

## Syllabus for FDSC 1133 - An Introduction to Food Science

### **INSTRUCTOR INFORMATION**

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Educational/Work Biography: Christina DeWitt was born Christina Mireles in Corpus Christi, TX on April 15, 1967. She attended primary school in Corpus Christi, TX, Victoria, TX, Austin, TX and Boise, ID. Her secondary education was at Bryan, TX from which she graduated in 1985. She obtained her B.S. in Food Science from Texas A&M University in 1989. She attended Oregon State University from 1990-1992. In 1992 she accepted a position with Silliker Laboratories as Food Chemistry Supervisor of their College Station, TX facilities. In 1994 she obtained her MS in Food Science from Oregon State University. That same year she was promoted to Chemistry Operations Manager for Silliker's Dallas location. In 1997, she left Silliker to start a Ph.D. program at Oregon State University's Seafood Laboratory. In February 2000, she started a position at Oklahoma State University to conduct research in the area of Food By-product Utilization. She received her Ph.D. in Food Science from Oregon State University the same year in June 2000. She currently serves as an Associate Professor in the Department of Animal Science and works for the Food & Agricultural Products Center (FAPC). She has a split-appointment that is 40% research, 40% extension and 20% teaching.

### **TEACHING ASSISTANT INFORMATION**

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Educational/Work Biography:

Chern "Lin" Koh was born in Malaysia on January 9, 1984. She moved to Plano, Texas with her family and attended school there. She graduated from Plano East Senior High in May 2002. Lin received her B.S in Food Science from Oklahoma State University in May 2007. In the summer of 2006, she attended the Summer Research Scholar Program at Cornell University. After graduating from Oklahoma State, Lin worked as a summer intern with 21<sup>st</sup> sensory in Bartlesville, OK. She recently started her position as a Senior Research Specialist for the Food Chemistry lab in the Food & Agricultural Products Center (FAPC). She also started her Master's program in Food Science under the direction of Dr. Christina DeWitt.

## COURSE INFORMATION

Course title: Fundamentals of Food Science  
Course number: FDSC 1133  
Course description: This course is designed to introduce students to the discipline of Food Science.  
Course Date: Tuesday, January 8, 2008 – Thursday, May 1, 2008  
Location: ANSI 123  
Meeting days: Tuesday, Thursday  
Meeting Times: 12:30-1:45  
Prerequisites: None

## TEXTBOOKS

Required reading: Food Science, Potter, NN and Hotchkiss, JH. Chapman and Hall, 5<sup>th</sup> ed. 1995, 0-412-06451-0

## GRADING POLICIES

Grades: Final grades will be determined using an accumulation of scores from three hour exams and class assignments/attendance:

2 exams at 100 points; Total points = 200  
Assignments = 75 points  
Attendance = 25 points

A grade scale of 90 to 100 = A, 80 to 89 = B, 70 to 79 = C and 60 to 69 = D will be used to determine the final grade. *Students who expect to earn a grade of "A" for the semester, must have lost no more than 3 attendance points, those who expect a "B", no more than 6 attendance points, and a "C", no more than 9 attendance points. Students who have lost more than 9 attendance points will not receive a passing grade.*

## HOURLY AND FINAL EXAM INFORMATION

Policy: Hour exams will include a variety of questions taken primarily from reading assignments and class discussion. Scantron answer sheets will be used for exams. These will be provided by the instructor. It will be the student's responsibility to follow directions related to correctly answering questions. Two exams will be completed prior to Finals week. Students who have taken both exams will not be required to take the final. The final will be comprehensive. Any student who needs a third exam grade will need to take the comprehensive final exam at the scheduled time. No other form of make-up exam is planned.

Exam Dates: Exam 1: February 14, Thursday  
Exam 2: March 27, Thursday  
Final Exam: Tuesday, April 29, 10 am to 11:50 am

## **POLICY SECTION**

### **Policy on Academic Dishonesty**

Academic dishonesty or misconduct is neither condoned nor tolerated at Oklahoma State University. Academic dishonesty is behavior in which a deliberately fraudulent misrepresentation is employed in an attempt to gain undeserved intellectual credit, either for oneself or for another. Academic misconduct is behavior that results in intellectual advantage obtained by violating specific directions, rules, or accepted academic standards, but without deliberate intent or use of fraudulent means.

### **Policy on Attendance**

#### ***UNEXCUSED***

Vacation plans, oversleeping, illness not sufficient to require medical attention, social activities (including fraternity, sorority, residence hall activities, club activities, rodeo, livestock shows, FFA, 4-H, other youth events, weddings, birthday parties, etc...) are all unexcused absences. However, since there is a means to make-up points lost from attendance and only two of three exams are required for your exam grade, there should be no reason for anyone who misses class, excused or unexcused to take a make-up exam.

#### ***EXCUSED***

The only absences that will be excused are: (1) absence for a university approved field trip or activity, (2) absence for a death or serious injury in the family, (3) absences resulting from personal illness which are documented (signed note) by a physician or accompanied with a hospital receipt, and (4) absences resulting from extenuation circumstances not covered above, but discussed with the instructor prior to the absence. All require written notification provided through D2L.

### **Policy on Instructor Notification of Absences**

Only those students with a valid excused absence need notify the TA by e-mail of your absence. You should put in the subject line "excused absence". It is not sufficient to notify your instructor or TA verbally. An electronic record must be submitted. The electronic submission must come through D2L website. If you KNOW you will miss class for a University approved excused absence, you must notify the TA PRIOR to the date you will be absent. FAILURE to do so will nullify any make-up opportunities.

### **Policy on Turning-in Late Work**

Assignments will not be accepted if they are turned in late for anything other than an **unexpected** university **excused** absence. For planned absences in which the date you will be absent is known ahead of time (school activities, etc) you will still be required to turn in the assignment prior to the due date or on the due date. If it is turned in later it will not be accepted. Since homework is turned in via a computer, and not actually handed in...not being in class is no longer a viable excuse as to why an assignment is turned in late.

### **Policy on Missing an Exam**

If you miss exam 1, you must take the final exam

If you miss exam 2, you must take the final exam

If you are the unluckiest person in the world and manage to miss exams 1 and 2 **for a valid university approved excuse** then the final, since it is comprehensive, will be worth 200 pts instead of 100 pts.

If you miss one exam for a valid excuse, but miss the second for a non-university approved excuse, your final will be worth 100 pts and you will receive a zero for the other. If this is indeed the case, and you are a student with perfect attendance and assignment scores and capable of acing the comprehensive final at the end, the maximum grade you can obtain is a 66 for this class. If this is not acceptable, *I strongly suggest you withdraw from the class prior to the last day to drop a course with a "W"*.

### **Policy on Missing the Final Exam**

Students missing the final examination who notify the instructor of the reasons for their absence by 4:30 pm on the day of the scheduled final exam will receive a grade of "I" (incomplete) for the course and will be expected to take a make-up final exam at a time arranged with the instructor.

Student who are absent from the final exam and who do not notify the instructor of the reason for their absence by 4:30 pm on the day of the examination will receive a score of zero for the final exam.

### **Policy on Relief from Multiple Final Exams on the Same Day**

"In the even a student has three or more final exams scheduled for a single day, the student is entitled to arrange with the faculty member instructing the highest numbered course (4 digit course number), or two highest numbered courses if the student has four final exams on one day, an alternative exam time of mutual convenience during the final exam week. Common final exams are not among those to be rescheduled." (University policy in the catalog)

### **Special Accommodation for Students**

"According to the Americans with Disabilities Act, each student with a disability is responsible for notifying the University of his or her disability and to request accommodations. If any member of a class thinks the he/she has a qualified disability and needs special accommodations, he/she should notify the instructor and request verification of eligibility for accommodations from the Office of Student Disability Services, to ensure timely implementation of appropriate accommodations. Faculty have an obligation to respond when they receive official notice of a disability but are under no obligation to provide retroactive accommodations.