



Food Security Policy and Economics

July 8-12, 2018, 8:30-13:00

Exam on July 13

Course number: 0411.4006

2 credits (3 credits for Public Policy students)

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Tentative schedule:

Sunday: Overview: the Global Food System in Numbers.



Monday: Yield Gaps in Developing Countries. Field visit at [Green-2000](#), followed by class. Buses will leave at 8:00 AM.

Tuesday: Food Security and Nutrition in Developing Countries. Guest Lecturer: Dr. Jan Low, CGIAR.

Wednesday: Food and the Environment. Guest Speaker: Dr. Alon Shepon, Weitzmann Institute of Science.

Thursday: Food Consumption in High Income Countries. Behavioral Nutrition Policy (Guest Lecturer: Prof. David Just, Cornell University)

Friday: Exam.