EATING RIGHT: THE ETHICS OF FOOD CHOICES AND FOOD POLICY
01:730:252 Prof. Andy Egan, Philosophy (3 credit) MW7 FS-AUD

Thought much about food lately?

What are the environmental and social consequences of various eating habits? What moral obligations, if any, do we have toward non-human animals? Do the answers to these questions generate moral obligations to adopt (or to abandon) particular eating habits? How are our individual and societal decisions about what to eat expressive of aesthetic, moral, cultural, and religious values?

What’s the moral (and policy) significance of particular cultural culinary traditions, and of the importance of cultural group membership to individual well-being? What choices should we as individuals make and what actions should we as a society take to influence how our food is grown, processed, marketed, sold, and consumed?

EATING RIGHT can be used to fulfill the SAS humanities and diversity requirements. It is particularly recommended for students who intend to pursue majors or minors in the various area studies, anthropology, business, history, life sciences, philosophy, political science, public policy, religion, social justice, and sociology. The course carries credit towards the major or minor in Philosophy.

GLOBAL EAST ASIA
01: 098/214:245 Prof. Paul Schalow, Asian Languages and Cultures (3 cr) T6TH6 PH-111

It touches your life every day, yet how much do you really know about East Asia -- home to three of today’s most powerful nations and over a fifth of the world’s population?

China, Korea, and Japan are major economic, political, and cultural players in an increasingly global 21st century. At the same time, within East Asia the push for globalization is being met with an equally powerful pushback of nationalism and regionalism. How do social, cultural, and political narratives that posit enduring patterns influence the future of the East Asian peoples? How have national memories of wartime traumas such as colonization, massacre, and bombing been constructed and used in modern East Asia? How are the global and regional dynamics in East Asia and the interrelated issues of modernity, war, gender, and the geopolitical balance of power shaping events as they unfold in the 21st century?

GLOBAL EAST ASIA can be used to fulfill the SAS writing intensive, interdisciplinary, and the diversity or global awareness requirements. It is particularly recommended for students who intend to pursue majors or minors in the various Asian languages and area studies, anthropology, business, economics, geography, history, political science/public policy, religion, sociology, and women and gender studies. It carries credit toward the major and minor in Asian Studies and Asian Languages and Area Studies. (credit not given for this course and 098/214:242)

POLITICS AND SOCIAL POLICY: LESSONS FROM EUROPE
01:360/790:290 Prof. Dan Kelemen, European Studies and Political Science (3 cr) MW4 (2:15-3:35) LOR-022

Welcome to citizenship in the 21st Century! You’re inheriting an unaffordable healthcare system that leaves millions uninsured, a mounting climate crisis, failing schools, a fractured social safety net, an aging population, high unemployment and growing deficits. What can we learn from studying the approaches to these problems taken by the economically advanced democracies of the European Union?

On the Left, many believe Europe offers successful models of how to balance capitalism and the pursuit of economic growth with a greater commitment to social justice and sustainable development. On the Right, by contrast, many warn of the dangers of importing these ideas, arguing that European social democracies suffer under high taxes, excessive state control of the economy and economic stagnation. What’s fact and what’s fiction? And, what are the lessons for the US in the 21st Century?

Politics and Social Policy can be used to fulfill the SAS social science or interdisciplinary requirement and the global awareness requirement. It is particularly recommended for students who intend to pursue majors or minors in European Studies, Political Science, Public Policy, business, economics, education, European languages, geography, life sciences, social justice, sociology, and women and gender studies. The course carries credit towards the major or minor in Political Science and European Studies.