Food Defense: Prepare, Respond, and Recover
VMED 5920

A new course for Graduate and Undergraduate Students

Schedule: T/Th 11:00-12:30 pm at 215 VSB, St. Paul Campus

Prerequisites: Enrollees in any University of Minnesota Graduate Program are welcome to attend. Senior undergraduates require consent of instructor.

Course Description: This course will provide a foundation for students to understand the basic principles of preparedness and emergency response that are utilized to plan for, respond to, and recover from a natural or intentional food disaster.

Interested in homeland defense and national security? This course will increase your knowledge of food defense, plans that guide preparedness to intentional or catastrophic food emergency, and improve your awareness of the agencies and players that are involved in disaster preparedness and response. You will understand how to define a threat through analysis of severity and probability, and learn how to characterize an event, response and recovery.

Course Assignments and Evaluation Procedures:
• Class participation through student led discussion (20%)
• Analysis of a recent intentional event (30%)
• Review and assessment of a federal or state food response plan (50%)
• Readings assigned

Do you have questions?

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