

Faculty of Higher Education

Subject Code	GAS852
Subject Name	Politics of Gastronomy
Credit points	6
Study Level	Year 1
Delivery mode	On campus
Location	Melbourne
Prerequisites	GAS851 Gastronomic Discourse and Culture

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Subject Overview	The field, the garden, and the table are the material, social and symbolic spaces in which different living and non-living things gather around food. But they are also intersections in which we interact with systems of power—whether ecological, economic, or ecosophic. In this sense, gastronomy is a relational and performative practice that confronts critical questions about the political qualities of culture and cuisine, nature and society, technology and discourse. This subject will critically engage with gastronomic texts and media to analyse different understandings of power at various scales, both temporal and spatial. Students will come to understand how contemporary food systems are negotiated, contested, adaptive, and extensive.
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Learning Outcomes	Apply gastronomic ways of knowing to the ways in which different kinds of power operate in and influence the worlds of food.
	Critically analyse sites and systems of power as fluid and disruptive, and therefore perceive how power might be reorganized within food contexts.
	Identify and evaluate how different power structures come about, including the types of power at play in these structures
	Bear witness to one’s own roles within systems of gastronomic power, including one’s capacity and limitations in enacting change within those systems.

Assessments	Details	Weighting
	Essay	50%
	Reflections	50%

Graduate Attributes addressed in this subject	Ethical and social understanding
	Systematic and coherent body of knowledge
	Cognitive skills to synthesise and consolidate knowledge
	Scholarly skills
	Communication skills