Syllabus

Course Description

Course Title	Agricultural Economics, Policy and Law
Course Code	40191
Course Title Additional	
Scientific-Disciplinary Sector	
Language	German; Italian
Degree Course	Bachelor in Agricultural, Food and Mountain Environmental Sciences
Other Degree Courses (Loaned)	
Lecturers	Prof. Dr. Christian Diethard Fischer, Christian.Fischer@unibz.it https://www.unibz.it/en/faculties/agricultural-environmental-food-sciences/academic-staff/person/9009 Prof. Matteo Ferrari, Matteo.Ferrari@unibz.it https://www.unibz.it/en/faculties/agricultural-environmental-food-sciences/academic-staff/person/47259
Teaching Assistant	
Semester	First semester
Course Year/s	2
CP	12
Teaching Hours	96
Lab Hours	24
Individual Study Hours	180
Planned Office Hours	36
Contents Summary	The module Agricultural Economics and Policy will cover the following topics: 1. Course introduction 2. Introduction to market price determination 3. Costs and optimal output levels 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 The module Agricultural, Environmental and Food Law will cover the following topics: 1. Common Agricultural Policy and Common Organization of Markets 2. Agraria property 3. Agricultural enterprise and agricultural holding 4. Agrarian contracts 5. Maso chiuso and succession in the enterprise 6. European (and international) legislation concerning food safety: 7. Food quality policies 8. Food information 9. Environment policy
Course Topics	See module descriptions
Keywords	Agricultural economics and economics; agricultural policy; introduction to environmental economics; agricultural law; environmental law; food law
Recommended Prerequisites	None
Propaedeutic Courses	no
Teaching Format	Lectures and exercises; self-study using lecture videos, contact hours for learning control and consolidation of material including exercises
Mandatory Attendance	no
Specific Educational Objectives and Learning	For the module The course teaches the fundamentals of agricultural and

Outcomes	environmental economics and policy. In addition to the lectures, accompanying exercises will repeat and deepen the lecture content. In collaboration with the South Tyrolean Farmer Association (SBB) a study project will be offered. The groupwork will help students to transfer theoretical knowledge to practical skills. External speakers may speak on selected topics that are of particular relevance to the South Tyrolean agriculture, thus providing additional perspectives to the subject area. The course aim is the transfer of general research-based knowledge, regulations and methods. For the module module Agricultural, Environmental and Food Law: Disciplinary skills Knowledge and understanding of legal sources and of the main notions and institutions of agrifood law, with specific reference to agrarian property and its limits, the notion of agricultural enterprise and agricultural holding, agrarian contracts, Common Agricultural Policy and Common Organization of Markets, food law (including food safety, quality, information, environmental policy). Ability to apply knowledge and skills to the functions of the main notions and rules analysed and to the reasons justifying them; ability to analyse the main norms in the subject matter. Transversal /soft skills Making judgments by processing information, as well by collecting and interpreting norms and notions. Communication skills of presentation of the concepts learned (topics and issues related to the agri-food sector) with a vocabulary that is precise, appropriate, and specific to the subjects. Learning skills aimed at increasing the personal knowledge acquired during the course, also through scientific workshops organized during classes.
Specific Educational Objectives and Learning Outcomes (additional info.)	The course teaches the basics of agricultural economics and policy. Selected content is repeated and deepened in a number of exercises accompanying the lectures. The aim of the course is to teach general science-based content, legislation and methods.

Assessment	The performance assessment of course participants consists of a final written examination (100 % of the overall grade, 50 % Module 1 and 50 % Module 2). The written examination lasts up to 240 minutes (up to 120 minutes per module) and comprises 5-10 examination questions per module.
Evaluation Criteria	The written examination assesses the clarity of the answers, the ability to synthesise, judgement and the ability to make references to the topics covered.
Required Readings	See module descriptions
Supplementary Readings	See mode descriptions
Further Information	In the academic year 2025/26, the Agricultural Economics and Politics module will be offered as a pilot project in hybrid mode: 50 hours of self-study using lecture videos and 10 hours of contact course to deepen the learning material or to check learning progress
Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)	No poverty, Zero hunger, Life on land, Responsible consumption and production, Decent work and economic growth

Course Module

Course Constituent Title	Agricultural Economics and Policy
Course Code	40191A
Scientific-Disciplinary Sector	AGRI-01/A
Language	German
Lecturers	
Teaching Assistant	
Semester	First semester
CP	6
Responsible Lecturer	
Teaching Hours	36
Lab Hours	24
Individual Study Hours	90

Planned Office Hours	18
Contents Summary	The course will cover the following topics: 1. Course introduction 2. Introduction to market price determination 3. Costs and optimal output levels 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
Course Topics	The course material is divided into the following sections: 1. Course introduction 2. Market pricing 3. Costs and optimal production quantity 4. Supply, market adjustments and input supply 5. Imperfect competition and state regulation 6. Theory of consumer behaviour 7. Concept of elasticity 8. Selected macroeconomic topics (money and financial markets, 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	50 hours of self-study using lecture videos; 10 hours of contact sessions for learning control and consolidation of material
Required Readings	Lecture materials and slides .

Supplementary Readings	• Drummond, H. and Goodwin J. (2011) Agricultural Economics. 3rd edition. Prentice Hall, Upper Saddle River, NJ, USA. • Dabbert, S. and Braun, J. (2009) Landwirtschaftliche Betriebslehre - Grundwissen Bachelor. 2nd edition. UTB Eugen Ulmer KG, Stuttgart • Köster, U. (2010) Grundzüge der landwirtschaftlichen Marktlehre. 4th edition. Publisher Vahlen, Munich .

Course Module

Course Constituent Title	Agricultural, Environmental and Food Law
Course Code	40191B
Scientific-Disciplinary Sector	GIUR-03/B
Language	Italian
Lecturers	
Teaching Assistant	
Semester	First semester
CP	6
Responsible Lecturer	
Teaching Hours	60
Lab Hours	0
Individual Study Hours	90
Planned Office Hours	18
Contents Summary	1. Common Agricultural Policy and Common Organization of Markets 2. Agraria property 3. Agricultural enterprise and agricultural holding 4. Agrarian contracts 5. Maso chiuso and succession in the enterprise 6. European (and international) legislation concerning food safety: 7. Food quality policies 8. Food information 9. Environment policy
Course Topics	1. Common Agricultural Policy and Common

	Organization of Markets 2. Agraria property 3. Agricultural enterprise and agricultural holding 4. Agrarian contracts 5. Maso chiuso and succession in the enterprise 6. European (and international) legislation concerning food safety: 7. Food quality policies 8. Food information 9. Environment policy
Teaching Format	Lectures and exercises
Required Readings	Lecture slides
Supplementary Readings	