In this course, we will read contemporary examples of influential food writing to learn more about how people use food to express their needs, desires and particular predilections. By juxtaposing texts from multiple genres’ memoir, novel, food reviews, personal essays, blogs, television food shows, and investigative journalism- this course asks student to appreciate the wide impact that food has contemporary culture. We will explore not only how people see themselves and how they interpret their relationship to each other and to their environment through their lived food ways, but we will also analyze how the various media formats, markets, and sub-cultures, structure what and how we understand food as central to our lives.