

### **Module 3: Review of the empirical literature advancing relationships in Agri-Food Value Chains**

This module is designed to deepen students' understanding of business relations in agri-food value chains through a focused review of empirical literature. Students will analyze and synthesize recent research studies related to their master's thesis topic, identify emerging trends, and critically evaluate the practical applications of business relationships in agri-food value chains.

#### **Method of Evaluation:**

- Review Paper (80%)
- Participation (10%)
- Presentation (10%)

**Review paper:** In this major component of Module 3, students will be required to produce a comprehensive review paper, contributing 80% to their overall assessment. The task involves an in-depth analysis of a minimum of 20 peer-reviewed articles related to business relations in agri-food value chains. Students who have progressed from previous modules can build on their existing reviews. The paper should be a minimum of 6000 words, excluding references and appendices. Students are expected to showcase their ability to critically review, synthesize, and interpret the empirical literature, identifying key trends, gaps, and practical applications. Students are required to provide proper citations and references using APA guidelines. The evaluation will focus on the depth of analysis, clarity of presentation, and the synthesis of information from the selected articles.

**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 March 22 and ending on April 12. Attendance is mandatory to enable graduate students to contribute thoughtfully and actively participate in collaborative discussions.

**Presentation:** Students will be required to do one individual oral presentation based on the Review Paper. 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 March 22 to April 12, on a weekly basis every Friday from 2 to 4 pm (Room: Agri. COX 358 ).