DEPARTMENT OF LANGUAGES AND CULTURES
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CONTENT
In this capstone course for several programs in Languages and Cultures, the theme in 2022
will be “Food and Society in Medieval Europe”. Students will be given an overview of the
role of food in the civilizing process, and the close connection of food with identity, ethics,
magic, ritual, religion, health, science, technology, trade, explorations, and the arts. They are
expected to develop their own research projects exploring avenues ranging from sociology,
anthropology, nutrition, medicine, and aesthetics, to intercultural influences, and economics.
For the presentation of their findings, students will choose their own medium which may be
of a traditional or experimental nature.

AIMS
- develop an in-depth understanding of food’s central role in medieval society
- study the connection of food with areas of human endeavour from the arts and humanities,
to the sciences, business and law
- develop an awareness of the factors that influenced medieval dietary choices and food
practices

OUTCOMES
Upon successful completion of the course students will have
- acquired the tools to conduct advanced research in medieval food culture
- been introduced to and have applied a multi-disciplinary approach to food culture
- acquired the skills to work effectively in conjunction with professors and peers
- communicated the results of their research in an engaging way and a format suited to the
topic of their choice

ASSESSMENTS
Participation 10%
Research Project 90%

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expectations for student participation in Languages and Cultures courses is available in the
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policies set out by the Senate and the Department of Languages and Cultures, and thus ignorance of
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