Environmental inspection and legislation
(IVth YEAR, VIIIth SEMESTER)

Credit value (ECTS): 3

Course category
Specialty discipline (Compulsory courses)

Discipline code: A.PCM.S.406

Course holder
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Discipline objectives (course and practical works)
The discipline of *Environmental Inspection and Legislation* aims at understanding the fundamental concepts of European and national environmental protection legislation, its applications and the specific conditions under which European directives are implemented, taking into account the economic and social particularities of Romania.

Contents (syllabus)

Course (chapters)
Study object – Environmental Inspection and Legislation
1. The importance of environmental protection in the context of sustainable development. 1.1. Considerations and particularities of environmental protection and sustainable development. 1.2. Sustainability indicators. 1.3. Circular economy: definition, importance and benefits. 1.4. Main legislative documents related to the implementation of the circular economy at national and European level. 1.5. Environmental policy: general principles and basic framework.
2. Environmental policies and strategies in the context of water pollution. 2.1. Sustainable water resources management and biodiversity conservation. 2.2. Strategic planning for water resources management. 2.3. Legislative framework for water resources management. 2.4. Water Framework Directive. 2.5. Implementation of pollution prevention and control techniques.
3. Environmental policies and strategies in the context of water pollution. 3.1. Persistent pollutants in the environment. 3.2. Existing policies and strategies on the removal of persistent pollutants from the environment.
4. Environmental policies and strategies in the context of soil pollution. 4.1. Main soil characteristics and their pollution classification. 4.2. Management of EU contaminated sites. 4.3. Legislative framework regarding the EU Soil Strategy 2030.
5. Environmental policies and strategies in the context of air pollution. 5.1. Prospects for achieving zero air pollution objectives. 5.2. Air quality standards. 5.3. Air quality assessment at national and international level. 5.4. Analysis of CO_2 emissions and other greenhouse gases in the context of climate change.

6. Environmental policies and strategies in waste management. 6.1. Minimizing waste and maximizing resource efficiency in the context of the circular economy. 6.2. Extended Producer Responsibility. 6.3. National legislation and European regulations on waste management.

Practical works
1. National and international legislative principles underlying environmental protection. Environmental policies.
2. Sanctioning of environmental law breaches. Presentation of concrete cases of infringement of environmental legislation and its impact on the environment in Romania and the EU. Comparative study (debate).
3. Characterization of protected areas and identification of legislative norms governing the legal regime (case studies)
4. Climate change - case studies on legislative breaches.
5. Summary and evaluation.

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Evaluation

Evaluation form	Evaluation Methods	Percentage of the final grade
Exam	Written evaluation Course attendance	70% 10%
Appreciation of the activity during the semester	Active participation in seminars, knowledge and interpretation of specific elements of environmental legislation and elaboration of reports	20%

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