

Module 1: Understanding Recent Trends in Food and Agriculture and the Agri-Food Value Chain

This module aims to equip students with a comprehensive understanding of the dynamic landscape of food and agriculture. Students will gain insights into technological advancements, market dynamics, and emerging challenges through a focused exploration of recent trends. Additionally, the module explores the Value Chain Framework, emphasizing its role in unraveling the complexities inherent in relationships within the agri-food value chain.

Method of Evaluation:

- Desk research (35%)
- Review of assigned articles (35%)
- Class participation (15%)
- Presentation (15%)

A Concise Review Paper of Recent Trends in Food and Agriculture: Students are tasked with thoroughly researching and documenting recent advances in food and agriculture, with the aim of preparing a concise review paper of not less than 1000 words (excluding references and any appendices). Students are required to provide proper citations and references using APA guidelines. The assessment will evaluate each student based on the depth, relevance, and synthesis of information gathered.

Self-Reflection Report on Assigned Articles: Students will be assigned specific articles related to the module's focus. The review component requires a detailed analysis and critique of these assigned articles, along with the submission of a self-reflection report of no fewer than 1000 words (excluding references and any appendices). The assessment will center on the student's proficiency in comprehending, synthesizing, and critically evaluating the content of the assigned readings.

Participation: This component requires graduate students to attend the 2-hour, in-person classes scheduled every Friday from 2 to 4 pm for four weeks, starting on January 12 and ending on February 02. Attendance is mandatory to enable graduate students to contribute thoughtfully and actively participate in collaborative discussions.

Presentation: Students will be required to do two individual oral presentations based on the Review Paper of Recent Trends in Food and Self-Reflection Report on Assigned Articles. The assessment will consider the clarity, structure, and effectiveness of the presentation, as well as the ability to communicate key insights to the audience.

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Dates module will be offered: The module will be offered during the Winter session, from January 12 to February 02, on a weekly basis every Friday from 2 to 4 pm (Room: Agri. COX 358).