

# Seminar on Global Issues

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**Course prefix:** HTS

**Course number:** 4091

**Section:** A

**CRN (you may add up to five):**  
35011

**Instructor First Name:** Laura

**Instructor Last Name:** Bier

**Semester:** Spring

**Academic year:** 2026

**Course description:**

Research seminar on global food history

**Course learning outcomes:**

Students will understand historical shifts in producing and consuming food on a global level

Students will improve their oral presentation abilities

Students will be able to successfully apply course concepts to an individual research project

**Required course materials:**

Sidney Mintz: *Sweetness and Power*

Jefferey Pilcher: *Hopped Up: How Travel, Trade, and Taste Made Beer a Global Commodity*

**Grading policy:**

Your final grade will be assigned as a letter grade according to the following scale:

**Letter Grade**

**Percentage**

A

90-100%

B

80-89%

C

70-79%

D

60-69%

F

0-59%

**Attendance policy:**

This class meets once a week an attendance is important. You may miss up to three class sessions for any reason without your grade being impacted.

**Academic honesty/integrity statement:**

Students are expected to maintain the highest standards of academic integrity. All work submitted must be original and properly cited. Plagiarism, cheating, or any form of academic dishonesty will result in immediate consequences as outlined in the university's academic integrity policy.