

# COURSE DETAIL

## THE ANTHROPOLOGY OF FOOD

**Country**

United Kingdom - Scotland

**Host Institution**

University of Edinburgh

**Program(s)**

University of Edinburgh

**UCEAP Course Level**

Upper Division

**UCEAP Subject Area(s)**

Anthropology

**UCEAP Course Number**

108

**UCEAP Course Suffix****UCEAP Official Title**

THE ANTHROPOLOGY OF FOOD

**UCEAP Transcript Title**

ANTHROPOLGY OF FOOD

**UCEAP Quarter Units**

8.00

**UCEAP Semester Units**

5.30

## Course Description

"Man ist, was man isst" - we are what we eat, says the German proverb. Eating is a basic biological requirement to sustain life, but what we eat and how we eat it is not simply dictated by environment and technology, it is a mark of how we understand ourselves, our place in society, and how we distinguish ourselves from others. This course draws upon a range of anthropological research to explore the culture, economics, and politics of food in the modern world. Students investigate what a focus on food can contribute to the study of ritual, memory, gender, globalization, and justice. Students pay special attention to the political economy of food, exploring what anthropology has contributed to understanding and meeting the challenges of a deeply unjust global food-system; this study starts with colonialism and also addresses the contemporary period in which governments and planners must grapple simultaneously with excess and desperation.

## Language(s) of Instruction

English

## Host Institution Course Number

SCAN10052

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THE ANTHROPOLOGY OF FOOD

## Host Institution Campus

Edinburgh

## Host Institution Faculty

## Host Institution Degree

## Host Institution Department

Social Anthropology

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