

Fall 2011

Medical History and Bioethics 919

Food Politics:

History, Science and Politics of

Diet and Nutrition

This graduate seminar focuses on the recent and renewed interest in food, its production, distribution, marketing and consumption. From farm to fork, from meat to mung bean, paleoagriculture to genetically modified foods, the foods people have eaten and continue to eat reflect assumptions about culture, morality, nutrition, science and health. From the vantage point of medical history and history of science, this seminar considers the development of ideas about food safety, the creation of nutritional guidelines, and the myriad ways that science and medicine have influenced food consumption and dietary regulation.

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1:20 - 3:15 Tuesdays, 1406 MSC

3 Credits

Prerequisites: Graduate Level status and consent of instructor