Environmental Management (Master in AGRIBUSINESS AND BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION, IInd Year of study, IIIrd SEMESTER)

Credit value (ECTS): 8

Course category:

deepening discipline (imposed)

Course holder:

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Discipline objectives (course and practical works)

- provide students with the theoretical and practical knowledge in the field of environmental management and the role of environmental management practices on sustainable development.
- knowledge of the requirements regarding the implementation of management control practices on the environment field, consistent with the organization's policies to meet the regulations in force on the environment.
- acquiring informations about environmental management systems, standards, tools and methods used in environmental management
- improve the skills of coordinating the environmental audit in economic and administrative units.

Contents (syllabus)

Course (chapters/subchapters)

- **I. Environmental Management General aspects:** The object of study and the importance of discipline; Concept, objectives and features of environmental management; Environmental policy and sustainable development; Environmental priorities for developing countries; The legal framework for Environmental Protection; Criteria and objectives for sustainable development of economic activity; Responsible and efficient management of resources; Institutions in the field of environmental protection
- **II. Principles and instruments of Environmental Management**: Environmental Management Principles; Instruments of Environmental Management; Environmental Management System (EMS); Environmental Standards

III. EMAS – Eco-Management and Audit Scheme of the European Environment:

Overview EMAS: definition, characteristics, objectives; Brief history of EMAS; Conditions for EMAS registration; Organisations that can apply for EMAS; EMAS regulatory framework in Romania

IV Ecolabel and Eco-Labelling of Products and Services: Definition, importance, types of eco-labels; Eco-label of European Union; Legislative framework; Eligible products for eco-labeling; The advantages and characteristics of eco-labelling

V. Environmental audit: The conceptual framework of environmental audit: definitions and characteristics; International Organization of Supreme Audit Institutions (INTOSAI) and environment audit; The importance of the environmental audit; Potential disadvantages of the environmental audit; The types of environmental audit and its objectives; Elements and principles of environmental auditing; Collecting environmental audit evidence; The audit of pollution of water, air and biodiversity

VI Waste Management: Conceptual approaches in waste management; The content, objectives and principles of waste management; The institutional, legislative and regulatory waste management; Waste classification; The life cycle of products and waste hierarchy; The impact of waste on human health and the environment; The elements of waste management policy; Policies and measures for waste management sector; Waste streams

VII Waste management audit: Key issues addressed in the waste management audit; Identification of risks to the environment and public health; Identification of relevant actors and their responsibilities; Analysis of the waste stream; The selection of audit themes (topics)

Practical works

- 1. **Environmental indicators:** Principles in the definition and selection of environmental indicators; Categories of environmental indicators; Types of approaches for implementing environmental statistical system; OECD and UN-FDES schemes framework
- 2. Expenses for the introduction of an EMS
- 3. EMAS implementation phases
- 4. Differences and similarities between ISO 14001 and EMAS
- **5. Life Cycle Assessment:** Principles and characteristics of LCA methodology; Phases and scope; Life cycle inventory analysis; Life cycle impact assessment; Interpretation of life cycle

6 The procedure for obtaining European Ecolabel

- **7.** The steps and stages of the environmental audit: Planning the environmental audit; Execution of environmental audit (pre-audit activities, audit field activity, post-audit activity); The audit "follow-up".
- **8. Waste audit in an organization:** Audit Planning; Performing audits; Develop Action Plan; Programme implementation to reduce waste; Audit support activities.
- 9. Preparing the environmental balance of economic activity
- **10. Integrating environmental issues into economic practice conditions:** Effects of pollution and their analysis in relation to pollution abatement costs; Economic optimum setting for antipollution activities; Economic levers to reduce pollution

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Final Evaluation

| Evaluation form | Evaluation Methods | Percentage of the final grade |
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| Examen | Written examination | 65% |
| Appreciation of the activity during the semester | Oral assessment during the semester, partial tests and verification work | 35% |

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