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Course Description:
Laws, regulations and standards governing the production, distribution, processing, and marketing of food across regions of the world; international standard setting bodies and risk assessment committees; regulatory equivalency and harmonization; cost/benefits of global standards and trade agreements.

Student Credit Hours: 3

Prerequisites: None

Course Goals:
After completing this course, students will possess a working knowledge of feed and food law, regulations, and standards in different regions of the world. The course is intended to equip the student with breadth of knowledge needed to make decisions about which standards apply and under which circumstances based on economic, public health and safety, and quality management factors.

Key Topics:
This course will address the following topics:

- Globalization and Standards Development
- Principles of Standards Development
- Regional Food Laws and Regulations
  - Africa
  - Asia
  - Europe
  - Latin America and the Caribbean
  - North America and South West Pacific
  - Near East
- Impact of Food Law and Regulations on Trade, Food Security, and Food Protection
- Trade and Food Safety Related Organizations
- Emerging Issues
Course Tools:
All course materials and activities will be presented using the Blackboard Learning Management System. Access Blackboard by logging into http://ecampus.tamu.edu and perform the Browser Check by clicking on the ‘Check Browser’ button.

Technology Requirements
To ensure successful participation, students must have access to:

- A computer that is less than 4 years old;
- High-speed Internet connection (cable/DSL or better) & updated browser;
- Office software such as Microsoft Word, PowerPoint & Excel or equivalent;
- Common plug-ins (e.g., Adobe Reader, Flash Player, virus protection, etc.);
- Microphone and speakers; and
- CD/DVD player/burner.

Textbooks:
No textbook is required for this course. Readings will be taken from reference materials, including government publications and standards. Most readings will be available in Blackboard in .pdf format. Other readings will be available online, with a hyperlink provided in Blackboard.

Presentations
Online slide presentations with audio or each module can be accessed from Blackboard. The slides for each presentation will be provided as a .pdf file which can be downloaded and printed. Participants will also receive a packet of materials, which includes course materials on CD, via mail.

Course Activities:
Quizzes: Quizzes will be used to assess your understanding of concepts throughout the course.

Discussions: Course discussions will be held on the discussion forum on the course management system. These discussions are good way for you to communicate with other students and the instructor and to share ideas and insights. If you need an immediate answer, please e-mail Dr. Herrman (tjh@otsc.tamu.edu) or Dr. Salin (v-salin@tamu.edu) directly.

Projects: Projects are designed to explore the complex relationship between trade and food safety regulation and standards throughout the world. All projects require you to research and cite literature outside the assigned course readings.
Project # 1- Analyzing a Regional Trade Agreement
Project # 2 – Becoming an Export Power

http://regsci.tamu.edu
Comparative Global Standards in Food Systems
AGEC 639/SCSC 635 | Fall 2014
Dr. Victoria Salin and Dr. Tim Herrman

Grading:

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Grading Policy
Class activities must be completed on the dates set by the instructor on the course website unless prior approval has been granted by an instructor.

Attendance, Homework and Make-up Exam Policy
Due to the participatory nature of this Web-based class, regular log-in to the course Web site is expected. Excused absences are subject to TAMU rules and guidelines please see: http://student-rules.tamu.edu/rule7.htm for details.

Instructor/Student Communication
Please send all e-mail messages directly to the instructors at: v-salin@tamu.edu or tjh@otsc.tamu.edu. Instructors will not use the Blackboard Mail Tool. All student communication will be sent via TAMU email accounts (http://gateway.tamu.edu) unless you provide a preferred email address. Post any questions you have about the material to the discussion board so other students can respond to it and/or benefit from the ensuing discussion. The instructors read the discussion board and will reply to messages as appropriate.

University Policies
American Disability Act (ADA)
The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) is a federal anti-discrimination statute that provides comprehensive civil rights protection for persons with disabilities. Among other things, this legislation requires that all students with disabilities be guaranteed a learning environment that provides for reasonable accommodation of their disabilities. If you believe you have a disability requiring an accommodation, please contact Disability Services, in Cain Hall, Room B118, or call 845-1637. For additional information visit http://disability.tamu.edu.

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Academic Integrity Statement
“An Aggie does not lie, cheat, or steal or tolerate those who do.”
For more information, read the Honor Council Rules and Procedures at http://aggiehonor.tamu.edu
### Course Schedule **

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  • Trade flows, Population & Income  
  Public Health and Safety | Quiz  
  Discussion | 9/8/14 |
| 2 | Sept. 8 - 14 | Trade policy regimes | Quiz  
  Discussion | 9/15/14 |
| 3 | Sept. 15 - 21 | Codex Alimentarius and the role of  
  Harmonization, Equivalency &  
  Transparency | Quiz | 9/22/14 |
| 4 | Sept. 22 - 28 | Food Import/Export Inspection &  
  Certification Systems;  
  OIE & IPPC; Food Hygiene | Discussion | 9/29/14 |
| **Unit 2 Principles of Standards Development** | | | |
| 5 | Sept. 29 - Oct. 5 | Legal systems  
  • Liability orientation versus  
  regulatory orientation  
  • Precautionary principle  
  • Science-based standards  
  Litigation in current global food system | Discussion | 10/6/14 |
| **Unit 3 Regional Food Laws and Regulations** (See Project 1 Description for Individual Due Dates) | | | |
| 6 | Oct. 6 - 12 | Africa | Quiz; Project 1 | 10/13/14 |
| 7 | Oct. 13 - 19 | Asia | Discussion;  
  Project 1 | 10/20/14 |
| 8 | Oct. 20 - 26 | Europe | Discussion;  
  Project 1 | 10/27/14 |
| 9 | Oct. 27 – Nov. 2 | Latin America and the Caribbean | Quiz; Project 1 | 11/3/14 |
| 10 | Nov. 3 – 9 | North America and South West Pacific | Discussion;  
  Project 1 | 11/10/14 |
| 11 | Nov. 10 - 16 | Near East | Quiz; Project 1 | 11/17/14 |
| **Unit 4 Impact of Food Law and Regulations on Trade, Food Security, and Food Protection** | | | |
| 12 | Nov. 17 - 23 | 3rd party certification and audit | Quiz | 11/24/14 |
| 13 | Nov. 24 – 30 | *Happy Thanksgiving!* | | |
| 14 | Dec. 1 - 7 | Cost-Benefits | Discussion | 12/1/14 |
| 15 | Dec. 8 - 9 | Becoming an Export Power | Project 2 | 12/9/14 |

** Please note that content and date may change depending upon the semester

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