

AUTUMN 2021 | FAES 5194 | GROUP STUDIES COURSE: WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE A GOOD PERSON?

This course examines different perspectives on a good life and what it means to be a good person, with particular attention to careers related to food, agriculture, and the environment. Anthropological, psychological, spiritual, biological, sociological, political, literary, and popular culture theories provide material for discussion and for developing a personal credo.

Meeting Time: Tuesday and Thursday 2:20pm - 3:40pm

Course Instructors: Dean Cathann Kress and Dr. Greg Hitzhusen, with additional lectures by other CFAES and OSU faculty and community leaders.

Course Format: Distance Enhanced: most classes will be online (synchronous); in person classes will be held in the first week, last week, and a middle week of the course.

This first offering of the course will have limited enrollment, so please fill out the following Qualtrics survey to let us know more about your interest in the course. https://osu.az1.gualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_2uwb0H7Ze6IRYIm

This course allows students to reflect on life-long questions of what it means to be a good person. Who do we think we are? How can we live well? What are the principles, patterns, and outcomes of good lives lived by good people as understood through different perspectives? How do we find our own authentic voice and direction amid personal challenges, family life, and food, agricultural and environmental careers? This course is designed to explore these and related questions, and to provide students an opportunity to discuss these ideas with peers, instructors, and community leaders. Students are encouraged to adopt an inquiring, anthropological mind as we explore readings for clues as to what we believe.

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