

# **FUNDAMENTALS OF ECOLOGICAL HORTICULTURE PRODUCTION (Organic Horticulture, the first year of study, first semester)**

**Credit value (ECTS): 12**

**Course category:** compulsory

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## **Discipline objectives (course and practical works)**

Objective of the discipline is to train and teach students, regarding to basic general knowledge on the ecological agriculture. These knowledge are focused on the specific terms definition, development and perspectives of the ecological horticulture, agricultural systems used, soil-plant relations in horticultural ecological production and conversion to ecological horticultural production (EHP).

## **Contents (syllabus)**

<b>COURSE (chapters/subchapters)</b>	
<b>Introduction</b>	Necessity and importance of ecological production Definitions, goal, objectives Short history Ecological production situation
<b>Agricultural systems</b>	General knowledge about agricultural systems Conventional and non-conventional agriculture Agriculture sustainable development Biodinamic, ecological, biological and organic agriculture systems Sustainable of the agricultural production and rural development Relation conventional and non-conventional systems. Conversion
<b>Soil-plant relations in ecological horticultural production</b>	Soil as a basic element in EHP. Soil population and degradation Nutrients and the fertilizer application in EHP Composting Biological processes from the soil Ecosystem evolution in EHP Crop rotation in EHP Successive crops and intercropping system. Allelopathic relation. Principle of the intercropping. Other inactivated natural factors in EHP.
<b>Conversion to ecological horticultural production</b>	Definitions, goal and objectives Phenomena and processes during conversion Conversion plan development Conversion duration Conversion patterns
<b>Practical works</b>	
Pedoclimatic conditions study for the ecological horticulture	
Composting: materials, bioprepared products, processing and using.	
Soil and water pollution study.	
Development of fertilizers application in the ecological horticultural conditions.	
Machinery to be used for ecological horticulture	

Development of a conversion plan
- Conversion project for vegetable crops
- Conversion project for fruit tree crops
- Conversion project for the vines crops
- Conversion project for the ornamental crops

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### Evaluation

Evaluation form	Evaluation Methods	Percentage of the final grade
Course	Exam	60%
	Presence	10%
Practical works	Presence	10%
	Tests + course and practical	20%

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