

## Syllabus

### Effects of Global Agriculture on World Culture

Spring 2023

**Course ID:** AESC 2050

**Course Title:** Effects of Global Agriculture on World Culture

**Course Section:** CRN 30800, Effects of Global Agriculture on World Culture

**Location:** Room 171, Miller Learning Center (Building #0081)

**Times:** Tuesdays and Thursdays, 11:10 AM – 12:25 PM

**Final Exam:** Thursday, May 4, 2022: 12:00 - 3:00 PM

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*Contact for questions regarding **Top Hat, Quizzes, Poster Project and Exams***

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*Contact for questions regarding **Journal Assignments***

**Contacting Instructor or TA:** Please use email to contact the instructor or teaching assistants coordinator. Emails must include “**AESC 2050**” in the subject line.

**Course Description:** Examination of the complex global relationship between agriculture and human culture. Specifically, it explores how humans have modified their environment to produce food and the effect this has on cultures, national and international politics, social interactions, economics, and the environment.

**Expected Learning Objectives:**

1. Understand how agriculture shapes different cultures.
2. Understand how human decisions regarding food production affects culture, international relationships, politics, economics, and the ecosystem.
3. Understand how different cultures perceive and practice agriculture and how food is a basic and defining aspect of every culture.
4. Understand how the future quality of human existence is dependent upon international cooperation to promote and maintain sustainable food production.

**Course Materials:** Most course material will be provided through lectures and electronically via The University Georgia’s **eLearningCommons (eLC)**. **The course requires NO textbook.** Quizzes, journals, and the poster project will be proctored through **eLC** and **Qualtrics**. A smartphone, laptop, or tablet capable of effective real-time electronic communication via UGA WiFi is required for each lecture of this course if the student participates in **TopHat\*** during lectures.

**\*Top Hat:** While this course does not require a textbook, it is highly recommended that students download and purchase a subscription to the **Top Hat (www.tophat.com)** classroom response system app for this class. You will be able to submit answers to in-class participation questions using Apple or Android smartphones and tablets, laptops, or through text message. You can visit the **Top Hat Overview** (<https://success.tophat.com/s/article/Student-Top-Hat-Overview-and-Getting-Started-Guide>) page within the **Top Hat Success Center** which outlines how you will register for a Top Hat account, as well as providing a brief overview to get you up and running on the system. An email invitation will be sent to you directly from Top Hat, but if you do not receive this email, you can register by simply visiting our course website:

**<https://app.tophat.com/e/916433>** (Note: our **Course Join Code** is **916433**).

Top Hat will require a paid subscription (extremely inexpensive as compared to the average textbook), and a full breakdown of all subscription options available can be found at: [www.tophat.com/pricing](http://www.tophat.com/pricing). Should you require assistance with Top Hat at any time, due to the fact that they require specific user information to troubleshoot these issues, please contact their Support Team directly by way of email ([support@tophat.com](mailto:support@tophat.com)), the in-app support button, or by calling 1-888-663-5491.

**Accommodations due to disability:** If you plan to request accommodations for a disability, please register with the Disability Resource Center (DRC). The DRC can be reached by visiting Clark Howell Hall, by calling 706-542-8719 (voice) or 706-542-8778 (TTY), or by visiting <http://drc.uga.edu>

**Potential Notetakers:** Students in this course often are allowed a notetaker through the DRC office. If you plan to attend class regularly and are interested in being a notetaker, please go to [drc.uga.edu](http://drc.uga.edu) and click on "Notetaker Registration". For providing this service, you will be paid \$100 per course section. Payment will be made at the end of the semester

**Class Policies:** Students and instructors are expected to abide by the Compact for Responsible Scholarship (<http://teachingacademy.uga.edu/documents/UGACompact3.pdf>).

**Grading Structure and Method:** Letter grades will be assigned based of the total points obtained by the students from the available 1000 points distributed as follows:

Class Points:

Quizzes (eLC)	100 pts. (5 @ 20 points each)
Journal Entries (eLC)	200 pts. (10 @ 20 points each)
Poster Project	200 pts. (3-member student teams)
Hour Exams	300 pts. (2 @ 150 points each)
Final Exam	200 pts.

**TOTAL AVAILABLE**

**1,000 pts.**

Letter Grades:

A	930-1000 pts.	C+	770-799 pts.
A-	900-929 pts.	C	730-769 pts.
B+	870-899 pts.	C-	700-729 pts.
B	830-869 pts.	D	600-699 pts.
B-	800-829 pts.	F	0-599 pts.

**Grading Policies:**

- ♦ **Attendance:** Attendance in lecture is NOT required, except for 4 days during the semester (2 Hour Exams, Poster Session and Final Exam). No class absence excuses are needed or expected, except for the 4 days previously noted.
- ♦ **Quizzes:** (5 @ 20 pts. each = 100 pts.) Quizzes are due by the time posted on eLC and announced in class (typically 24 hours, from 1:00 pm on the date opened until 1:00 pm the following day). **If Quizzes are NOT completed on eLC by the deadline (date and time established), the earned grade will be a zero.** The ONLY acceptable excuse for not completing a Quiz is a documented student illness that covers the entire submission period. Students are to email the instructor ASAP with attached documentation to arrange a make-up Quiz.
- ♦ **Journal Assignments:** (10 @ 20 pts. each = 200 pts.) Journal entries are due by the time posted on eLC (uploaded to Dropbox) and announced in class (typically from 1:00 pm on the day opened until 11:59 pm the day before the next class period). Each Journal Assignment will have a **DUE** deadline (date and time). **If Journals are NOT completed on eLC by the deadline (date and time established), the earned grade will be a zero.** The ONLY acceptable excuse for not completing a Journal is a documented student illness that covers the entire submission period. Students are to email the instructor ASAP with attached documentation and completed Journal.
- ♦ **Hour Exams, Poster Project and Final Exam:** Attendance is **MANDATORY** on 4 dates during the semester: the two 1-hour exams, your poster session and the final exam. In the event a **documented illness** causes you to miss any of these 4 dates, it is your responsibility to arrange to make up the missed assignment/exam. Students who miss exams or the poster session and do not have valid excuses will be given a zero. If a student has a pre-established official UGA conflict with any of the mandatory events, that student must contact the instructor within the first 2 weeks of class with appropriate documentation.

The course syllabus is a general plan for the course; deviations announced to the class by the instructor may be necessary. Here is the general course schedule/plan for the semester:

Day	Date	Assignments	Topic
Tue	1/10		1. Syllabus/Class Assignments/Technology Needs
Thu	1/12		2. eLC & TopHat/Awareness of Food Production
Tue	1/17		3. Origins of Humans, Culture & Agriculture
Thu	1/19	Journal 1/10	4. Birth of Farming
Tue	1/24	Quiz 1/5	5. Growth of U.S. Farming
Thu	1/26	Journal 2/10	6. Domestication of Animals and Plants
Tue	1/31		7. Georgia Agriculture: Then and Now
Thu	2/2	Journal 3/10	8. Urban Agriculture
Tue	2/7	Quiz 2/5	9. Environmental Impacts of Agriculture
Thu	2/9		10. Guest Speaker: GA Farmer Lawton Pearson
<b>Tue</b>	<b>2/14</b>		<b>11. HOUR EXAM 1</b>
Thu	2/16		12. Guest Speaker : Juanfra DeVillena
Tue	2/21		13. Politics of Food & Agriculture
Thu	2/23	Journal 4/10	14. Advertising in Agriculture & Food
Tue	2/28	Quiz 3/5	15. Guest Speaker: Keith Kelly
Thu	3/2	Journal 5/10	16. Changing Views of Animals (Food vs. Pets)
<i>Tue</i>	<i>3/7</i>		<i>NO CLASS – Spring Break</i>
<i>Thu</i>	<i>3/9</i>		<i>NO CLASS – Spring Break</i>
Tue	3/14		17. SNAP
Thu	3/16	Journal 6/10	18. Diversion of Farmland & Food Crops
Tue	3/21	Quiz 4/5	19. Antibiotics, Hormones, GMOs...
Thu	3/23		20. Videos: Food Product Origin Stories...
<b>Tue</b>	<b>3/28</b>		<b>21. HOUR EXAM 2</b>
Thu	3/30	Journal 7/10	22. Why We Eat What We Eat
Tue	4/4		23. Guest Speaker: GA Farmer Russ Moon
Thu	4/6	Journal 8/10	24. Food and Religion
<b>Tue</b>	<b>4/11</b>		<b>25. POSTER SESSION 1 (Even # Teams)</b>
<b>Thu</b>	<b>4/13</b>		<b>26. POSTER SESSION #2 (Odd # Teams)</b>
Tue	4/18		27. U.S. Farm Bills
Thu	4/20	Journal 9/10	28. Food FADS
Tue	4/25	Quiz 5/5	29. Is it safe to eat? Food Safety
Thu	4/27	Journal 10/10	30. Food Waste and Hunger
<b>Thu</b>	<b>5/4</b>		<b>FINAL EXAM (12:00 – 3:00pm)</b>

- **Bolded text** indicates that attendance is mandatory

- Quizzes will be **OPEN** at 1:00pm on the day indicated on the syllabus and be available for 24 hours

- Journals will be **OPEN** at 1:00pm on the day indicated and due by 11:59 PM the day prior to the next lecture

**University Honor Code and Academic Policy:** UGA Student Honor Code: "I will be academically honest in all of my academic work and will not tolerate academic dishonesty of others." A Culture of Honesty, the University's policy and procedures for handling cases of suspected dishonesty, can be found at [www.uga.edu/ovpi](http://www.uga.edu/ovpi). Every course syllabus should include the instructor's expectations related to academic integrity.

**Mental Health and Wellness Resources:**

- If you or someone you know needs assistance, you are encouraged to contact Student Care and Outreach in the Division of Student Affairs at **706-542-7774** or visit <https://sco.uga.edu>. They will help you navigate any difficult circumstances you may be facing by connecting you with the appropriate resources or services.
- UGA has several resources for a student seeking mental health services (<https://www.uhs.uga.edu/bewelluga/bewelluga>) or crisis support (<https://www.uhs.uga.edu/info/emergencies>).
- If you need help managing stress anxiety, relationships, etc., please visit BeWellUGA (<https://www.uhs.uga.edu/bewelluga/bewelluga>) for a list of **FREE** workshops, classes, mentoring, and health coaching led by licensed clinicians and health educators in the University Health Center.
- Additional resources can be accessed through the UGA App.