



Universitat de Lleida

DEGREE CURRICULUM
**ST IN BIO-ECONOMY AND
PRINCIPLES OF
ENVIRONMENTAL
SUSTAINABILITY**

Coordination: VILADRICH GRAU, MONTSERRAT

Academic year 2021-22

Subject's general information

Subject name	ST IN BIO-ECONOMY AND PRINCIPLES OF ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY			
Code	111014			
Semester	ANUAL CONTINUED EVALUATION			
Typology	Degree	Course	Character	Modality
	Master's Degree Erasmus Mundus in Spatial and Ecological Modelling in European Forestry	2	OPTIONAL	Attendance-based
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Course number of credits (ECTS)	3			
Type of activity, credits, and groups	Activity type	PRACAMP		TEORIA
	Number of credits	1.2		1.8
	Number of groups	1		1
Coordination	VILADRICH GRAU, MONTSERRAT			
Department	BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION			
Important information on data processing	Consult this link for more information.			
Language	100% English			

Teaching staff	E-mail addresses	Credits taught by teacher	Office and hour of attention
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Learning objectives

The goals of this course is to study the relationship between the economic system and natural resources.

To learn about the concept of sustainability from an economics perspective. What does sustainable development means?

To learn about the sustainable development goals (SDG)

To learn about the relationship between sustainability and resilience

To learn about concept of inclusive wealth

Competences

Increase the ability to think critically and gain understanding of how human actions influence the environment and in turn how environment change impacts on human well-being.

Be able to suggest instruments or policies for the society to set in a globally sustainable path,

Learn how to think critically about the intended and unintended consequences of alternative environmental policies.

Subject contents

Some of the topics that we can adress are:

1. The relationships between economic system and natural resources. The trade-off between economic system and nature.
2. What does sustainable development means?
3. What are the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG)?
4. Biodiversity, ecosystem services and their economic valuation.
5. The trade-off between economics and biodiversity. Policy instruments to facilitate these relationships.
6. Resilience - Tipping points and uncertainty
- 7 Trade-offs in components of sustainability.

Methodology

Depending on the number of students and on the evolution of COVID19 it will be a face-to-face seminar where

lectures by the professor will be given and where the student will have to read and present the assigned readings. If it were not possible to do a face-to-face seminar it would be a virtual seminars (webinars),

Evaluation

Student will write a term paper that will be evaluated

Bibliography

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