## **COURSE OUTLINE**

## (1) GENERAL

SCHOOL	School of Ag	School of Agricultural Sciences				
ACADEMIC UNIT	Biosystems & Agricultural Engineering					
LEVEL OF STUDIES	UNDERGRADUATE					
COURSE CODE	BAE_704	_704 SEMESTER 7 <sup>th</sup>				
COURSE TITLE	SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE					
if credits are awarded for separate components of the course, e.g. lectures, laboratory exercises, etc. If the credits are awarded for the whole of the course, give the weekly teaching hours and the total credits		WEEKLY TEACHING HOURS		CREDITS		
Lectures	3					
Tutorials			2			
Laboratory			0			
TOTAL			5		5	
Add rows if necessary. The organisation of teaching and the teaching methods used are described in detail at (d).						
COURSE TYPE general background, special background, specialised general knowledge, skills development	Background and Scientific Area					
PREREQUISITE COURSES:	There are no prerequisite courses.					
LANGUAGE OF INSTRUCTION and EXAMINATIONS:	Greek. For Erasmus students in English					
IS THE COURSE OFFERED TO ERASMUS STUDENTS	Yes					
COURSE WEBSITE (URL)						

#### (2) LEARNING OUTCOMES

#### **Learning outcomes**

The course learning outcomes, specific knowledge, skills and competences of an appropriate level, which the students will acquire with the successful completion of the course are described.

Consult Appendix A

- Description of the level of learning outcomes for each qualifications cycle, according to the Qualifications Framework of the European Higher Education Area
- Descriptors for Levels 6, 7 & 8 of the European Qualifications Framework for Lifelong Learning and Appendix B
- Guidelines for writing Learning Outcomes

This course aims to familiarize students with the processes that make agricultural production sustainable (adoption of modern agricultural systems, rational management of water resources, inflows, outflows, biodiversity, etc.). in particular emphasis is put both on understanding the critical agri-environmental indicators associated with the principles of sustainable agriculture and on the environmental footprint of crops. The ways of assessing the environmental impact in the agri-food sector are investigated and the basic principles, the methodological framework and the application of the Life Cycle Assessment (LCA) are analyzed. All of the above will be developed under Sustainable Development and the goals of the Green Agreement and agricultural strategies, such as the strategy "From the field to the plate".

After the successful completion of the course, students will be able to understand:

- the concept of sustainable agriculture and how agricultural systems contribute to sustainable production through the adoption of good agricultural practices.
- the parameters of agricultural systems, integrated management, precision agriculture,

organic farming, and how they affect the environment

- environmental / agri-environmental indicators as an assessment tool for the sustainability of an agricultural holding
- the concept of ecological footprint

#### **General Competences**

Taking into consideration the general competences that the degree-holder must acquire (as these appear in the Diploma Supplement and appear below), at which of the following does the course aim?

Search for, analysis and synthesis of data and information, with the use of the necessary technology

Adapting to new situations Decision-making

Working independently

Team work

Working in an international environment

Working in an interdisciplinary environment

Production of new research ideas

Project planning and management
Respect for difference and multiculturalism

Respect for the natural environment

Showing social, professional and ethical responsibility and

sensitivity to gender issues Criticism and self-criticism

Production of free, creative and inductive thinking

..... Others...

At the end of this course the student will have further developed the following general skills: Search for, analysis and synthesis of data and information, with the use of the necessary technology Adapting to new situations

**Decision-making** 

Working independently

Team work

Production of new research ideas

Respect for the natural environment

Criticism and self-criticism

Production of free, creative and inductive thinking

## (3) SYLLABUS

- Principles of Sustainable Development. The main pillars of sustainability.
- EU's environmental policy on green growth in agri-food.
- The European Green Agreement and its strategies, with emphasis on the "From the field to the plate" strategy.
- Sustainable Agriculture / Sustainable Production Systems and environmental impact
- Sustainable development indicators and the concept of agri-environmental indicators
- Environmental Footprint: Basic concepts and analysis of the most important footprints
- Environmental Impact Assessment
- Introduction to Life Cycle Analysis

## **Tutorial** exercises

The tutorial exercises aim to familiarize students with concepts and methodologies that are analyzed in the theoretical part. Specifically, the principles of Sustainable Development are analyzed in more detail and the carbon footprint in selected crops is assessed.

## (4) TEACHING and LEARNING METHODS - EVALUATION

<b>DELIVERY</b> Face-to-face, Distance learning, etc.	Lectures in the amphitheatre and laboratory exercises both in the laboratory and in the field.			
USE OF INFORMATION AND	Use of ICT (power point) in Teaching			
COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY	Use of ICT (power point) in Tutorial Training			
Use of ICT in teaching, laboratory education,	Use of ICT in Communication with students (Learning			
communication with students	process support through the electronic platform e-class).			
TEACHING METHODS	Activity	Semester workload		
	Lectures	39		

The manner and methods of teaching are	Tutorials	20
described in detail.	Writing short reports of	21
Lectures, seminars, laboratory practice, fieldwork, study and analysis of bibliography,	laboratory exercises-	
tutorials, placements, clinical practice, art	Exams	
workshop, interactive teaching, educational	Study hours and	45
visits, project, essay writing, artistic creativity,	preparation for the	
etc.	laboratory exercises and the	
The student's study hours for each learning	final examination	
activity are given as well as the hours of non-	Course total	125
directed study according to the principles of the		

# STUDENT PERFORMANCE EVALUATION

Description of the evaluation procedure

**ECTS** 

Language of evaluation, methods of evaluation, summative or conclusive, multiple choice questionnaires, short-answer questions, openended questions, problem solving, written work, essay/report, oral examination, public presentation, laboratory work, clinical examination of patient, art interpretation, other

Specifically-defined evaluation criteria are given, and if and where they are accessible to students.

- 1. The examination in the theory of the course is done with a comprehensive questioner or a multiple-choice questioner that focus on the understanding of the course giving weight to the student's critical ability.
- 3. Oral exams may take place in cases of students who have been exempted from the writing exams and always the same time and day as the writing exams.
- 4. The above are done in the Greek language. For foreign language students (eg Erasmus students) conducted in English

# (5) ATTACHED BIBLIOGRAPHY (In Greek)

## - Suggested bibliography:

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