It’s A Matter Of Taste: 
Food In World History and Cultures

A 10-day summer program at the UCLA International Institute traces the evolution of regional and cross-regional food cultures from antiquity to the present, underscoring how food preferences reflect the interplay of local cultures, geographies, and socio-political configurations, in the context of broader realities such as trans-national economic networks and environmental change.

Our aim is to enhance understanding of the intimate links between global and regional histories in Asia, Europe, Middle East, Africa and Latin America. Using lectures, discussions, demonstrations, and explorations and employing textual and visual sources, the seminar helps teachers understand the unique cultures and heritages of students and provides the know-how to make broad, complex global processes more concrete and comprehensible.

Our seminar explores evolving tastes in food and beverages in a manner consistent with the California History /Social Science, and Language Arts standards.

Each participant will enroll in one of the following three regional tracks: Middle East and North Africa, Europe and Eurasia, or Latin America/Black Atlantic. In the afternoons members of each regional track will meet separately; in the mornings members of all tracks will come together to attend collective morning sessions that highlight broad concepts and/or global trends.

Program runs July 25 - August 6, 2009; 9 am - 4 pm daily, excluding weekends except first Saturday on the UCLA campus.
Register online and learn more @ www.international.ucla.edu/outreach or call (310) 825-4572.

Teachers receive 4 LAUSD multicultural general salary credits or 4 University Extension quarter-units. Most suitable to middle school and high school history, social studies, and language arts educators. $100 fee includes LAUSD accreditation, parking, some refreshments, teaching materials, and cultural activities.

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