



Food Security Policy and Economics

The course is given in cooperation with the Department of Public Policy

Course Number: 0466.4010

Course Location: TBA

Course Dates: July 14-18, 2019, 8.30-13.00; Exam July 27, 8.30

Form of Assessment: Exam will be given at the end of the course

Credit Points: 2

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The course will be taught by Dr. Ram Fishman (Dept. of Public Policy, Tel Aviv University) and internationally renowned expert guest speakers.

Solving the global challenge of food security depends not only on crops, but also on human decisions: what and how to grow, what to eat, etc. This course will focus on understanding the factors influencing the choices made by farmers and food consumers and how policies and markets can modify these choices in ways that can improve productivity, nutrition and the environment. The course is designed to meet the needs of students in the fields of life sciences, social sciences, public health and environmental studies.

This is a 2-credit course and the grade will be based on class participation and simple assignments (50%) and a final exam (50%).

Tentative schedule:

Sunday: Overview: Socioeconomic barriers to sustainable food security.

Monday: Producing enough food.

Tuesday: Food Security and Nutrition in Developing Countries.

Wednesday: Food and the Environment.

Thursday: Food Consumption in High Income Countries.

Friday: Exam