

Graduate Module (AGRI 5710/5705)

Title: Agriculture and Food Ethics

Instructor: Dr. Ralph C. Martin

Time: Feb to April, 2011

Description:

In this module we will critique several recent papers that review options for producing food, fuel and fibre with reduced inputs. Consideration will be given to optimizing the use of agricultural resources and energy within the context of a changing climate. The question, “how will we eat well in our sustainable communities?” will be set in contrast to the question “how will we feed the world?” The module will include critical discussions of assigned papers and presentations of selected topics.

Format of classes: There will be 5 class meetings from February to April according to the schedule of participants. Each class will be 2.5 hours. In addition, participants will be asked to attend at least one relevant seminar to be discussed later in class.

Evaluation:

Participation in critical discussions: 30%

Presentation of selected topic: 20%

Review paper of selected topic: 50%

The critical discussions will be evaluated based on the understanding and critical analysis demonstrated by each course participant. The presentation of a selected topic will be evaluated for clarity, cohesiveness, comparing and contrasting and contributions to unique associations. The written review paper (3 – 4000 words) will be evaluated for punctual submission, the specific use of data, critical thinking, the ability to compare and contrast and scientific understanding.

Prerequisites:

Enrollment in the graduate program at NSAC or Dalhousie University.

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