Virtual Exchange Program

Basics in Food Safety

**Start date:** 12/04/2020, **End date:** 03/07/2020  
**Platform:** edX

Wageningen University and Research

**COURSE SYNOPSIS**

**Domain:** Life sciences

**Title(s) of the course(s) as it appears on the platform:** Nutrition and Health: Food Risks

**Language (ISO-639-1 code):** en

**Short description of the course:** Learn about bacteria, pesticides and health hazards present in food.

**Instructor(s):** Ivonne Rietjens, Marcel Zwietering, Martine Reij

**Level:** BA1  
**ECTS:** 2.0

**Workload in student hours:** 56

**Semester:** 1: jan-june

**Full course description:** Everyday reports of food scandals and recalls are published. One day reports mention scary bacteria in meat, and another day dangerous pesticides in fruits. According to some, meat needs to be cooked well to prevent food-borne illness while others warn not to heat food to prevent the formation of poisonous substances. Many consumers worry about the conflicting and confusing messages about food hazards. This course will teach you about the hazards associated with food and give you the tools to assess and quantify the dangers they can present. You will get an introduction into the effects of food processing, the shared responsibility in the food chain and the prevention of food poisoning/intoxication. After this course, you will be able to differentiate what is a food myth vs. an actual risk. Finally, you will gain a contemporary view of how different risks can be weighed in a scientific way

**Prerequisites:** -

**Link to course on platform:** https://www.edx.org/course/nutrition-and-health-food-risks-0, -

**Link to course in University studyplan:** https://ssc.wur.nl/Handbook/Course/FHM-51302

**Course registration opening date:** 06/01/2020

**Course registration deadline:** 12/04/2020

**Course withdraw date:** -

**Midterm:** No

**Midterm details:** -

**Exam period start:** 06/07/2020

**Exam period end:** 17/07/2020

**Exam date:** -

**Exam timing:** Synchronous (exam needs to take place at the same date and time everywhere)

**Exam start time:** -
Exam end time: -

Time zone (at the time of the exam, DST): UTC+1

Exam registration date: 26/06/2020

Exam resit available: Yes

Exam resit period start: 03/02/2021

Exam resit period end: 12/02/2021

Exam resit date: -

Exam resit time start: -

Exam resit time end: -

Time zone (at the time of the resit of the exam, DST): UTC+1

Final exam type: Written

Final exam details: -

Exam requirements for home university (computer, VOIP, recording materials): -

Cap (maximum number of exchange students): 50

Offered to which partners: -, All partners of the Alliance(s) selected above

Link to course image: https://drive.google.com/open?id=1_kWjt17fDqUig-urX_4G8wHDYeJ4_QW5