

ENVH 441 FOOD PROTECTION COURSE SYLLABUS 2020

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Course Overview

In ENVH 441, we study food protection: the measures taken to assure that food intended for human consumption will not cause illness or have adverse effects on consumers' wellbeing. A major transition is now taking place in how regulatory agencies and food service operators conduct food protection activities. A large 1993 foodborne disease outbreak involving *E. coli* 0157:H7 produced great interest in and concern about food safety by the media and public, and continues to stimulate changes in food protection programs. Historically, food protection program regulatory activities emphasized looking for potential health hazards associated with the physical environment during routine food establishment inspections, e.g., soiled walls, floors and ceilings. Hazard Analysis/Critical Control Point (**HACCP**) thinking has been replacing this with *process thinking vs. physical facility appearance*.

Emphasis during the course's first half is on the history, social and scientific changes, organisms and chemicals associated with foodborne illness, agents' sources, how they may be introduced into and/or multiply in foods, and characteristics of the illnesses they cause. The course's second half covers steps taken by government agencies, industry and professionals to prevent foodborne illnesses associated with **retail** food service establishments (restaurants, cafeterias, etc.) and practices in food services. This course does not address food protection measures at the manufacturing, production or wholesale levels although many of the same concepts apply to all food processing levels.

Our **textbooks**, Longrée & Armbruster's *Quantity Food Sanitation*, 1996 fifth edition, and USPHS / FDA *Food Code 2017* explore sanitary practices and regulation of retail food operations are our major references. QFS is available online or at University Book Store. FDA's first *Food Code 1993* replaced and greatly improved the earlier 1978 FDA model food code. Because research and epidemiological study discovered so many new facts about foodborne illness and its causes so rapidly, it became necessary to update *Food Code 1993* and issue revised editions every two years. *Food Code* is now revised every four years to maintain currency. One or another version of the *Food Code* has been adopted by 49 states' public health agencies and *FC 2017* with state amendments is expected to become Washington state's food code in autumn, 2020. *FC 2017*'s website is: <https://www.fda.gov/food/fda-food-code/food-code-2017>

The **Course Pack** contains many materials not found in reading assignments, serves as your study guide and is available at the University Bookstore on the Ave for ~\$40.

We will have four guest lecturers during the quarter:

- **Janet Anderberg**, DOH food protection specialist, will discuss HACCP--the greatest development in food protection and now available to retail food establishments.
- **John Owens**, Ecolab, Inc. district manager, will explain detergents, sanitizers and ware washing, or what is required for eating utensils to get safely clean.
- **Marguerite Pappaniou** from FDA/CDC will discuss the epidemiology of foodborne illness and what defines a potentially hazardous food.
- **Mansour Samadpour**, Director of EIH Laboratories, will discuss current challenges and developments in microbiological detection and metrics of food pathogens.

Course Activities:

1. **Exams.** There will be two exams of equal value (~100 points). Question types will include multiple choice, true-false, fill-in-the-blank and short-answer based on readings, lecture / class discussion, field trips and the course objectives. Each exam will cover half the quarter's material and be 50 minutes long (two hours on the final).
2. **Quizzes.** A short quiz (10 points each) covering that day's and the preceding session's readings and class discussion *may* be given on any Wednesday or Friday.
3. **Oral Report.** Because so much information in public health is transmitted via oral presentation, gaining valuable practice before you go out into the real world to convince people of your viewpoints is essential to effective public health practice. During the quarter's second half, each student will partner with another student and present a formal joint report to the class on a selected topic; each person should plan on speaking 4 minutes. This exercise is to give you practice standing in front of a group of your peers sharing a specific bit of information with them in an orderly and understandable manner. Up to two presentations/day may be scheduled after the midterm exam at the beginning of class sessions. Therefore, some people will give their presentation earlier than others.

This is to be a formal presentation during which you should state the problem or subject you are addressing, its significant points, and your conclusion(s). Just give a very few facts you select as significant that the class should know; there isn't time to provide many descriptive details or explanations. You may use notes during your presentation but will lose points if you read the presentation. Be ready to answer brief questions afterward. Practice your presentation in advance of the session to be sure you do not exceed your 4-minute time limit.

Your presentation must use PowerPoint™ and you are welcome to meet with me to discuss it before you present.

- **Please email me your presentation in PowerPoint format at least 1 day before you are scheduled to give it so that I can put it on my laptop: easterbg@uw.edu**

Last word tip: try to **enjoy** this experience; you are enlightening your colleagues, not defending your Ph.D. thesis ☺

4. **Field Trip and Inspection Paper.** I will give you an EHS inspector's name and contact information whom **you** must contact to arrange a day, time and place to meet for your field trip to a restaurant(s). **As soon** as you get the inspector's name from me, phone or email her/him to schedule a half day or longer visit for a time **after** your UW food service field trip. You may make this field trip with one other student if it is OK with the EHS taking you. Two students with one EHS is the maximum. Before going on your survey with the EHS, be familiar with the general content of the *Washington State Board of Health Rules and Regulations for Food Service WAC 246-215 (Food Code 2017 with Washington State amendments)*.

One purpose of this assignment is for you to demonstrate and practice your writing skills. After the trip, prepare **your own** detailed and descriptive report presenting your observations and evaluation of the field trip using the outline below, including whether you thought the inspector did a proficient job and why or why not. Put your name in the upper right corner of the front page, center the title *Observations and Evaluation of Food Establishment Inspections* a short distance from the top of the page, and follow this by the text. Correctly organize it by section and paragraph. Number pages at the bottom right. Staple the upper left corner and do not put it in a cover or jacket. It should be long enough to cover your observations in sufficient detail but neither be excessively verbose nor exceed 5 pages double-spaced.

Either 1) bring your report to the final or 2) campus mail it to me at Box 357234 or 3) deliver it to my mailbox in the hall outside F-463. Do **not** email it.

Organize your report into these 5 sections:

1. EHS inspector's name with whom you surveyed.
2. Discuss the EHS's pre-inspection preparations, equipment, etc. Comment on undone things you think might be important too.
3. Identify each establishment you visited and describe the procedure the EHS followed entering the establishment, conducting the inspection, conferring and exiting.
4. Discuss the findings and recommendations or actions the EHS wanted taken at each establishment.
5. Give your evaluation/assessment of how the inspections were performed, how effective you think they were (e.g., will they change operator behavior?), and how this experience agreed with or varied from what was covered in class and readings.

5. **Class Participation.** You are expected to have read class assignments and reviewed study questions when provided **before** each class session. Be prepared to answer my questions. Your attendance is important if there is to be reasonable class participation and is **required** on the dorm field trip and when there are guest speakers. Finally, there is no such thing as a stupid question. Your questions are always welcome to me, so go ahead and ask them.

6. **GRADING IS BASED ON TOTAL POINTS ACCUMULATED**

Points are assigned as follows:

Midterm exam = 100 points + a few

Final exam = 100 points + a few

Field trip report = 30 points

Oral report = 20 points

Quizzes = 10 points each

Points may be deducted for unexcused absence from required sessions.

COURSE OBJECTIVES

Upon completion of this course a student should be able to:

Sessions

1. Identify major changes in American food production practices and the challenges associated with food protection and food protection programs. 1, 2
2. State the major functions, emphases and authority of the US Department of Agriculture, Food and Drug Administration, state and local health departments in food protection. 3
3. Define "foodborne disease outbreak"; distill lessons from historical outbreaks; be able to list objectives and methods of a good foodborne disease surveillance program. 4
4. Discuss major foods involved, contributing factors and geography of foodborne disease outbreaks according to national and state surveillance data. 4
5. Define causes of "spoiled" food and environmental conditions affecting spoilage. 5
6. Identify the major food preservation methods, advantages and risks of each, and how preservation principles apply to foodborne illness prevention. 5
7. Describe discoveries over history that have changed food protection practices. 5
8. Identify major toxins, chemical and biological agents capable of causing foodborne illness. Provide information on etiology of the major diseases and appropriate control measures for each agent, e.g., heavy metals, nitrites, sulfites, mushroom toxins, Paralytic and Amnesic Shellfish Poisoning, parasites, Hepatitis A, Noro- and Rotaviruses, and *Staphylococcus*, *C. perfringens*, *C. botulinum*, *Salmonella*, *Shigella*, *Yersinia*, *Campylobacter*, *E. coli*, *Listeria*, *Vibrio* and *B. cereus* bacteria. 6 - 11

9. Define and characterize "potentially hazardous food"; explain changes in early definitions and list measures required to reduce the potential for such foods to become hazardous. 13
10. Distinguish between Washington State's current food regulations and earlier editions as a result of FDA *Food Code 2017* adoption and revisions. 13
11. Discuss application of food protection principles by inspection of a food service establishment. Understand establishment inspection principles in detail. 14
12. Visit a large commercial dormitory food service and observe its practices 15, 16
12. Discuss the relationship of time and temperature to food cooling, holding, storage, and foodborne pathogen growth, how food thermometers function, and correct food temperature monitoring. 17, 18
13. Name the HACCP concept's 7 steps and how they are implemented. 19, 20
14. Discuss the similarities and differences of food service workers and managers, their education, training and certification. 21
15. Have knowledge of lighting, air removal, plumbing needs and pest management in food establishments as they relate to food protection. 22
16. Describe the procedures and conditions for washing and sanitizing tableware. 23
17. Describe detergents' and sanitizers' major ingredients, methods of operation, functions and factors controlling heat and chemical sanitization effectiveness. 24
18. Identify the criteria used in food service equipment design, construction and placement, and what factors determine their cleanability. 25
19. Describe the factors which assure that milk, shellfish, mushrooms and other foods are safe products. 26
20. Describe parameters for safe retail food storage, preparation and service. 27

Academic Integrity Statement

Students at the University of Washington (UW) are expected to maintain the highest standards of academic conduct, professional honesty and personal integrity.

The UW School of Public Health (SPH) is committed to upholding standards of academic integrity consistent with the academic and professional communities of which it is a part. Plagiarism, cheating, and other misconduct are serious violations of the University of

Washington Student Conduct Code (WAC 478-120). We expect you to know and follow the university's policies on cheating and plagiarism and the [SPH Academic Integrity Policy](#). Any suspected cases of academic misconduct will be handled according to University of Washington regulations. For more information, see the University of Washington Community Standards and Student Conduct website.

I still remember that, when I attended college, each exam blue book said on its cover:

I give my honor as a lady or gentleman, that
I have neither given nor received assistance
and have seen no dishonest work.

The University of Washington expects you to live up to this standard of personal honor.

Disability Resources Statement

Access and Accommodations: Your experience in this class is important to me. Students needing disability accommodations to attend class please inform me or contact Disability Resources for Students in 448 Schmitz Hall at 206.543.8924. If you have already established accommodations with Disability Resources for Students (DRS) or have a letter from Disability Resources, please communicate your approved accommodations to me at your earliest convenience so we can discuss your needs in this course.

If you have not yet established services through DRS, but have a temporary health condition or permanent disability that requires accommodations (conditions include but not limited to: mental health, attention-related, learning, vision, hearing, physical or health impacts), you are welcome to contact DRS at 206-543-8924 or uwdrs@uw.edu or disability.uw.edu. DRS offers resources and coordinates reasonable accommodations for students with disabilities and/or temporary health conditions. Reasonable accommodations are established through an interactive process between you, your instructor(s) and DRS. It is the policy and practice of the University of Washington to create inclusive and accessible learning environments consistent with federal and state law.

Religious Activity Accommodation

Washington state law requires that UW develop a policy for accommodation of student absences or significant hardship due to reasons of faith or conscience, or for organized religious activities. The UW's policy, including more information about how to request an accommodation, is available at [Religious Accommodations Policy](#)

Accommodations must be requested within the first two weeks of this course using [the Religious Accommodations Request form](#).