# COURSE DETAIL

| FOOD CRISES: THE BIG PICTURE |
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| **Country**<br>Netherlands |
| **Host Institution**<br>Wageningen University and Research Center |
| **Program(s)**<br>Wageningen University |
| **UCEAP Course Level**<br>Upper Division |
| **UCEAP Subject Area(s)**<br>Environmental Studies |
| **UCEAP Course Number**<br>119 |
| **UCEAP Course Suffix** |
| **UCEAP Official Title**<br>FOOD CRISES: THE BIG PICTURE |
| **UCEAP Transcript Title**<br>FOOD CRISES |
| **UCEAP Quarter Units**<br>5.00 |
| **UCEAP Semester Units**<br>3.30 |

**Course Description**
This course studies how the nature and impact of food crises have changed over time. Students learn about Preindustrial European famines and their causes, which included natural disasters, exhaustion of existing production capacities, and war. Students then examine common causes of contemporary food crises, which include natural conditions, failing policies to accommodate these natural conditions, and armed conflicts. The combination of these factors occurs disproportionately in developing countries, so this course explores ways in which governments and other national and international institutions can prevent or alleviate food crises. Students study Amartya Sen's Entitlement Theory, and analyze how the theory shifts attention from food production and supply to conditions of poverty, and emphasizes the importance of democratic institutions for preventing famines. This course explores how the gradual depletion of natural resources for farm production and the rise in energy prices has caused fears that global food scarcity might return. Students also discuss how food crises can be expected to develop in the future, and what can be done better to prevent and solve them.

**Language(s) of Instruction**
English

**Host Institution Course Number**
SDC-51806

**Host Institution Course Title**
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**Host Institution Course Details**

**Host Institution Campus**
Freedom from Hunger

**Host Institution Faculty**

**Host Institution Degree**

**Host Institution Department**

Sociology of Development and Change

**Course Last Reviewed**

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