

Course structure Food ethics (LV0139)

7,5 ECTS Autumn 2024 within the Master's program Sustainable Food Systems, SLU

Course period: Oct 1nd to Nov 2nd

Link to all IRT sessions: tba Password: tba

When	Format of meeting, Teacher	What	Reading and other course material
Oct 1nd - Oct 3rd		Theme I Ethics: theory	
1 Oct 10.15-12.00	Lecture + discussion HR	Intro to the course and to food ethics	Zwart, 2000
1 Oct 13.15-15.00	Lecture PS	Utilitarianism, Duty ethics and Virtue ethics	Gjerris et al 2013: Intro, Chapter 1-4 Kortetmäki 2022: Chapter 3 Pods on normative ethical theories Links in Canvas
2 Oct 8.15-10.00	Lecture PS	Utilitarianism, Duty ethics and Virtue ethics	Gjerris et al 2013: Chapter 5-8 Kortetmäki 2022: Chapter 3 Pods on normative ethical theories Links in Canvas
3 Oct 13.15-15.00	Seminar PS	Discussion of the normative ethical theories	All reading materials for this Theme

HOW TO READ THE SCHEDULE

The course is divided into 4 themes related to the food chain, each with its own with meetings, readings and assignments.

The schedule shows when to attend **IRT teaching slots** (which will not be recorded):

- lectures with discussion time,
- seminars, and
- chat time slots for any questions or discussions you have to the themes.

The reading column shows 'when to read what' from the literature list. **Please come prepared to the sessions!**

Teachers: Helena Röcklinsberg (HR) and Per Sandin (PS).

In addition to the reading, you are asked to fulfil individual and group assignments, one per Theme. Detailed information about these assignments is available in Canvas.

6-10 Oct		Theme II Production and Distribution	
When	Format and teacher	What	Reading and other course material
6 Oct 10.15-12.00	Lecture + discussion HR	Meat production and animal ethics	Sandler: chapter 1-3 Karlsson et al 2024
7 Oct 10.15-12.00	Seminar PS	Production systems and ethical values	Cases (in Canvas) to be discussed on base of course literature
8 Oct	Online material, eg pods	Theories in Animal ethics	Sandøe and Christiansen 2008: chapter 5
9 Oct 13.00-14.00	Chat HR		
10 Oct 13.15-15.00	Seminar HR	Animal ethics and mitigation of climate change	Röös et al 2016 Sinclair et al 2022

PLANNING YOUR TIME

The individual work (reading, preparing assignments etc.) is not scheduled here.

Between these fixed points of time, you are responsible to structure your studies, in order to prepare properly for IRT meetings and assignments.

NB Information about deadlines for assignments, and steps in the working process, are available in the Assignment Modules in Canvas.

13-17 Oct		Theme III Consumption and Waste	
When	Format and teacher	What	Reading and other course material
13 Oct	Recorded lecture	Consumption	Dieterle 2022 Mephram 2000 Messner et al 2020
14 Oct 10.15-12.00	Lecture + discussion PS	Lecture on Naturalness and GM	Sandler: Chapter 4-6 Siipi 2015
15 Oct 13.15-15.00	Information + discussion HR	Introduction to Theme IV	
16 Oct 9.00-10.00	Chat PS		
17 Oct 13.15-15.00	Seminar on course literature PS	Seminar on ethical issues in Consumption and Waste	All reading materials for this Theme

ATTENDANCE DURING THE COURSE

Sessions marked with **bold** are mandatory. However, we recommend you to attend *all* sessions, since the the course is rather intense given the short time period and number of credits.

For many students ethics is a relatively new discipline, yet the course is on masters level, and the studies requires both focus and time.

Hence, if you have not studied ethics before, attendance during the first week (on ethical theories) is crucial to be able follow the subsequent teaching and assignments.

20-24 Oct		Theme IV – your choice	
When	Format and teacher	What	Reading and other course material
21 Oct 9.00-10.00	Chat HR		
22 Oct 13.15-15.00	Seminar HR	Presentation of the state of the art of your group's work on the topics, followed by discussion and further elaboration	
23 Oct 13.00-14.00	Chat HR		
24 Oct 13.00-14.00	Chat HR		
27-30 Oct		Theme VI – presentation of your own theme	
28 Oct 9.00-10.00	Chat PS		
30 Oct <i>NB all day:</i> 8.15-12 13.15-16	Examining seminars in parallel HR, PS	Present your group's topic in a smaller group of students from the other groups, respond to follow up questions.	

FURTHER INFORMATION

Lectures, seminar questions, links to journals and further reading material etc. will be available in Canvas before course start for registered students.

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TO THIS COURSE IN
FOOD ETHICS!