



Unravelling solutions for Future Food problems

End of session 6, December 2018



Universiteit Utrecht

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General information

	Session 1	Session 2	Session 3	Session 4	Session 5	Session 6
Enrolled learners	No information	306	497	1087	1445	2089
Active learners	No information	242	242	535	712	1088
Course completers	No information	10	10	20	30	38
Paid enrolments	No information	7	11	15	20	98

Rating:



4.6 out of 5 (28 ratings)

Remark: “problem solving course. related to 2nd program of united nation (zero hunger)”

Results evaluation form

Beyond Coursera’s general information, 32 participants have filled in Elevate’s evaluation form in the period July - December 2018.

23 were female, 9 were male. 5 have some high school but no degree, 3 have some college but no degree, 5 have a high school diploma, 9 have Bachelor degree, 9 has a master’s degree and one has an associate degree.

On the next pages you’ll find the results from the evaluation questionnaire students have filled in.

1. Please rate your satisfaction with each of the following:

	Poor	Fair	Good	Very good	Excellent
Factual accuracy of content		2	5	12	13
Depth of content	1		5	13	13
Lecture videos	1		5	13	13
Assessments		2	8	13	9
Discussion forums	1	1	10	11	9
Overall course experience			6	12	14
Quizzes	1	1	4	15	10
Peer Review Assignment		3	6	14	9

- 64.5% (20 people) said that the course workload was just right, 32.3% (10 people) said it was somewhat heavy
- 59.3% (19 people) said that the course difficulty was just right, 18.75% (6 people) said the course was somewhat light and 15.6% (5 people) wrote that it was somewhat heavy.
- They spent approximately **3 hours** per week on the course. 65% (21 people) said that the number of hours spent on this course **was according to their expectations**, 21.8%

(7 people) said they have spent more hours on the course and 12.5% (4 people) they spent less hours on the course.

2. To what extent do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements?

	Strongly Disagree	Somewhat Disagree	Neutral	Somewhat agree	Strongly agree
I found the material interesting.		1	3	9	19
The topic of the course is applicable to my current or potential career.	2		2	12	16
The course ran smoothly, with few technical difficulties.	1	1	6	11	13
The course contributed to an interdisciplinary view on the world food problem.	1		3	13	15
The course raised awareness of the research done at Utrecht University in the area of Future food.	1		3	11	17

3. How would you rate your understanding of the subject:

How would you rate your understanding of the subject	Before the course	After the course
Poor	1	0
Fair	5	1
Good	15	3
Very good	6	19
Excellent	5	9

4. How likely would you be to:

	Very unlikely	Somewhat unlikely	Neutral	Somewhat likely	Very likely
Revisit the course materials in the future?		2	7	12	11
Take this course again	2	7	11	6	6
Take another course by the same instructor(s)?		1	7	14	10
Recommend this course to a friend?		2	3	13	14
Take another online course from the same university/institution - if you wouldn't have to pay?			6	10	16
Take another online course from the same university/institution - if you will have to pay?	2	6	7	7	10

The aspect they liked most about this course:

- I liked the point of view
- I noticed a serious difference in the level of the two halves of the course. The first two weeks were very interesting and well presented, the assignment stimulating and I have learned a lot.
- the Transition of Topic and the points covered
- as it discuss the current problems in the world of food.
- Causes of food scarcity. Having to research different topics for the assessments.
- Adjustment of course is excellent. this course is innovative and full of Knowledge. I am Happy that i get knowledge, Not i wast my time. I impressed by staff teaching method. I have desire to take admission at utrecht university for master program in Food Science and Technology. I am looking for supervisor.
- I liked the assignments that were made due during the course. All the assignments increased my knowledge and gave me a vision to access the things differently as compared to the way I used to access.
- Good knowledge.
- Peer reviewing part
- We can share and talk about our experiences
- The academical preparation of the proffesors.
- The way the information was brought out
- Very descriptive
- Realistic examples and assignments.
- Quiz
- the lecture videos
- The information shared.
- Videos
- it was interesting
- The content and the way it was explained.
- I hope I will be able to use the information in educational work in schools and companies in Slovakia. I found the Nudge theory as really working and interesting method. I'm considering ordering the book mentioned in videolecture :-)
- the content. it was fab

The aspect they liked least about the course and suggestions for improvement:

- THE ONLY NIGHT WAS NOT A PLACE THAT I SAYED TO CHANGE.
- The 3rd and 4th week try to cover a whole lot of topics without coming to a point and the assignments are not always clear, not always interesting, and in one case potentially dangerous. The assignment with the map (week 4) makes no sense, since 500mt for somebody living on the countryside are ridiculously small, and I did not feel at ease to upload a map of the areas I usually visit. Please take it out as the assignment can be done without map. As I have mentioned in my comment: "I could have picked a different area than where I live, but I could just as easily picked a map of Manhattan and made up points. There is no benefit in uploading such map since the reviewers most certainly won't go check out if every marked place actually does sell fresh fruit and vegetables."
- Would have liked more information on possible solutions. More in depth on one of the topics. The other in a different class.
- Just one problem i faced in this course, to review the peer submission. My one review is still reaming in 4rth week.
- The thing I liked the least is less technical knowledge is provided, maybe it is because of the beginner level or to complete lectures in less time because of less demand of time from the student to spend on the course.
- Heavy assignments
- Long essays
- Nothing
- Some questions in the quizzes. But then I used to.
- Too many assignments
- assignments

- evaluation by peers
- Assignments being evaluated by peers.
- Assignments
- the assignments were too repetitive and the quiz had more than 1 right answer. the quiz should only have 1 right answer
- Some topics were better than others but all of them useful
- the assignments were quite long (esp the last one). I am also doing this in my private time and would really like to have got a certificate without having to pay

Additional comments:

- MAYBE MAY BE A LITTLE MORE READING PART
- It could be made clear in the course presentation that this is a 5-weeks long advertisement for the university of Utrecht. I have enjoyed most of the course, but I will not move to Utrecht or do an online master because of this course. Moreover, there must be something wrong with week 3 since the materials do not cover (large) parts of the tests.
- Will be good if you add more topics on failure in Food distribution system in many developing and under developed countries . The topic is no more the particular countries problem. Now they are Global problem
- Split the course into two.
- Best of Luck for the Future problem solution.
- I would like to suggest to add more technical knowledge that would be helpful to get a job.
- Have to wait to be reviewed or to review an assignment in order to be graded. I'm currently in that situation with the last assignment! If there is no other students taking the course or, in this case, completing the last assignment I won't be able to pass/be graded ?
- I would like to have more information about sustainable sources and theories. For example about problems in distribution also in ethic meaning. Like - Do we really need strawberries in a winter :-? Also I would like to know more, if local and seasonal behaviour in eating could be one of sustainable potentials.
- I would do a lot more of these if I could get a certificate without having to pay. I get that you have to get something out of it but you are promoting universities/organisations etc. which should be great for them. I think the certificates should be free as we are all putting quite some effort into this and I'd like to show my employer that I have actually worked on this.

To sum up:

What went well

- The average rating grew from 4.1 to 4.6.
- 27 students are likely to recommend this course to others. That is a very good score!
- The students are overall very happy with this course, with a correct course workload and course difficulty.
- The overall understanding of the subject grew for almost every participant.

What could be improved

- The assignments got some remarks; students thought they were too long and repetitive.
- The peer reviews also got some remarks; it wasn't motivating for students that they can't continue or finish their course
- One participant said that the content of week 3 didn't cover (large) parts of the tests.

Other items to discuss

- Improvements for 2019
- Evaluation of last half year
- How can we make sure more participants will follow and complete the course in 2019?