



UNIVERSITÀ DEGLI STUDI DI PALERMO

DEPARTMENT	Scienze Agrarie, Alimentari e Forestali
ACADEMIC YEAR	2018/2019
BACHELOR'S DEGREE (BSC)	AGRICULTURAL SCIENCES AND TECHNOLOGIES
SUBJECT	AGRO-ENVIRONMENTAL AND ORGANIC PRODUCTS ECONOMICS AND POLICY
TYPE OF EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITY	B
AMBIT	50123-Discipline economiche estimative e giuridiche.
CODE	19649
SCIENTIFIC SECTOR(S)	AGR/01
HEAD PROFESSOR(S)	SCHIFANI GIORGIO Professore Ordinario Univ. di PALERMO
OTHER PROFESSOR(S)	
CREDITS	6
INDIVIDUAL STUDY (Hrs)	90
COURSE ACTIVITY (Hrs)	60
PROPAEDEUTICAL SUBJECTS	
MUTUALIZATION	
YEAR	2
TERM (SEMESTER)	1° semester
ATTENDANCE	Not mandatory
EVALUATION	Out of 30
TEACHER OFFICE HOURS	SCHIFANI GIORGIO Monday 8:00 10:00 Edificio 4 Piano 1 Studio 111 Thursday 8:00 10:00 Edificio 4 Piano 1 Studio 111 Friday 8:00 10:00 Edificio 4 Piano 1 Studio 111

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PREREQUISITES	No
LEARNING OUTCOMES	Acquiring sufficient knowledge to understand the working mechanisms and problems related to the agricultural and agro-industrial sector, both at national and international level, through the analysis of the structure and trends of the food system and the Italian and European agricultural policy. Knowledge of the structure and evolution of the AB in the different contexts and the role entrusted to it by the policies for sustainable development, food security, and Regional Development Plans. Being able to critically evaluate interventions that affect the development strategies of the agro-food system with particular reference to organic farming and sustainable agriculture, and identify the most appropriate strategic decisions at various levels. Ability to show the knowledge and skills acquired with sufficient clarity and to link and process the different topics covered. Ability to contextualize the arguments covered during the course.
ASSESSMENT METHODS	It consists of an oral exam at the end of the course with the aim to evaluate knowledge and skills covered by the course programme. The student assessment is expressed in thirtieth. The questions used during the exam, both open-ended and semi-structured questions, should assess the level of knowledge and understanding of the topics covered during the course, as well as the processing capacity and presentation skills. The verification of the processing capacity will take into account the ability to provide effective connections among the topics of the course programme, the ability to make critical judgments, the achievement of an adequate understanding of the importance of the studied arguments in relation to institutional, professional and socio-cultural contexts. The pass mark will be reached (18/30) when the student shows at least a general knowledge of the subjects and an adequate presentation skills. Below this threshold, the evaluation will be insufficient. Conversely, the maximum score is obtained if the student shows a full and detailed understanding of the program's arguments, ability to represent emerging issues of the agricultural context, being able to develop possible solutions
EDUCATIONAL OBJECTIVES	Providing knowledge and basic concepts necessary for understanding the food system and its placement in the national and EU contexts, also in relation to the current market and consumption trends. Providing tools that allow the analysis of problems in different agricultural systems in relation to economic policy measures both in EU and in international contexts, with particular reference to the characteristics of the Organic farming and more generally to agricultureenvironment relationships.
TEACHING METHODS	Frontal lectures, practical applications, technical visits, workgroups.
SUGGESTED BIBLIOGRAPHY	S. Vieri, <i>Politica Agraria, Edagricole</i> , 2001. Dal trattato di Roma alla Health Check. <i>Mezzo secolo di politica agricola comunitaria</i> , Maurizio Lanfranchi, EDAS, 2008. Materiali a cura del docente.

SYLLABUS

Hrs	Frontal teaching
2	Presentation of the course and its educational position. Illustration of the program and methods of lessons. Definition of the working groups and the topics to be developed.
2	Economics and Agrarian Policy: introductory concepts. Agriculture in the economic development processes. Main indicators. Agriculture evolution in industrialized countries and PSV.
2	Comparative agricultural models. Agriculture, environment and sustainable development. Multifunctional agriculture.
2	An outline of the National Agrarian Policy: Interventions for the territory: from the hydraulic reclamation to integral land reclamation; The latifundium and land reform; The mountain policy; The Italian agricultural evolution in the 60s and 70s. The programming policy and national plans.
2	Principles of Community policy: The Treaty of Rome and the establishment of the European Economic Community. The principles of the CAP and its evolution.
4	The Italian agricultural structure: characteristics and evolution of the agri-food and agri-industrial system and positioning in the European scenario. Structural characteristics of the regional agricultural system.
4	The structural policy and market and its effects on the environment, development and food security. International organizations. The GATT and the WTO, and their influence on the CAP addresses.
4	Mac. Sharry Reform and the launch of agri-environment policy. The Reg. (CE) 2092/91. The role of organic agriculture. The environmental sustainability of organic farming. The impact of multifunctionality on the overall value of agricultural production. The agritourism and the activities complementary.
2	Organic farming in the international, European, national and regional scenery. Structural and market characteristics. Organic farming statistical sources.
4	Agenda 2000 and the Rural Development Policy. The role of organic agriculture. The economic and social sustainability of organic farming. Factors of profitability of organic companies: production costs, yields and product prices in different markets.
4	Fischler Reform.

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Hrs	Frontal teaching
2	The European Action Plan on Biological Agriculture. Definition of district and its application to the agricultural sector. Biodistretti.
2	Biological Agriculture and Programming 2014-20. Rural Development Plans (PSR).
2	Biological agriculture and the short chain. Social and environmental economic implications.
2	The Certification and Control System for Biological Chains. Control and Certification Bodies (ODCs) and Supervisory Activities. The labeling and the EU logo. Group certifications. Certification and Control Issues.
Hrs	Practice
8	Working groups.
Hrs	Others
6	Organic Farming study visit.
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