

Faculty of Higher Education

Subject Code	GAS701
Subject Name	Gastronomic Issues and Perspectives
Credit points	6
Study Level	Year 4
Delivery mode	On campus
Location	Melbourne
Prerequisites	None

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Subject Overview	<p>What's good to eat? How do we eat well? These are the questions that go to the heart of gastronomic practice and reflect the rules, norms and meanings associated with food and, in particular, what is defined as "good food". Gastronomy as a discipline encompasses the study of what we eat and drink, and why, from a cultural, historical, political, sociological, anthropological and culinary perspective. Students will engage critically with gastronomic texts and different understandings of food-related "goodness", undertake sensory evaluation and analyse different forms of gastronomic communication including literature, menus, guidebooks and television. The field of gastronomy is nothing without the words to communicate our food experiences so students will need to be prepared to read, write and discuss.</p> <p>By the end of the subject, students will have an understanding of gastronomy as both a field of study and an ever-evolving cultural and industry practice. This subject provides students with the opportunity to broaden and deepen their appreciation and knowledge of gastronomy, building on knowledge acquired in Culture and Cuisine and incorporates material from Food Issues in the 21st Century.</p>
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Learning Outcomes	Formulate an independent definition of gastronomy
	Critically analyse academic texts and various forms of gastronomic communication
	Develop and present a persuasive argument relating to a contemporary gastronomic issue
	Evaluate culinary products and experiences using the language of gastronomy

Assessments	Details	Weighting
	Critical analysis	35%
	Restaurant review	15%
	Research essay	50%

Graduate Attributes addressed in this subject	Ethical and social understanding
	Systematic and coherent body of knowledge
	Cognitive skills to analyse and critique, synthesise and consolidate knowledge
	Scholarly skills
	Communication skills
	Personal attributes - confidence in putting forward an argument, opportunity to explore own interests and ideas through research and writing