

DIPARTIMENTO DI

MEDICINA DELLE PIANTE INTERNATIONAL JOINT MASTER DEGREE IN **PLANT MEDICINE** Pianta e degli Alimenti



General information			
Academic subject	Quality certification systems		
	(Module of I.C. Standards on quality)		
	Sistemi di certificazione della qualità		
	(modulo del C.I. Norme sulla qualità)		
Degree course	International Joint Master degree in Plant Medicine (LM69)		
Academic Year	Second		
European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System (ECTS) 3			
Language	Italian		
Academic calendar (starting and ending date) II semester (27 th February 2023 – 16 th June 2023)			
Attendance	Optional		

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Tutoring (time and day)	Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, from 4.00 pm to 6.00 pm, by appointment.
	Tutoring is also provided through Microsoft Teams.

Syllabus		
Learning Objectives	The course aims to provide basic knowledge about the certified quality as a too improve the competitiveness of farms and the main quality standards applicab to crop production.	
Course prerequisites	Basic principles of economics and agricultural economics	
Contents	 Relevance of quality in the agri-food system: trends in food consumption; international trade liberalization; recent CAP's reforms; quality as a strategic lever for competitiveness of firms. Notion of quality: "industrial" quality; quality as "excellence"; a modern and shared meaning of quality; quality of agri-food products ("Must" and "Wants" attributes; search, experience and credence attributes). Quality perception: information asymmetry, adverse selection, Akerlof's model; quality signals (recognition, communication and credibility), "declared" and "regulated" quality; construction of quality (actors and relationships); quality certification systems. Compulsory regulations and main quality certification schemes for crop productions: compulsory food safety standards (hygiene of foodstuffs, traceability); voluntary public standards (PDO, PGI, TSG, DOCG, DOC, IGT, Organic); voluntary private standards (ISO 9001, ISO 14001, ISO 22000, BRC, IFS, GLOBALGAP). 	
Books and bibliography	 Van der Meulen B. (2014). EU Food Law Handbook, European Institute for Food Law, Wageningen Luning P.A. and Marcelis W.J. (2009). Food quality management. Technological and managerial principles and practices, Wageningen Academic Publishers, Wageningen 	
Additional materials		



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Work schedule				
Total	Lectures		Hands on (Laboratory, working groups, seminars, field trips)	Out-of-class study hours/ Self-study hours
Hours				
75	16		14	45
ECTS				
3	2		1	
Some lea students Upon rea and docu		Some lec students Upon rec and docu	will be given through PC assisted tools (PowerPoint) and slide projector. ctures will be prepared starting from the presentation of one or more based on readings of pre-assigned texts. quest, all students will be provided with a full copy of the presentations iments used during practicals. hing course is not delivered in e-learning mode.	
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Expected learning	-	- Kr	avulades of the sensent of sublity applied to serve	food products and its
Knowledge and understanding on:		 Knowledge of the concept of quality applied to agro-food products and its importance as a lever to enhance the competitiveness of agri-food businesses; Knowledge of the quality certification schemes of interest for farmers involved in crop productions. 		
Applying knowledge and understanding on:		 Ability to start implementing and controlling the main quality certification schemes for crop productions. 		
Soft skills		 At Com At Capc 	ing informed judgments and choices bility to evaluate, through a critical approach, the sta quality certification schemes depending on the va organizational contexts in which farms operate. municating knowledge and understanding bility to communicate the key elements of the main how to implement them. actities to continue learning bility to acquire the future modification on the	arious structural and quality standards and

Assessment and feedback	
Methods of assessment	For students enrolled in the year in which the lectures are given there will be a
	midterm test. This midterm test is carried out in oral form on the topics developed
	during the lectures. The evaluation is awarded in thirtieths and the achievement of
	a minimum mark of 18/30 is needed. The mark of the midterm test contributes to
	the final mark, but only within one academic year.
	The exam consists of an oral test on the topics developed during the lectures, both
	theoretical and practical, with the aim to verify the acquired knowledge and the
	ability to face practical issues.
	A minimum of 2 questions will be proposed to the student; one of them will
	regard general aspects of quality in the agri-food system, one of them will regard
	compulsory rules and main quality certification schemes.
	The evaluation of the student's preparation is done based on established criteria,
	as detailed in Annex A of the Teaching Regulations of the Master Programme in



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 Evaluation criteria Knowledge and understanding Knowledge of the meaning of quality applied to agri-food products and explain the importance of quality as a lever to enhance the competitiveness of agri-food businesses; Knowledge of the main features of quality certification schemes of inter for farmers involved in crop productions. Applying knowledge and understanding Knowledge about how to implement the main quality certification scheme for crop productions. Autonomy of judgment Ability to evaluate the strategic importance of the quality standards according to the various structural and organizational contexts in whice agro-food businesses operate. Communicating knowledge and understanding Ability to communicate the features that characterize the main quality standards of crop productions. Capacities to continue learning Ability to apply the skills acquired to learn the advancement of quality certification schemes of crop productions. 		PLANT MEDICINE (art. 9).	
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	attribution of the final mark	greater than or equal to 18.	
Additional information	Additional information		