

Syllabus

Course description

Course title	Agricultural Economics, Policy and Law
Course code	40173
Scientific sector	AGR/01 and IUS/03
Degree	Agricultural and Agro-Environmental Science
Semester	2
Year	II
Academic year	2019-20
Credits	12 (6+6)
Modular	Yes

Total lecturing hours	92 (32+60)
Total lab hours	--
Total exercise hours	24
Attendance	Recommended
Prerequisites	None
Course page	http://www.unibz.it/en/sciencetechnology/progs/bachelor/agroenvironment/default.html

Specific educational objectives	<p>The course teaches the fundamentals of agricultural and environmental economics, policy and agricultural law.</p> <p>In addition to the lectures, accompanying exercises will repeat and deepen the lecture content. External speakers may speak on selected topics that are of particular relevance to the South Tyrolean agriculture.</p> <p>The course aim is the transfer of general research-based knowledge, regulations and methods.</p>
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Module 1	<i>Agricultural economics and policy</i>
Lecturer/s	<p>Prof Christian Fischer room K210, Tel: 0417-017170, christian.fischer@unibz.it, http://www.unibz.it/en/sciencetechnology/people/StaffDetails.html?personid=9009&hstf=9009</p> <p>Dr Pier Paolo Miglietta room K208, Tel: 0471-0176749, pierpaolo.miglietta@unibz.it, https://www.unibz.it/it/faculties/sciencetechnology/academic-staff/person/42281-pier-paolo-miglietta</p>
Scientific sector of the lecturers	AGR/01
Teaching language	English (with some German elements and materials)
Office hours	On appointment
Teaching assistant (if any)	None
Office hours	--

List of topics covered	<p>The course will cover the following topics:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Course introduction 2. Introduction to market price determination 3. Costs and optimal output levels (revision) 4. Supply, market adjustments and input supply 5. Imperfect competition and government regulation 6. The theory of consumer behaviour 7. The concept of elasticity 8. Selected macroeconomic topics (money and financial intermediaries, the circular flow of income, monetary policy, fiscal policy) 9. International trade 10. Agricultural policy I 11. Agricultural policy II 12. The economics of market failure and introduction to environmental economics and policy 13. Summary
Teaching format	Frontal lectures

Module 2	<i>Agricultural law</i>
Lecturer	Dr Georg Miribung, room K213, gmiribung@unibz.it https://www.unibz.it/it/faculties/sciencetechnology/academic-staff/person/12556-georg-miribung
Scientific sector of the lecturer	IUS/03
Teaching language	German
Office hours	As indicated in the lecture calendar
Teaching assistant (if any)	None
Office hours	--
List of topics covered	<p>The subject of the course is in constant evolution due to the fast commercialisation and internationalisation process of agricultural law. The course will focus particularly on Italian and European sources of agricultural law, as well as on the new sharing of responsibilities between national and regional government. The course will analyse the new definition of agricultural and fish-farm entrepreneur, the different types of entrepreneurs and the material structures agricultural entrepreneur work with. Attention will also be given to agricultural contracts. The concept of "geschlossener Hof" will be deepened.</p> <p>The course will cover the following topics:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. legal notion of agriculture and notion of agricultural law; 2. the sources of agricultural law; 3. EU agricultural law (selected issues) 4. the agricultural entrepreneur and analogous roles; 5. the farm; 6. agricultural contracts 7. the "closed farm" (geschlossener Hof) 8. selected issues of environmental law
Teaching format	Frontal lectures. Learning materials will be made available.

Learning outcomes	<p>Upon successful completion of the course, students will be able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstrate in-depth knowledge of fundamental principles of agricultural economics and policy (Knowing and Understanding). • Describe the basic concepts of consumer behaviour theory and to discuss them critically (Knowing, Understanding and Judging). • Be able to conduct independently simple agricultural policy analyses using market models (Applying). • Demonstrate knowledge of the sources of agricultural law and of main juridical subjects of agricultural law, with particular focus to the definitions of the agricultural entrepreneur, factory farm, agricultural contracts and the "geschlossener Hof" (Knowing, Understanding and Judging). • To describe the functioning of EU agricultural law and to critically discuss the market mechanisms as determined by law (knowledge, understanding and description).
Assessment	<p>The performance evaluation of the student consists of a written final exam (100% of the overall course mark).</p> <p>The written exam will last 240 (120+120) minutes and is made up of up to 10 (5+5) examination questions.</p>
Assessment language	<p>English and German</p>
Evaluation criteria and criteria for awarding marks	<p>The written exam will be evaluated on the basis of the clarity of answers, the ability to summarize, evaluate and establish connections between topics.</p>
Required readings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lecture slides and materials
Supplementary readings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drummond, H. and Goodwin J. (2011) <i>Agricultural Economics</i>. 3rd edition. Prentice Hall, Upper Saddle River, NJ, USA. • Dabbert, S. and Braun, J. (2009) <i>Landwirtschaftliche Betriebslehre – Grundwissen Bachelor</i>. 2. Auflage. UTB Eugen Ulmer KG, Stuttgart. • Köster, U. (2010) <i>Grundzüge der landwirtschaftlichen Marktlehre</i>. 4. Auflage. Verlag Vahlen, München. • L. COSTATO, <i>Corso di diritto agrario italiano e comunitario</i>, 4[^] ediz., con la collaborazione di L. Russo, Giuffrè, Milano, 2015 • Tietenberg, T. H., & Lewis, L. (2016). <i>Environmental and natural resource economics</i>. 10th edition. Routledge • Other selected readings.