Food & the Garden

COURSES

First-Year Experience Seminar
UGST 109
1 credit

Understanding Landscapes
LA 260
Core Education Arts & Letters (>1)
4 credits

Food in World History
HIST 215
Core Education Social Science (>2)
Global Perspectives (>GP)
4 credits

*This is a Deep-Dive FIG

CALENDAR

First FIG Meeting
You will get to meet your FIG classmates, FIG Assistant (FA), and Faculty before classes start!

Check your FIG page in September to find out more details.

ACADEMIC TEAM

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ABOUT THIS FIG

FYE Seminar
The Food and the Garden FIG is a very hands-on FIG that looks at the intersection between food and productive landscapes. Working together, we will explore the various traditions of garden making and how food shapes our community. This is primarily an outdoor FIG that takes place at the UO Urban Farm and includes fun garden activities such as planting, harvesting and pressing cider from apples grown on the farm. It is really a celebration of autumn in the northwest.

Understanding Landscapes
This course presents a richly illustrated overview of the relationships between human cultures and their gardens and other designed landscapes. Students study a broad range of gardens, parks and memorials, as well as a few civic landscapes. These places exemplify both the distinctive characteristics of many world cultures and themes found in the creation of special multi-cultural landscapes. Gardens are studied as metaphors for the human cultural ideas they seek to express and nurture. Students learn about the structure and pattern of designed landscapes, the history of environmental policies and values that affect them, and the ways that landscape designs are understood and described.

Food in World History
This course introduces students to the history of food practices from ancient times to the present. It has no prerequisites, and can be taken in lieu of a more general history survey or alongside one. The course is divided into two chronological halves, the first centered on the ancient and premodern world and the second on the modern world. The second half of the course covers such themes as the impact of food cultivation and harvesting on the environment, the industrialization of food systems, the rise of restaurants and fast food, and the relationship between cooking and eating and national, ethnic, class, and gender identities.

NEXT STEPS

After you're registered for your FIG, you will want to check out the Meet Your FIG page (https://fyp.uoregon.edu/fall-2022-figs). This page will have everything you need to know before the beginning of fall term, including how to email your FIG Assistant, your summer assignment, and when you will be meeting your FIG for the first time in September. In order to prepare for your coursework and be notified about important academic deadlines you will want to download the "Canvas" and "Navigate" apps to your devices. Also, be sure to visit the FYE Community page in September, which has all the resources you'll need to achieve success in your first-year (https://fyp.uoregon.edu/community). If you have questions about anything, make sure you email your FIG Assistant—they are here to help!

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