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EUS3110, Course # 21925, Section 3F35

Culture and Society in Europe: Food Customs and Patterns 1 credit

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Instructor

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Course Location & Meeting Time

Wednesdays 12:50pm-1:40pm (MCCB G086)

Course Description

This course is structured in six modules. The first five modules are devoted to one of the five listed counties: Czech Republic, Greece, Hungary, Poland, and Turkey.

Information learned and discusses during the county specific modules will follow similar pattern and include topics from geography, agriculture, culture from a perspective of food production and food customs, and health as related to food.

The last module will be devoted to learning about the cultural integration and acculturation as expressed by food habits in regard to immigrants from the selected counties. The immigrant populations will be researched as they adopt to environment in the European Union and in the US.

The course is intended for students at any level of academic carrier. No prior knowledge of any of the five countries, food and health related issues is required.

Required Materials

All material for the course will be provided by the instructor and posted on Canvas or in Library reserve readings.

Course Objectives

Upon completion of this course, students should be able to:

1. Describe geographical location of each country and list several environmental features that impact food production.
2. Describe at least two customs of each country and food that are prepared for the celebrations.
3. Discusses changes occurring in the health of population of two of the countries and relations to changes in diet.

Student Evaluation

Each student will be able to earn up to 100 points. Evaluation will be based on the following criteria:

1. Attendance and class participation 30pts

This course is a significant element of discussion-based, therefore, attendance is strongly encouraging. A 5-point penalty will be subtracted for each class that is missed without prior approval from the instructor. Appropriate documentation (hospital discharge papers, police report, dated obituary, etc.) will be required.

In case of an emergency (medical, personal or family) such that a student is unable to attend class, a student is required to contact the instructor prior to class and provide appropriate documentation within a timely manner.

2. Homework assignments 35pts

Five quizzes (online), course material knowledge prior to the class; 35pts (7pts each)

Each quiz will open no later than Friday at noon before it is due.

3. Final project 35pts

For the final project of this course small groups of students will have to prepare a presentation and a report. The presentation will have to include an audio-visual recording of a structured interview with an individual(s) who derive(s) they roots from any of the five countries. The report will provide an analysis of changing food habits based on material learned in the course.

Total: 100pts

Grades are non-negotiable and will be assigned according to the following scale.

93-100%	A
90-92.9%	A-
87-89.9%	B+
83-86.9%	B
80-82.9%	B-
77-79.9%	C+
73-76.9%	C
70-72.9%	C-
67-69.9%	D+
63-66.9%	D
60-62.9%	D-
<60%	E

Grades and Grade Points

For information on current UF policies for assigning grade points, see

<https://catalog.ufl.edu/ugrad/current/regulations/info/grades.aspx> (Links to an external site.)Links to an external site.

Absences and Make-Up Work

Requirements for class attendance and make-up exams, assignments and other work are consistent with university policies that can be found at:
<https://catalog.ufl.edu/ugrad/current/regulations/info/attendance.aspx> (Links to an external site.)Links to an external site..

Academic Honesty

As a student at the University of Florida, you have committed yourself to uphold the Honor Code, which includes the following pledge: *"We, the members of the University of Florida community, pledge to hold ourselves and our peers to the highest standards of honesty and integrity."* You are expected to exhibit behavior consistent with this commitment to the UF academic community, and on all work submitted for credit at the University of Florida, the following pledge is either required or implied: *"On my honor, I have neither given nor received unauthorized aid in doing this assignment."*

It is assumed that you will complete all work independently in each course unless the instructor provides explicit permission for you to collaborate on course tasks (e.g. assignments, papers, quizzes, exams). Furthermore, as part of your obligation to uphold the Honor Code, you should report any condition that facilitates academic misconduct to appropriate personnel. It is your individual responsibility to know and comply with all university policies and procedures regarding academic integrity and the Student Honor Code. Violations of the Honor Code at the University of Florida will not be tolerated. Violations will be reported to the Dean of Students Office for consideration of disciplinary action. For more information regarding the Student Honor Code, please see: <http://www.dso.ufl.edu/SCCR/honorcodes/honorcode.php> (Links to an external site.)Links to an external site..

Software Use

All faculty, staff and students of the university are required and expected to obey the laws and legal agreements governing software use. Failure to do so can lead to monetary damages and/or criminal penalties for the individual violator. Because such violations are also against university policies and rules, disciplinary action will be taken as appropriate.

Campus Helping Resources

Students experiencing crises or personal problems that interfere with their general wellbeing are encouraged to utilize the university's counseling resources. The Counseling & Wellness Center provides confidential counseling services at no cost for currently enrolled students. Resources are available on campus for students having personal problems or lacking clear career or academic goals, which interfere with their academic performance.

Service	Location	Phone/Email	Web site	Services provided
University Counseling and Wellness Center	3190 Radio Road	352-392-1575	www.counseling.ufl.edu/cwc/	Counseling Services Groups and Workshops Outreach and Consultation

				Self-Help Library Wellness Coaching
U Matter We Care		umatter@ufl.edu	www.umatter.ufl.edu	Support for students in distress
Career Resource Center	First Floor J. Wayne Reitz Union	352-392-1601	www.crc.ufl.edu	Career development assistance and counseling

Services for Students with Disabilities

The Disability Resource Center coordinates the needed accommodations of students with disabilities. This includes registering disabilities, recommending academic accommodations within the classroom, accessing special adaptive computer equipment, providing interpretation services and mediating faculty-student disability related issues. Students requesting classroom accommodation must first register with the Dean of Students Office. The Dean of Students Office will provide documentation to the student who must then provide this documentation to the Instructor when requesting accommodation. Contact information: 0001 Reid Hall, 392-8565, www.dso.ufl.edu/drc/ ([Links to an external site.](#))[Links to an external site.](#).

Online Course Evaluation Process

Student assessment of instruction is an important part of efforts to improve teaching and learning. At the end of the semester, students are expected to provide feedback on the quality of instruction in this course using a standard set of university and college criteria. These evaluations are conducted online at <https://evaluations.ufl.edu> ([Links to an external site.](#))[Links to an external site.](#). Evaluations are typically open for students to complete during the last two or three weeks of the semester; students will be notified of the specific times when they are open. Summary results of these assessments are available to students at <https://evaluations.ufl.edu/results> ([Links to an external site.](#))[Links to an external site.](#).

Reading and Writing Center

The Reading and Writing Center is committed to helping University of Florida students become better writers and readers. Individual assistance is provided and students of all levels and disciplines are welcome. <http://at.ufl.edu/rwcenter> ([Links to an external site.](#))[Links to an external site.](#). The Center is located in Broward Hall.

Other Information

Lecture material and information are the property of the University of Florida and the course instructor and may not be used for any commercial purpose. Students found in violation may be subject to disciplinary action under the University's Student Conduct Code. Only students formally registered for the course are permitted to attend and participate in class.

Course Schedule

	Date Wednesday	Topic	Readings Due	Assignments Due
Week 1	August 22	Syllabus and Introduction		
Week 2	August 29	Czech Republic Introduction of the country and main food topics	Readings for the class posted on Canvas Country profile Encyclopedia Britannica (quiz 1)	Quiz 1 due August 29 at 12:30pm
Week 3	September 5	Czech Republic discussion of specific food customs and health of the population.	Readings for the class posted on Canvas	Participation in class discussion
Week 4	September 12	Greece	Readings for the class posted on Canvas Country profile Encyclopedia Britannica (quiz 2)	Quiz 2 due September 12 at 12:30pm
Week 5	September 19	Greece	Readings for the class posted on Canvas	Participation in class discussion
Week 6	September 26	Hungary	Readings for the class posted on Canvas (quiz 3)	Quiz 3 due September 26 at 12:30pm
Week 7	October 3	Hungary	Readings for the class posted on Canvas	Participation in class discussion
Week 8	October 10	Poland	Regains for the class posted on Canvas Country profile Encyclopedia Britannica (quiz 4)	Quiz 4 due October 10 at 12:30pm
Week 9	October 17	Poland	Readings for the class posted on Canvas	Participation in class discussion
Week 10	October 24	Turkey	Readings for the class posted on Canvas Country profile Encyclopedia Britannica (quiz 5)	Quiz 5 due October 24 at 12:30pm
Week 11	October 31	Turkey	Readings for the class posted on Canvas	Participation in class discussion
Week 12	November 7	EU and US	Readings for the class posted on Canvas	Participation in class discussion
Week 13	November 14	Final Presentations		Final Project
Week 14	November 22	No Class – Thanksgiving Holiday	---	---
Week 15	November 28	Final Presentations		Final Project