

## UNIVERSITÀ DEGLI STUDI DI PALERMO

DEPARTMENT	Scienze Agrarie, Alimentari e Forestali
ACADEMIC YEAR	2016/2017
BACHELOR'S DEGREE (BSC)	AGRICULTURAL SCIENCES AND TECHNOLOGIES
SUBJECT	HORTICULTURE AND FLORICULTURE
TYPE OF EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITY	С
AMBIT	10689-Attività formative affini o integrative
CODE	05457
SCIENTIFIC SECTOR(S)	AGR/04
HEAD PROFESSOR(S)	VETRANO FILIPPO Professore Associato Univ. di PALERMO
OTHER PROFESSOR(S)	
CREDITS	6
INDIVIDUAL STUDY (Hrs)	90
COURSE ACTIVITY (Hrs)	60
PROPAEDEUTICAL SUBJECTS	
MUTUALIZATION	
YEAR	3
TERM (SEMESTER)	2° semester
ATTENDANCE	Not mandatory
EVALUATION	Out of 30
TEACHER OFFICE HOURS	VETRANO FILIPPO
	Tuesday 9:00 11:00 Studio del docente stanza 129 ed. 5 P1
	Wednesday 9:00 11:00 Palazzo Principe di Napoli, Via Cappuccini, Trapani - Previo appuntamento
	Thursday 12:00 14:00 Via Real Maetranza, Aula 8 -Polo di Caltanissetta

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PREREQUISITES	Basics of: general and systematic botany; organic chemistry; biochemistry
LEARNING OUTCOMES	Knowledge and understanding: at the end of the course, students will have basic knowledge about systems and processes of production of vegetables and cut flowers.  Capacity to apply knowledge and comprehension: the acquired knowledge will allow to manage and develop appropriate cultivation techniques for production of leafy greens, fruiting, bulbous and tuberous vegetables.  Autonomy of judgment and decision with respect to various environmental conditions and different contexts in the application of modern cultivation techniques in the vegetable and floriculture sectors. Acquire communicative skills in order to advise growers involved in the vegetable and floriculture industry to design and develop production schedules related to the market demand.  Comprehension capacity to modify and improve cultivation techniques to address new market trends both through acquired skills and continuous scientific updating and professional meeting attending.
ASSESSMENT METHODS	The oral examination consists of an interview; the final evaluation is expressed in thirtieths  The questions will be specially designed to test the learning achievements and verify:  a) the acquired knowledge and the ability to establish connections between the contents.  b) the ability to provide independent judgments on the contents of the course and within the professional and technological contexts. The maximum score is achieved if the interview ensures the full possession of the following: ability to represent emerging issues of the discipline; strong ability to represent the impact of the course content within the sector; ability to represent ideas and/or innovative solutions within the professional and technological context; c) adequate exhibition capacity: the maximum scoring can be achieved by demonstrating complete fluency of the scientific and technological language.
EDUCATIONAL OBJECTIVES	Provide students specific knowledge concerning planting, growth and plant management of the main vegetable crops and cut flowers.  The subject matter will allow to acquire knowledge on morphological, physiological and ecological characteristics of the main cultivated vegetable species. Furthermore, the course will allow to acquire knowledge on crop rotations, variety choice, planting, irrigation, fertilization, harvest and post-harvest in relation to the soil and climatic environment and to the market demands.
TEACHING METHODS	Oral lectures; Practical training; excursions at Sicilian vegetable and floriculture farms.
SUGGESTED BIBLIOGRAPHY	Tesi R. – Principi di orticoltura e ortaggi d'Italia - Edagricole. Bianco VV. e Pimpini F – Orticoltura Patron Editore

## **SYLLABUS**

Hrs	Frontal teaching
2	The vegetable and floriculture industry: principal areas of production, evolution, main sectors.
2	Cultural systems in the vegetable and floriculture industry: open field and protected cultivation
4	Protected cultivation systems (early and protected crop technology)
2	Production schedules for vegetables and cut flower crops
4	Vegetable and flower crop nursery production
2	Plant establishment: direct sowing and transplanting
2	Grafting in the vegetable and floriculture industry
16	Diffusion, economical importance, morphological and physiological characteristics, cultivars, soil and environmental requirements, cultivation techniques of the following vegetable species: tomato -4 hours artichoke - 4 hours melon -2 hours onion - 2 hours potato- 2 hours cole crops – 2 hours
14	Diffusion, economical importance, morphological and physiological characteristics, soil and environmental requirements, cultivation techniques of the following flower species: carnation – 4 hours rose – 4 hours chrysanthemum – 2 hours gerbera – 2 hours lilium – 2 hours
Hrs	Practice

Practical training at the experimental farm of the Dip. SAF

Hrs	Others
6	Technical excursion at Sicilian vegetables and cut flower farms