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)

The course will be taught by Dr. Ram Fishman (Dept. of Public Policy, Tel Aviv University) and internationally renowned expert guest speakers.

Solving the global challenge of food security depends not only on crops, but also on human decisions: what and how to grow, what to eat, etc. This course will focus on understanding the factors influencing the choices made by farmers and food consumers and how policies and markets can modify these choices in ways that can improve productivity, nutrition and the environment. The course is designed to meet the needs of students in the fields of life sciences, social sciences, public health and environmental studies.

Grade will be based on class participation (50%) and a final exam (50%).

Tentative schedule:

Sunday: Overview: the Global Economics of Food

Monday: Food Consumption. Behavioral Nutrition Policy (Guest Lecturer: Prof. David Just, Cornell University)

Tuesday: Farming and Nutrition. Nutrition Friendly Agriculture (Guest Lecturer: Dr. Jan Low, CGIAR, winner of the 2016 World Food Prize)

Wednesday: Farming and Poverty. Agriculture and Economic Development.

Thursday: Food and the Environment. Finding Paths for Sustainable Agriculture

Friday: Exam