

ANTH 353 Anthropology of Food

Food is so much more than daily calorie intake. Food is one of the most expressive, powerful, and contested cultural artifacts.

What structures human experiences of food?
How is food production and provisioning political?
What is “new” about modes and scales of food production?
What does food have to do with social differentiation and ritual?



This course will examine:

- anthropological approaches to studying food,
- food as ritual,
- food in social differentiation,
- food and embodiment,
- historical and contemporary global systems of food provisioning,
- politics of food production,
- new developments in agro-industry,
- “fast” and “slow” food systems and ideologies.

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Note: Syllabus subject to change.