



**ABIZ 1010: Economics of World Food Issues and Policies  
Section: A01  
Winter 2022**

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<b>Virtual Office Hour:</b>	Thursday 4:00 pm – 5:30 pm. (Zoom) Meeting ID and Password: Will be provided after booking an appointment
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<b>Lecture Time:</b>	Wednesday 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM
<b>Lecture Room:</b>	Zoom (until university decides to change to in person lecture)

**Course Description**

Determinants of global food consumption, production and the factors underpinning food security and malnutrition. The importance of international trade in balancing countries' supply and demand for food, examination of trade barriers and institutions facilitating trade.

**Course Objectives**

As an entry level university course in agribusiness and agricultural economics, the Economics of World Food Issues and Policies is aimed to help you:

1. Understand the basic economic tools used in analysis of global food markets.
2. Become familiar with important issues in world food markets including food demand, production/supply, food policy and welfare effect, natural resources and environmental issues, food security, international trade and interregional differences and similarities.

**Prerequisites**

There are no pre-requisites for this course.

## **Textbooks**

### **Optional textbook:**

Southgate, D., Graham, D. and L. Tweeten, “The World Food Economy: Second Edition.” Columbus: John Wiley & Sons, 2011.

### **Optional textbook:**

Barrett, C.B. and D.G. Maxwell, “Food Aid After Fifty Years: Recasting Its Role.” London: Routledge, 2005.

## **Supplementary Reading**

There will be several additional readings for the course. They will be available online on UMLearn or through the U of M library. Details will be provided as needed throughout the term.

## **Course Materials**

This course will be taught online on Zoom (until university decides to return to in person lecture). We will observe the health-related protocol mandated by the university. Please check the COVID-19 Updates webpage of the university for the latest information. Pay particular attention to the “Protocols and need-to-knows before you arrive on campus” section on that webpage.

Regular attendance is expected from you. All-important announcements will be made in the first 15 minutes of the start of the class and will not be repeated for the students who come late. You will be doing extra practice questions during class. These questions will help you understand the format of the questions of the Quizzes. Also, this time could be used to get help with understanding topics.

Your participation mark is your marks on the in-class exercises. No make-up exercises unless students have a legitimate absence (i.e. illness supported by a medical certificate).

The zoom link with password will be provided via email or will be available on announcements on UMLearn for the whole semester. Your camera should be turn-on during the ZOOM meeting so I can acknowledge your presence in class.

All readings will be available free to students in UM Learn under the heading “readings”. Students will be responsible for knowing all the assigned readings for quizzes, assignments, and the final exam (see course schedule below).

Please respect copyright laws. Photocopying textbooks or other reading material is a violation of copyright laws and is unethical unless permission to copy has been obtained.

## Course Deliverables and Evaluation

**NOTE: There is NO FINAL EXAM in this course.**

Component	Week No.	Exam Date	Grade Value
Quiz 1	Week 5	Wednesday, March 2, 2022 Duration: 1 hour 30 mins Time: 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm (Winnipeg Time)	30 %
Quiz 2	Week 9	Wednesday, March 30, 2022 Duration: 1 hour 30 mins Time: 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm (Winnipeg Time)	30%
Quiz 3	Week 12	Wednesday, April 20, 2022 Duration: 1 hour Time: 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm (Winnipeg Time)	20 %
Class Participation	This will include in-class exercises and class participation		20 %
<b>Total</b>			<b>100 %</b>

The Quizzes are usually **closed book Quiz** and may contain a combination of multiple-choice questions, true/false, fill in the blanks, short or long questions, and quantitative analysis questions.

Quizzes/Exams will be administered via the **Respondus Lockdown browser with monitor**, you will need a device (computer or iPad; smartphone will not work) with one of the following operating systems:

- Windows 10, 8, or 7 (note: will not work with Windows 10S)
- Mac OS 10.15 to 10.12, OS X 10.11, or OSX 10.10
- iOS: 11.0+ (iPad only)

**You will need the Chrome browser. Other browsers such as Safari may not work. You do not need to join Zoom during each quiz.**

### Make-up Quizzes

There is no Make-up Quiz, however in some circumstances it will be scheduled for those who have a legitimate absence, or the marks will be adjusted as per Instructor's discretion. It will be held on specific hour by the professor, and it is your responsibility to be present on the assigned date and time for your make-up test.

Students who miss the quizzes without a valid medical or compassionate reason will receive a mark of 0.

### **Quiz Requirements**

- Students need to be prepared to show valid photo ID during the quizzes. Student should be alone in a quiet room during the quiz.
- Scientific calculators or financial calculators may be used for the quizzes. Cell Phones with calculators, PDA's, other Organizers, or programmable calculators (e.g., Graphical Calculators) will NOT be permitted to be used as calculators. Cell phones must be turned off during all classes and exams.
- If the Quizzes/tests are administered online, it may use **Respondus Lockdown Browser and Respondus monitor**. Every student must make sure they have video camera working properly.
- Students must be punctual. If the tests are monitored through Zoom, students must join Zoom 10-15 minutes prior to the quiz. Those who enter the ZOOM room ten minutes later than the starting time scheduled will NOT be allowed to write the tests/exam. No time extensions will be given.
- If the quiz/tests are administered online, it is students' responsibility making sure your internet, computer, and camera is fully functional during quizzes.

### **Electronic and Mechanical Devices**

Students will need to have regular access to the UM Learn to access outlines, PowerPoint of the lectures, Quizzes, class information, email, and grades.

In case of online lectures and tests/quizzes, it is your responsibility to have internet and computer well functioned during classes and quizzes. Cellphones are not required for any element of the course, so their use during class time is strongly discouraged.

For Online and in-person lectures, recording of lectures and class discussions (by any means) is not permitted unless a student is registered with Student Accessibility Services and requires this support. **Zoom recordings will not be available to students.**

### **GRADE DISTRIBUTION**

Grading will be based on the following conversion of marks to letter grades.

Letter Grade	Percentage
A+	90-100%
A	80-89.9%
B+	75-79.9%

B	70-74.9%
C+	65-69.9%
C	60-64.9%
D	50-59.9%
F	0-49.9%

**NOTE: In the event of a skewed distribution of grades, the total course marks may be curved up or down as necessary. All Final grades are subject to Department approval.**

**Important Dates**

Quiz 1 - Wednesday, March 2, 2022, Time: 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm (Online on UMLearn)  
 Quiz 2 - Wednesday, March 30, 2022, Time: 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm (Online on UMLearn)  
 Quiz 3 - Wednesday, April 20, 2022, Time: 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm (Online on UMLearn)

Drop Date (with Refund) – February 4, 2022  
 Voluntary Withdrawal Date – April 25, 2022  
 Winter term Study Break (No Class) – February 22 – Feb 25, 2022

**Tentative Schedule**

Week	Date	Topic
1	Wednesday, January 26	Introduction to the Course Topic 1: Poverty, Hunger and Food Security
2	Wednesday, February 2	Topic 1: Poverty, Hunger and Food Security Topic 2: Demand Side – Population and Income Effect
3	Wednesday, February 9	Topic 2: Demand Side – Population and Income Effect
4	Wednesday, February 16	Topic 3: Supply Side –Production

5	Wednesday, March 2	<p><b>Quiz 1 – Online on UMLearn (Weight: 30%)</b>  <b>Syllabus- All topics and readings covered up to Week 4</b>  - 30 Questions (combinations of MCQ, FIB, T/F)  - 1 hour 30 mins</p> <p><b>Note: The Quiz are administered online on UMLearn and will be conducted using Respondus Lockdown Browser and Respondus monitor.</b></p> <p><b><u>No Class after the Quiz</u></b></p>
6	Wednesday, March 9	<p>Topic 3: Supply Side –Production  Topic 4: Agricultural Policies</p>
7	Wednesday, March 16	<p>Topic 4: Agricultural Policies</p>
8	Wednesday, March 23	<p>Topic 5: Agriculture and Environment</p>
9	Wednesday, March 30	<p><b>Quiz 2 – in class on UMLearn (Weight: 30%)</b>  <b>Syllabus- All topics and readings covered between Week 6 and Week 8</b>  - 30 Questions (combinations of MCQ, FIB, T/F)  - 1 hour 30 Mins</p> <p><b>Note: The Quiz are administered online on UMLearn and will be conducted using Respondus Lockdown Browser and Respondus monitor.</b></p> <p><b><u>No Class after the Quiz</u></b></p>
10	Wednesday, April 6	<p>Topic 6: Globalization</p>
11	Wednesday, April 13	<p>Topic 6: Globalization  Topic 7: Agriculture, Development and Emerging Issues*</p>

<b>12</b>	<b>Wednesday, April 20</b>	<p><b>Quiz 3 – in class on UMLearn (Weight: 20%)</b>  <b>Syllabus- All topics and readings covered between Week 10 and Week 11</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 20 Questions (combinations of MCQ, FIB, T/F)</li> <li>- 1 hour</li> </ul> <p><b>Note: The Quiz are administered online on UMLearn and will be conducted using Respondus Lockdown Browser and Respondus monitor.</b></p> <p><b><u>No Class after the Quiz</u></b></p>
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The above schedule is tentative and subject to change. Some topics may require more time and others less. The instructor reserves the right to add or exclude topics as course progresses depending on availability of time and background of students.

### **ACADEMIC INTEGRITY POLICY**

Plagiarism or any other form of cheating in examinations, term tests or academic work is subject to serious academic penalty. Cheating in examinations or tests may take the form of copying from another student or bringing unauthorized materials into the exam room. Exam cheating can also include exam impersonation. A student found guilty of contributing to cheating in examinations is also subject to serious academic penalty. Students should acquaint themselves with the University’s policy on plagiarism, cheating, exam impersonation and duplicate submission

(see [http://umanitoba.ca/student/resource/student\\_advocacy/cheating\\_plagiarism\\_fraud.html](http://umanitoba.ca/student/resource/student_advocacy/cheating_plagiarism_fraud.html) ).

### **STUDENT SERVICES AND SUPPORTS**

The University of Manitoba provides many different services that can enhance learning and provide support for a variety of academic and personal concerns. You are encouraged to visit the below websites to learn more about these services and supports. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact your instructor or the Undergraduate Program Office.

<b>For Information on...</b>	<b>...follow this link</b>
Admission, Registration, Tuition Fees, Important Dates, Final Exams, Graduation, and Transcripts	<a href="#">Registrar’s Office</a>
Academic policies & procedures, regulations, Faculty-specific information, degree and major requirements	<a href="#">Academic Calendar</a>
Help with research needs such as books, journals, sources of data, how to cite, and writing	<a href="#">Library Resources</a>
Tutors, workshops, and resources to help you improve your learning, writing, time management, and test-taking skills	<a href="#">Writing and Learning Support</a>

Support and advocacy for students with disabilities to help them in their academic work and progress	<a href="#">Student Accessibility Services</a>
Copyright-related questions and resources to help you avoid plagiarism or intellectual property violations	<a href="#">Copyright Office</a>
Student discipline bylaws, policies and procedures on academic integrity and misconduct, appeal procedures	<a href="#">Academic Integrity</a>
Policies & procedures with respect to student discipline or misconduct, including academic integrity violations	<a href="#">Student Discipline</a>
Students' rights & responsibilities, policies & procedures, and support services for academic or discipline concerns	<a href="#">Student Advocacy</a>
Your rights and responsibilities as a student, in both academic and non-academic contexts	<a href="#">Your rights and responsibilities</a>
Full range of medical services for any physical or mental health issues	<a href="#">University Health Service</a>
Information on health topics, including physical/mental health, alcohol/substance use harms, and sexual assault	<a href="#">Health and Wellness</a>
Any aspect of mental health, including anxiety, stress, depression, help with relationships or other life concerns, crisis services, and counselling.	<a href="#">Student Counselling Centre</a>
Support services available for help regarding any aspect of student and campus life, especially safety issues	<a href="#">Student Support Case Management</a>
Resources available on campus, for environmental, mental, physical, socio-cultural, and spiritual well-being	<a href="#">Live Well @ UofM</a>
Help with any concerns of harassment, discrimination, or sexual assault	<a href="#">Respectful Work and Learning Environment</a>
Concerns involving violence or threats, protocols for reporting, and how the university addresses them	<a href="#">Violent or Threatening Behaviour</a>

### **Other Course Polices**

- The best way to reach me is by email. All emails sent to me should include ABIZ1010 in the subject line, your first and last name and student number. All questions should specifically address only topics on the course outline.
- Assignments and exams will be based on contents covered in class including assigned reading and exercises.

### **UNIVERSITY OF MANITOBA COVID-19 HEALTH & SAFETY POLICY**

**January 19, 2022.**

The University of Manitoba (the “UM”) is committed to maintaining a safe learning environment for all students, faculty, and staff. Should campus operations change because of health concerns related to the COVID-19 pandemic or other campus-wide emergency, it is possible that this course will move to a fully remote delivery format. Should the instructor be required to stay at



home for an extended period and an alternate instructor not be available, the course may move temporarily to a remote delivery format. In that instance, you may be provided with an asynchronous option to minimize the impact the change may have on your schedule.

### **PPE and Mask Wearing**

In a face-to-face environment, our commitment to safety requires students to observe all physical distancing (2m) and personal protective equipment (PPE) guidelines set by the University (<https://umanitoba.ca/coronavirus> )

**While on campus and in class, you must wear PPE (Personal Protective Equipment)** as stipulated in current [University policies, procedures, and guidelines](#). Students who fail to comply are subject to disciplinary action in accordance with the [Student Discipline Bylaw](#) and the [Non-Academic Misconduct and Concerning Behaviour Procedure](#).

Medical-grade 3-ply masks are available at many locations on campus, including specific classroom locations, designated by your unit, the Elizabeth Dafoe Library (Fort Garry Campus) and the Brodie Centre main doors (Bannatyne Campus). Additional PPE, if necessary for a specific learning environment, will be provided to you by the teaching unit.

If you do not follow masking and other requirements you will be asked to leave the learning space and may only return to the class already in progress when you have complied with these requirements. Repeated issues will result in disciplinary action as previously noted.

**Students should not eat or drink during class time.**

### **Illness**

Remember: **STAY HOME IF YOU HAVE SYMPTOMS OR ARE ILL.** If you become sick or are required to self-isolate, you should notify your instructor by email so you can develop a plan to complete the course learning outcomes while you are absent.

If you have symptoms, do not come to campus or any UM facilities. Complete the [self-assessment](#) on the Manitoba Public Health site and follow the guidelines, which may include booking a COVID-19 test.

What to do if you become ill while at UM:

1. Leave the classroom, lab or workspace immediately. Continue to wear your mask while leaving the premises and/or while waiting for transportation.
2. Perform hand hygiene (soap and water or hand sanitizer) and avoid contact with others, and minimize contact with the physical environment.

3. Once at home, complete the [MB self-assessment](#) and follow the directions that are provided.
4. Inform your supervisor(s), instructor(s) or, if in residence, the appropriate individual.
5. You must remain off campus and all UM facilities until cleared to return in accordance with self-assessment, testing results, or MB Health requirements.

**Recommended transportation options (in order):**

1. Drive yourself home.
2. Pick-up by family or friend – remember to keep your mask on and to distance as much as possible, and where possible, open a window to improve ventilation.
3. Pickup by taxi/Uber:
  - Remain masked and perform hand hygiene before entering the vehicle.
    - Avoid touching the inside of the vehicle
    - Keep your mask on for the duration of the ride
    - Where possible, open a window to improve ventilation.
4. Winnipeg Transit buses - Winnipeg Transit has indicated that individuals that are ill **must not use Transit.**