



Universitat de Lleida

DEGREE CURRICULUM **ORGANIC FARMING**

Coordination: SANTIVERI MORATA, FRANCISCA

Academic year 2023-24

Subject's general information

Subject name	ORGANIC FARMING			
Code	102502			
Semester	2nd Q(SEMESTER) CONTINUED EVALUATION			
Typology	Degree	Course	Character	Modality
	Bachelor's Degree in Agricultural and Food Engineering	4	OPTIONAL	Attendance-based
Course number of credits (ECTS)	6			
Type of activity, credits, and groups	Activity type	PRACAMP		TEORIA
	Number of credits	1.2		4.8
	Number of groups	1		1
Coordination	SANTIVERI MORATA, FRANCISCA			
Department	AGRICULTURAL AND FOREST SCIENCES AND ENGINEERING			
Important information on data processing	Consult this link for more information.			
Language	Catalan: 45% Spanish: 50% English: 5%			
Distribution of credits	Face to face hours: 60 (this course, with mixed teaching, 50% of the hours will be in the classroom and the other 50% with synchronous online activities using the videoconferencing tool) Autonomus work hours: 90			

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Subject's extra information

Ecological Agricultural Production is an optional subject that provides a specialization in ecological crop production systems. In it, they establish the bases of Agroecology and explain the differences between the conventional production techniques and the ecological production, as well as the most important characteristics in the main crop groups. For this reason, we require the knowledge of some previous courses as Biology, Plant Physiology, Edaphology and Climatology, Bases of plant production, Crop Protection, Field Crop Technology, Field Crops and Horticulture. This is a theoretical and practical subject, with theoretical explanations that complement both practical case resolutions and technical visits.

Learning objectives

Targets

The objectives to be achieved include:

- Define the concepts of Organic Agriculture and Agroecology
- Describe the agronomic bases of Ecological Agricultural Production
- Understand the most important characteristics of the ecological production of extensive crops, horticultural crops and fruit trees.
- Evaluate the sustainability of organic production systems

Competences

CB1. That students have demonstrated that they possess and understand knowledge in an area of study that starts from the base of general secondary education, and is usually found at a level that, although supported by advanced textbooks, also includes some aspects that imply knowledge from the forefront of your field of study

CB2. That students know how to apply their knowledge to their work or vocation in a professional way and possess the competencies that are usually demonstrated through the elaboration and defense of arguments and solving problems within their area of study.

CB3. That students have the ability to gather and interpret relevant data (usually within their area of study) to make judgments that include reflection on relevant issues of a social, scientific or ethical nature.

CB4. That students can transmit information, ideas, problems and solutions to both specialized and non-specialized audiences.

CB5. That students have developed those learning skills necessary to undertake further studies with a high degree of autonomy.

General skills

CG6. Ability to direct and manage all types of agri-food industries, farms and livestock, urban and / or rural green spaces, and public or private sports areas, with knowledge of new technologies, quality processes, traceability and certification and the techniques of marketing and marketing of food products and cultivated plants

CG8. Ability to solve problems with creativity, initiative, methodology and critical reasoning.

CG11. Ability to develop their activities, assuming a social, ethical and environmental commitment in tune with the reality of the human and natural environment.

Specific skills

CEEA2. Ability to know, understand and use the principles of: Plant production technologies. Production and exploitation systems. Protection of crops against pests and diseases. Technology and systems for growing herbaceous species. Agroenergetics.

Subject contents

Contents

Theory

I. Introduction to Organic Agriculture (8 hours) (PVCF)

1. The Green Revolution as the origin of current agriculture (2 hours).

2. Definition of Sustainable Agriculture, Organic Agriculture, Biodynamics. Agricultural and economic importance (4 hours)

3. Legislation and certification of the Organic Agriculture (2 hours)

II. Basics of organic production (12 hours) (PVCF)

4. Plant material: autochthonous varieties and conservation of the biodiversity (2 hours)

5. Fertilization in organic farming (3 hours)

6. Control of the flora arvensis (2 hours)

7. Protection of the crop (2 hours)

8. Crop rotations and associated crops (3 hours)

III. Organic crop production (18 hours) (PVCF and HBJ)

9. Organic production of extensive crops (2 hours, PVCF)

10. Organic production of vegetables (6 hours, HBJ)

11. Organic production of fruit trees (6 hours, HBJ)

12. Production of organic fodder (2 hours, PVCF)

IV. Agroecology (6 hours) (MACS)

14. Agroecology and Rural Development

V. Sustainability assessment (2 hours) (PVCF)

15. Approaches to sustainability assessment

Practical activities

Seminars

Sustainability assessment (2 hours)

Technical visits

1.- Visit to farms of ecological production of extensive crops (4 hours)

2.- Visit to farms of ecological production of horticultural (4 hours)

3.- Visit to farms of ecological fruit production (4 hours)

Methodology

Activity	Description	Classrom activity	Hours	Home activity	Hours	Evaluation	Total	ECTS
		Objectives	Hours	Sudent's work	Hours	Hours	Hours	ECTS
Master class	Master class	Explanation of main concepts	46	Study: Know, understand and synthesize knowledge.	40	4	90	3,6
			"	Case resolution	27		42	1,1
Seminars	Participatory class	Application of the theoretical concepts taught in the master classes	2	Problems and cases	4	2	8	0,3
Visits	Field practices	Application of the theoretical concepts taught in the master classes Professional practice	12	Write report	13		25	1
Totals		60			84	6	150	6

Observations

Visits and seminars are mandatory.

Development plan

Activity	Content	Objective	Hours	Acumulated Hours	Evaluation Theory
Master class	Lesson 1	1	2	2	T1
Master class	Lesson 2	1	4	6	"
Master class	Lesson 3	1	2	8	"
Master class. Case study.	Lesson 4	2	2	10	"

Master class. Case study.	Lesson 5	2	3	13	"
Master class. Case study.	Lesson 6	2	2	15	"
Master class. Case study.	Lesson 7	2	2	17	"
Master class. Case study.	Lesson 8	2	4	20	"
Master class. Case study.	Lesson 9	3	2	22	T2
Visit	Visita1	3	4	26	"
Master class. Case study..	Lesson 10	3	6	32	"
Visit	Visit 2	3	4	36	"
Master class. Case study.	Lesson 11	3	6	42	"
Visit	Visit 3	3	4	46	"
Master class. Case study.	Lesson 12	3	2	48	"
Master class. Case study.	Lesson 13	3	2	50	"
Master class. Case study.	Lesson 14	1-2-3	6	54	
Master class	Lesson 15	4	2	56	"
Seminar	Seminar 1	4	2	58	"
TOTALS			60		

Evaluation

Activity	Evaluation	%	
Block 1 (35 %)	Exam (1st)	35	
Block 2 (30 %)	Exam (2nd)	30	
Block 3 (20 %)	Visits	15	
	Seminar	5	
Block 4 (15 %)	Team work	15	
Total			100

Observations

Attendance at all visits and the seminar is mandatory.

Partial exams are passed with 5.

For the purposes of the final grade, in order to pass the subject you must have obtained a grade equal to or higher than 5 points in theory.

ALTERNATIVE AVALUATION

Visits and seminars are mandatory (20 %). Global exam with theoretical-practical questions (80 %)

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