

28930 - Horticultural production

Syllabus Information

Academic Year: 2019/20

Subject: 28930 - Horticultural production

Faculty / School: 201 - Escuela Politécnica Superior

Degree: 437 - Degree in Rural and Agri-Food Engineering
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ECTS: 6.0

Year: 3

Semester: Second semester

Subject Type: Optional

Module: ---

1.General information

1.1.Aims of the course

1.2.Context and importance of this course in the degree

1.3.Recommendations to take this course

2.Learning goals

2.1.Competences

2.2.Learning goals

2.3.Importance of learning goals

3.Assessment (1st and 2nd call)

3.1.Assessment tasks (description of tasks, marking system and assessment criteria)

4.Methodology, learning tasks, syllabus and resources

4.1.Methodological overview

This course studies the techniques of horticultural crop and crop characteristics of the main vegetables. It is divided into two main sections. In the first general aspects of horticulture and greenhouse technology is addressed and in the second the agronomic characteristics of the main species of vegetables are studied.

- Theoretical lessons in the classroom.
- Practical sessions in lab
- Tutorial sessions.
- Field visits.

4.2.Learning tasks

The course includes the following learning tasks:

- I. General aspects of horticulture and greenhouse technology. Lectures and practice sessions.
- II. Characteristics of the main species of vegetable. Lectures and practice sessions.
- III. Field visits.

4.3.Syllabus

Theoretica Programme

1. Introduction. Horticulture across the world, within the European Union and in Spain. Importance and principal characteristics of the sector.
2. Climate in horticulture. Climatic factors: light, temperature, water and wind. Carbon fertilisation.
3. Soil in horticulture. Organic and mineral fertilisation. Horticulture in specific soils. Cultivation in sand. Hydroponic crops. Nutritive solutions.
4. General techniques within horticultural cultivation. Propagation. Seedbeds. Ploughing. Irrigation. Use of growth regulators.
5. General cultivation techniques in horticulture. Crop rotation and the alternatives. Soil disinfection. Plant health defence and weed control.
6. Harvesting of horticultural products. General guidelines. Harvesting systems. Conservation of horticultural products. Postharvest handling. Conservation systems. Markets for horticultural products. Marketing standards and methods.
7. Horticultural plants cultivated for their roots. Species. Botanical classification. Economic importance. The carrot. Cultivation techniques.
8. Horticultural plants cultivated for their tubers. Species. Botanical classification. Economic importance. The potato. Cultivation techniques.
9. Horticultural plants cultivated for their bulbs. The *Allium* genus. Botanical classification. Economic importance. The onion and its cultivation techniques. Garlic and its cultivation techniques.
10. Horticultural plants cultivated for their stems. The asparagus. Economic importance. Cultivation techniques.
11. Horticultural plants cultivated for their leaves. Species. Botanical classification. Economic importance. The *Brassica* genus. Cultivation techniques. The lettuce and the endive and their cultivation techniques.
12. Horticultural plants cultivated for their inflorescence. Species. Botanical classification. The artichoke. Cultivation techniques.
13. Horticultural plants cultivated for their fruit. The solanaceae family. Botanical classification. Economic importance. Cultivation techniques of the tomato, the pepper and the aubergine.
14. Horticultural plants cultivated for their fruit. The cucurbitaceae family. Species. Botanical classification. Economic importance. Cultivation techniques.
15. Horticultural plants cultivated for their fruit. The strawberry. Species. Botanical classification. Economic importance. Cultivation techniques.
16. Horticultural plants cultivated for their pods/seeds. Species. Botanical classification. Economic importance. Cultivation techniques.
17. Cultivated mushrooms. General features. Taxonomy. Description. The common mushroom. Cultivation techniques. Other edible fungi.

Practical Programme

1. Crop programming. Crop calendar. Outdoor crops and protected cultivation.
2. Greenhouses. General characteristics. Greenhouse design. Types of cover. Thermal requirements. Estimation of heating needs.
3. Greenhouse design. Estimation of refrigeration needs. Refrigeration requirements in greenhouses. Design of a cooling system.
4. Recognition of the seeds of a variety of horticultural plants.
 - 4.1.- The solanaceae family (pepper, aubergine, tomato)
 - 4.2.- The asteraceae family (cardoon, artichoke, lettuce, escarole, endive, salsify)
 - 4.3.- The apiaceae family (celery, fennel, carrot, parsnip, parsley)
 - 4.4.- The cucurbitaceae family (melon, cucumber, watermelon, courgette, pumpkin)
 - 4.5.- The liliaceae family (asparagus, onion, leek, garlic)
 - 4.6.- The poaceae family (sweetcorn)
 - 4.7.- The rosaceae family (strawberry)
 - 4.8.- The brassicaceae family (turnip, cabbage, cauliflower, Roman cauliflower, broccoli)
 - 4.9.- The chenopodiaceae family (chard, beetroot, spinach)
 - 4.10.- The boraginaceae family (borage)
 - 4.11.- The leguminosae family (beans, peas)
5. Recognition of the plantlets of a variety of horticultural plants.
 - 5.1.- The solanaceae family (pepper, aubergine, tomato)
 - 5.2.- The asteraceae family (cardoon, artichoke, lettuce, escarole, endive, salsify)
 - 5.3.- The apiaceae family (celery, fennel, carrot, parsnip, parsley)
 - 5.4.- The cucurbitaceae family (melon, cucumber, watermelon, courgette, pumpkin)
 - 5.5.- The liliaceae family (asparagus, onion, leek, garlic)
 - 5.6.- The poaceae family (sweetcorn)
 - 5.7.- The rosaceae family (strawberry)
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 - 5.9.- The chenopodiaceae family ((chard, beetroot, spinach)
 - 5.10.- The boraginaceae family (borage)
 - 5.11.- The leguminosae family (beans, peas)
6. Substrata for horticulture.
7. Quality standards relating to the sale of vegetables.
8. Establishment of horticultural alternatives.
9. Vegetable grafting.

External visits:

Visits to a substratum production plant, a mushroom farm and a mushroom processing company in Autol-Pradejón in the province of La Rioja. Visit to an intensive horticultural farm near Zaragoza.

4.4.Course planning and calendar

Week	Lectures and problem-solving sessions	Hours	Practical sessions	Hours	Activity
1	Topic 1	2	Practice 1	2	
2	Topic 2	2	Practice 2	2	

3	Topic 3	2	Practice 2	2	
4	Topic 4 y 5	2	Practice 2	2	
5	Topic 6	2	Practice 3	2	
6	Topic 7 y 8	2	Practica 3	2	
7	Topic 9	2	Practice 4	2	
8	Topic 10	2	Practice 4	2	
9	Topic 11	2	Practice 5	2	
10	Topic 12	2	Practice 5	2	
11	Topic 13	2	Practice 5	2	
12	Topic 14	2	Practice 6	2	
13	Topic 15	2	Practice 7	2	
14	Topic 16	2	Practice 8	2	Submission of work
15	Topic 17	2	Practice 9	2	
Total		30 hours		30 hours	

4.5. Bibliography and recommended resources

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