



## Course Syllabus

<b>1</b>	<b>Course title</b>	Agriculture and Food Security	
<b>2</b>	<b>Course number</b>	0635440	
<b>3</b>	<b>Credit hours</b>	3	
	<b>Contact hours (theory, practical)</b>	2 lectures a week	
<b>4</b>	<b>Prerequisites/corequisites</b>	Macroeconomics 0605215	
<b>5</b>	<b>Program title</b>	Bachelor in Agricultural Economics and Agribusiness	
<b>6</b>	<b>Program code</b>	05	
<b>7</b>	<b>Awarding institution</b>	The University of Jordan	
<b>8</b>	<b>School</b>	School of Agriculture	
<b>9</b>	<b>Department</b>	Agricultural Economics and Agribusiness	
<b>10</b>	<b>Course level</b>	Undergraduate	
<b>11</b>	<b>Year of study and semester (s)</b>	2022-2023 / Second Semester	
<b>12</b>	<b>Other department (s) involved in teaching the course</b>	N/A	
<b>13</b>	<b>Main teaching language</b>	English	
<b>14</b>	<b>Delivery method</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Face to face learning <input type="checkbox"/> Blended <input type="checkbox"/> Fully online	
<b>15</b>	<b>Online platforms(s)</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Moodle <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Microsoft Teams <input type="checkbox"/> Skype <input type="checkbox"/> Zoom <input type="checkbox"/> Others.....	
<b>16</b>	<b>Issuing/Revision Date</b>	2023	

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**19 Course Description:**

As stated in the approved study plan.

The course aims to help students developing the basic concept of food security. It focuses on definition of food security, the dimensions extracted from it, the strategic elements of food security, the entrances to food security. This course examines the natural resources and socioeconomic indicators related to Arab food security. In addition to agricultural technical development, crisis and disasters and their impact on Arab food security. The course provides discussion on the role of the international organizations of the United Nations in achieving global food security and addresses the impact of conflict, agricultural trade and the global economic system on the issue of food security and food security policies. The course addresses undernourishment versus food insecurity, overview of the economic situation in Jordan, and the top challenges of agriculture in Jordan, nutrition situation in Jordan (trends), Jordan's agricultural development and strategies related to agriculture and food security, and details of the elements of food security including availability, accessibility, utilization, and stability. A discussion on Jordan's situation of FS to the regional & global impact to ensure the safeguard of Jordan's FS at all levels. The focus is on productivity and management of the agriculture sector in the Arab region, as well as food waste and loss along the supply chain and trends in food demand and trends in food supply.

## 20 Course aims and outcomes:

### A- Aims:

1. Students' awareness of food security in terms of its definition, dimensions, and elements.
2. Developing and enhancing students' knowledge of the international organizations for agriculture, factors that are affecting on food security.
3. Educating students about food security policies, the nutrition situation and its trends, population growth, natural increase in population.
4. Introducing students to the concept of productivity and management of agriculture, trends in food demand and food supply.

### B- Students Learning Outcomes (SLOs):

Upon successful completion of this course, students will be able to:

SLOs SLOs of the course	SLO (1)	SLO (2)	SLO (3)	SLO (4)
<b>A. Knowledge &amp; Understanding</b>	Develop a basic understanding of food security and its importance in the Arab world and Jordan.	Identify the strategic elements of food security.	Exhibit a good understanding of factors affecting food security and the transformation of food system.	Determine the role of international organizations and global trade in food security.
<b>B. Intellectual, Analytical and Cognitive skills</b>	Knowledge of food security policies.	Knowing the natural increase in population and the socioeconomic indicators related to food security.		
<b>C. Subject-Specific Skills</b>	Knowledge of food system transformation and the challenges of agriculture in the Arab world.	Awareness of food security situation in the Arab world and Jordan.	The ability to describe challenges that are hindering achievement of food security in the Arab world and Jordan.	QF-AQAC-03.02.01

## 21. Topic Outline and Schedule:

Week	Lecture	Topic	Intended Learning Outcome	Learning Methods (Face to Face/Blended/ Fully Online)	Platform	Synchronous / Asynchronous Lecturing	Evaluation Methods	Resources*
1	1,2	Natural resources & socioeconomic indicators related to Arab food security	B2	Face to Face	MT	Synchronous	Assignment & quiz Mid-exam	Course Materials
2	3-4	Agricultural technical development	C3, A3	Face to Face	MT	Synchronous	Assignment & quiz Mid-exam	Course Materials
3	5-6	Crisis & disasters and their impact on Arab food security	A1, A2	Face to Face	MT	Synchronous	Assignment & quiz Mid-exam	Course Materials
4	7-8	The definition of food security and its elements & dimensions	A1, B1, C1	Face to Face	MT	Synchronous	Assignment & quiz Mid-exam	Course Materials
5	9-10	Population & food consumption	B2	Face to Face	MT	Synchronous	Assignment & quiz Mid-exam	Course Materials
6	11-12	Jordan overview- economic situation	D1, D2	Face to Face	MT	Synchronous	Assignment & quiz Mid-exam	Course Materials
7	13-14	The agriculture sector & food security in Jordan	C2	Face to Face	MT	Synchronous	Assignment & quiz Mid-exam	Course Materials
8,9	15-16	Undernourishment versus food security, causes & drivers	C2	Face to Face	MT	Synchronous	Assignment & quiz Final-exam	Course Materials
10	17-18	Nutrition situation in Jordan, and	D2	Face to Face	MT	Synchronous	Assignment & quiz Final-exam	Course Materials

		trends							
11	19-20	National strategies & management of agriculture & food security	B1, A4	Face to Face	MT	Synchronous	Assignment & quiz Final-exam	Course Materials	
12	21-22	Productivity & management, food waste & loss	A1, A2, B2	Face to Face	MT	Synchronous	Assignment & quiz Final-exam	Course Materials	
13	23-24	Trends in food demand & food supply	C3	Face to Face	MT	Synchronous	Assignment & quiz Final-exam	Course Materials	
14	25-26	The impact of conflict on food security	A1, A2, A3	Face to Face	MT	Synchronous	Assignment & quiz Final-exam	Course Materials	
15	27-28	The role of international organization in supporting countries to transform the food system	A4	Face to Face	MT	Synchronous	Assignment & quiz Final-exam	Course Materials	

## 22 Evaluation Methods:

Opportunities to demonstrate achievement of the SLOs are provided through the following assessment methods and requirements:

Evaluation Activity	Mark	Topic(s)	SLOs	Period (Week)	Platform
Assignments, Quiz & Discussion	20%	As assigned by the instructor	All	Every three weeks	MT & In-Class
Mid-Term Exam	30%	After 7 weeks	A1-A3, B1-B2, C1-C3, D1-D2	Once	In-Class
Final Exam	50%	At the end of the semester	All	Once	In-Class

## 23 Course Requirements



**(e.g: students should have a computer, internet connection, webcam, account on a specific software/platform...etc):** Account at Microsoft Teams.

## 24 Course Policies:

As determined by the Registration Unit & The U of J Academic Misconduct Policy & Procedures

A- Attendance policies:

B- Absences from exams and submitting assignments on time:

C- Health and safety procedures:

D- Honesty policy regarding cheating, plagiarism, misbehavior:

E- Grading policy:

F- Available university services that support achievement in the course:

## 25 References:

A- Required book(s), assigned reading and audio-visuals:

Southgate, Graham T. (2007). The World Food Economy. Second Edition. John Wiley & Sons, Inc.

B- Recommended books, materials, and media:

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## 26 Additional information:

None.

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