

PHI 499: Capstone: Food Ethics

University of Wisconsin Stevens Point

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T/R 9:30 – 10:45; CCC 233

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Course Description

Every time you raise a fork to your mouth, you are making an ethical choice that can impact the environment, animal welfare, global hunger, social justice, and the way we relate to one-another. In this course, we will examine the ethical dimensions of how we grow, consume, and distribute food.

Required Texts:

- Thompson, Paul B., *From Field to Fork*, 2015, Oxford University Press.
- Barnhill, Budolfson, and Doggett, *Food, Ethics, and Society: An Introductory Text with Readings*. Oxford University Press.
- Readings will also be posted on Canvas.

Graded assignments will include:

1. Ten Quizzes/Assignments (10% total)
2. In-class presentation of your paper (10%)
3. Term Paper, including rough draft (80%)

Quizzes/Assignments: Most quizzes will be “pop” and can occur anytime during class. I promise to give at least (12) quizzes or assignments and only the best (10) will count. As a result of this policy, quizzes cannot be made-up for any reason (including sickness, etc.). Please do not ask if there will be a quiz on any particular day.

Presentation: In the last week of the semester you will present your work in class, followed by a short question and answer period.

Term Paper: You will develop a paper topic, in consultation with the instructor, around material covered within the course material, or more broadly within the philosophy of food and food ethics. This paper will require research in addition to the course readings and must be between 15-20 pages.

Final grades will be determined on the following scale:

100-93	A	<87-83	B	<77-73	C	<67-63	D
<93-90	A-	<83-80	B-	<73-70	C-	<63-60	D-
<90-87	B+	<80-77	C+	<70-67	D+	<60	F

Late Policy: Quizzes cannot be made-up. Short assignments will be docked 10% off per day late.

Academic Honesty: If you commit any acts of academic dishonesty (such as plagiarism on written work or cheating on an exam) you will earn a zero for that work (and possibly other disciplinary actions). Please refer to the Student Academic Standards and Disciplinary Procedures for more information

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Attendance: Attendance is not mandatory and will not be recorded (with the exception of the first few classes, which is mandatory). With that said, if you do not attend class on a regular basis, you will do poorly. Furthermore, quizzes and assignments will be administered on a regular basis and schedule changes will be announced in class.

Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Statement: The ADA is a federal law requiring educational institutions to provide reasonable accommodations for students with disabilities. For more information about UWSP's policies, see: <http://www.uwsp.edu/stuaffairs/Documents/RightsRespons/ADA/rightsADAPolicyInfo.pdf>.

If you require *classroom and/or exam accommodations*, please register with the **Disability and Assistive Technology Center** and then contact me at the beginning of the course. For more information, please visit the Disability Center's office, located at 604 LRC or their webpage at: <http://www.uwsp.edu/disability/Pages/default.aspx>.

The reading schedule will be on the syllabus posted to PHIL 321 Canvas site as well as in the Course Modules section.