important to all of us here! If you feel like you need extra support in academics, overcoming personal difficulties, or finding community, the U is here for you.

STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES (TRIO). TRIO federal programs are targeted to serve and assist low-income individuals, first-generation college students, and individuals with disabilities. Student Support Services (SSS) is a TRIO program for current or incoming undergraduate university students who are seeking their first bachelor's degree and need academic assistance and other services to be successful at the University of Utah. For more information about what support they provide, a list of ongoing events, and links to other resources, view their website or contact:

Student Support Services (TRIO)
801-581-7188
trio.utah.edu (https://trio.utah.edu/)
Room 2075
1901 E. S. Campus Dr.
Salt Lake City, UT 84112

AMERICAN INDIAN STUDENTS
The AIRC works to increase American Indian student visibility and success on campus by advocating for and providing student centered programs and tools to enhance academic success, cultural events to promote personal well-being, and a supportive “home-away-from-home” space for students to grow and develop leadership skills. For more information about what support they provide, a list of ongoing events, and links to other resources, view their website or contact:

American Indian Resource Center
801-581-7019
diversity.utah.edu/centers/airc (https://diversity.utah.edu/centers/airc/)
Fort Douglas Building 622
1925 De Trobriand St.
Salt Lake City, UT 84113

BLACK STUDENTS
Using a pan-African lens, the Black Cultural Center seeks to counteract persistent campus-wide and global anti-blackness. The Black Cultural Center works to holistically enrich, educate, and advocate for students, faculty, and staff through Black centered programming, culturally affirming educational initiatives, and retention strategies. For more information about what support they provide, a list of ongoing events, and links to other resources, view their website or contact:

Black Cultural Center
STUDENTS WITH CHILDREN
Our mission is to support and coordinate information, program development and services that enhance family resources as well as the availability, affordability and quality of child care for University students, faculty and staff. For more information about what support they provide, a list of ongoing events, and links to other resources, view their website or contact:

Center for Childcare & Family Resources
801-585-5897
childcare.utah.edu (https://childcare.utah.edu/)
408 Union Building
200 S. Central Campus Dr.
Salt Lake City, UT 84112

STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES
The Center for Disability Services is dedicated to serving students with disabilities by providing the opportunity for success and equal access at the University of Utah. They also strive to create an inclusive, safe, and respectful environment. For more information about what support they provide and links to other resources, view their website or contact:

Center for Disability Services
801-581-5020
disability.utah.edu (https://disability.utah.edu/)
162 Union Building
200 S. Central Campus Dr.
Salt Lake City, UT 84112

STUDENTS OF ETHNIC DESCENT
The Center for Ethnic Student Affairs offers several programs dedicated to the success of students with varied cultural and ethnic backgrounds. Their mission is to create an inclusive, safe campus community that values the experiences of all students. For more information about what support they provide, a list of ongoing events, and links to other resources, view their website or contact:

Center for Ethnic Student Affairs
801-581-8151
diversity.utah.edu/centers/cesa/ (https://diversity.utah.edu/centers/cesa/)
235 Union Building
200 S. Central Campus Dr.
ENGLISH AS A SECOND/ADDITIONAL LANGUAGE (ESL) STUDENTS
If you are an English language learner, there are several resources on campus available to help you develop your English writing and language skills. Feel free to contact:

Writing Center
801-587-9122
writingcenter.utah.edu (http://writingcenter.utah.edu/)
2701 Marriott Library
295 S 1500 E
Salt Lake City, UT 84112

English for Academic Success (EAS) Program
801-581-8047
linguistics.utah.edu/eas-program (https://linguistics.utah.edu/eas-program/)
2300 LNCO
255 S. Central Campus Dr.
Salt Lake City, UT 84112

English Language Institute
801-581-4600
continue.utah.edu/eli (http://continue.utah.edu/eli)
540 Arapaeen Dr.
Salt Lake City, UT 84108

UNDOCUMENTED STUDENTS
Immigration is a complex phenomenon with broad impact—those who are directly affected by it, as well as those who are indirectly affected by their relationships with family members, friends, and loved ones. If your immigration status presents obstacles that prevent you from engaging in specific activities or fulfilling specific course criteria, confidential arrangements may be requested from the Dream Center.

Arrangements with the Dream Center will not jeopardize your student status, your financial aid, or any other part of your residence. The Dream Center offers a wide range of resources to support undocumented students (with and without DACA) as well as students from mixed-status families. For more information about what support they provide and links to other resources, view their website or contact:

Dream Center
801-213-3697
dream.utah.edu (http://dream.utah.edu/)
1120 Annex (Wing B)
1901 E. S. Campus Dr.
Salt Lake City, UT 84112
LGBTQ+ STUDENTS
The LGBTQ+ Resource Center acts in accountability with the campus community by identifying the needs of people with a queer range of [a]gender and [a]sexual experiences and responding with university-wide services. For more information about what support they provide, a list of ongoing events, and links to other resources, view their website or contact:

LGBTQ+ Resource Center
801-587-7973
lgbt.utah.edu (http://lgbt.utah.edu/)
409 Union Building
200 S. Central Campus Dr.
Salt Lake City, UT 84112

VETERANS & MILITARY STUDENTS
The mission of the Veterans Support Center is to improve and enhance the individual and academic success of veterans, service members, and their family members who attend the university; to help them receive the benefits they earned; and to serve as a liaison between the student veteran community and the university. For more information about what support they provide, a list of ongoing events, and links to other resources, view their website or contact:

Veterans Support Center
801-587-7722
(http://lgbt.utah.edu/) veteranscenter.utah.edu (http://veteranscenter.utah.edu/)
418 Union Building
200 S. Central Campus Dr.
Salt Lake City, UT 84112

WOMEN
The Women’s Resource Center (WRC) at the University of Utah serves as the central resource for educational and support services for women. Honoring the complexities of women’s identities, the WRC facilitates choices and changes through programs, counseling, and training grounded in a commitment to advance social justice and equality. For more information about what support they provide, a list of ongoing events, and links to other resources, view their website or contact:

Women's Resource Center
801-581-8030
womenscenter.utah.edu (https://womenscenter.utah.edu/)
411 Union Building
200 S. Central Campus Dr.
Salt Lake City, UT 84112
INCLUSIVITY AT THE U
The Office for Inclusive Excellence is here to engage, support, and advance an environment fostering the values of respect, diversity, equity, inclusivity, and academic excellence for students in our increasingly global campus community. They also handle reports of bias in the classroom as outlined below:

Bias or hate incidents consist of speech, conduct, or some other form of expression or action that is motivated wholly or in part by prejudice or bias whose impact discriminates, demeans, embarrasses, assigns stereotypes, harasses, or excludes individuals because of their race, color, ethnicity, national origin, language, sex, size, gender identity or expression, sexual orientation, disability, age, or religion.

For more information about what support they provide and links to other resources, or to report a bias incident, view their website or contact:

Office for Inclusive Excellence  
801-581-4600  
inclusive-excellence.utah.edu (https://inclusive-excellence.utah.edu/)  
(http://continue.utah.edu/eli)  
170 Annex (Wing D)  
1901 E. S. Campus Dr.  
Salt Lake City, UT 84112

OTHER STUDENT GROUPS AT THE U
To learn more about some of the other resource groups available at the U, check out:  
getinvolved.utah.edu/ (https://getinvolved.utah.edu/)  
studentsuccess.utah.edu/resources/student-support  
(https://studentsuccess.utah.edu/resources/student-support/)

CANVAS INFORMATION
Canvas is the where course content, grades, and communication will reside for this course. Access Canvas through utah.instructure.com (http://utah.instructure.com) or through CIS (https://cis.utah.edu)

For Canvas, Passwords, or any other computer-related technical support contact the Campus Help Desk (https://it.utah.edu/help/). 801 581-4000 http://it.utah.edu/help (https://it.utah.edu/help/)  
helpdesk@utah.edu (mailto:helpdesk@utah.edu)

For Canvas related issues or bugs, contact the Teaching & Learning Technologies help desk 801-581-6112 ext 2 classhelp@utah.edu (mailto:classhelp@utah.edu)