

NEW COURSE AVAILABLE SPRING 2017: **PHIL 390 – The Philosophy of Food!**

Instructor: Professor Engel

Time: Wednesdays, 6:00-8:40PM

Topics Include:

- The Metaphysics of Food
- Food Insecurity and Social Justice
- Food and the Environment
- Food and Sustainability
- Food Safety
- Food and Value

Food plays a vital role in our lives. Food sustains us both physically and emotionally. We structure our lives around food, socialize over food, and celebrate with food. Our personal and cultural identities are often expressed through food. Despite the central role food plays in our lives, we tend to eat habitually and unreflectively. It's surprising that such a fundamental element of our lives typically receives so little philosophical thought and reflection. This course will change that. It will deepen your understanding of and appreciation for food and will help you develop a healthier relationship with food. In class, we will explore the philosophical, ethical, and environmental issues surrounding food and food production. Outside of class, we will learn how to grow food, share food, and protect food.

- ❖ Counts toward the Interdisciplinary Certificate of Undergraduate Study in Applied Ethics
- ❖ Counts toward the Certificate in Sustainable Food Systems
- ❖ Satisfies a humanities course elective for ENVS students
- ❖ No prerequisites

