

**ISSUES ASSIGNMENT-FCS 321**  
**40 points Written Paper**  
**25 points Oral Presentation-Class/Faculty Average**  
**10 points Peer Evaluation**

OBJECTIVE: The students will research, present, and evaluate issues in Food and Nutrition as they are **related to meal management**.

Students will divide into groups of **SEVEN** (4 per group) for the *Issues Assignment* project. The groups will decide upon a topic of interest from those listed in our ANNUAL EDITIONS *Nutrition 06/07* book . The completed assignment will be presented orally to the class and in written form to the instructors.

Topic treatments are summarized below. Other issues may be accepted, with instructor approval. With ANY topic your group handles, **REMEMBER: YOU ARE LOOKING AT IT FROM THE PERSPECTIVE OF A MEAL MANAGER.** How do these issues affect the meal manager? **COMMUNICATION – WHERE DOES IT FIT IN?**

1. **Food and Nutrition Trends: Eating patterns of today:**
  
2. **The importance of nutrients in our diet**
  
3. **Diet and disease throughout our lifespan:**
  
4. **Obesity and Weight control**
  
5. **Health claims (and quackery):**
  
6. **Food safety:**
  
7. **World Hunger and Malnutrition:**

Discuss the world's food supply, global malnutrition and infection, agricultural biotechnology, bioterrorism and our food, a sustainable world food supply

This assignment is worth **75 points/student**. Evaluation will be as follows:

**ORAL REPORT:**      **25** –Audience/Faculty average grade  
                             **10** -Peer grade (within group)

The **ORAL** report will be no more than 20 minutes, plus a question/answer period. Your creativity, thoroughness, and management skills will be allowed to flourish with this assignment. The guidelines will be established within your group.

**WRITTEN REPORT: 40** -Written assignment grade (to be turned in as a group)

The **WRITTEN** report must clearly identify the topic; the purpose/goal **as it relates to the meal manager**; the procedure of your investigation clearly spelled out; a discussion of what you found out, and any conclusions and recommendations you have regarding your topic.

You will be evaluated on the **WRITTEN** report as follows:

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| 1. <b>PURPOSE</b> clearly stated, relationship to meal mgr..... | 10 pts |
| 2. <b>KNOWLEDGE</b> of topic.....                               | 5 pts  |
| 3. Clear <b>CONCLUSIONS/IMPLICATIONS</b> to meal mgr....        | 5 pts  |
| 4. <b>RECOMMENDATIONS</b> for future consideration.....         | 5 pts  |
| 5. <b>CREATIVITY</b> .....                                      | 5 pts  |
| 6. <b>ORGANIZATION</b> .....                                    | 5 pts  |
| 7. <b>GRAMMAR, SPELLING, PUNCTUATION</b> .....                  | 3 pts  |
| 8. <b>PAGE LIMIT</b> (4-10 pages); <b>REFERENCES</b> .....      | 2 pts  |