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**1) COURSE NAME: URBAN AGRICULTURE**

<b>Synthetic program</b>				
<b>Urban Agriculture</b>				
<b>General Information</b>				
<b>Type of curricular proposal:</b>	New creation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Restructuration	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Type of course:</b>	Mandatory	<input type="checkbox"/>	Optional	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
			Complementary	<input type="checkbox"/>
			Other	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Course shared with another Academic program or academic entity</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes With which academic program is shared? _____ From which semester? _____ From which academic entity? _____			
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Semester	Theory hours per week	Practice hours per week	Additional student work hours per week	Credits
	3	1	1	6

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<b>Main Objective</b>	To learn about the basic strategies to design, plan, and manage urban agriculture projects, as well as to understand complex relations between agriculture, food chains and urban food production.	
<b>Specific and professional competences to which it contributes to develop the subject</b>	The graduate will apply his knowledge on urban agriculture as an instrument to improve the use of resources in cities and address environmental problems. The graduate will learn to analyze the relationship between the urban context and urban agriculture from a complex thinking and transdisciplinary perspective.	
<b>Performance of the specific professional competence to which it contributes to develop the subject</b>	Students will perform tasks and solve specific problems related to Urban Agriculture. They will formulate arguments, discussions and defend viewpoints in oral presentations. They will be able to solve evaluation exams. They will analyze scientific, academic, and dissemination literature. They will use information and communication technology in the learning process as a tool to access the globalized world. They will become aware of the value of the use and correct management of knowledge.	
<b>Competences to which it contributes to develop the subject</b>	Students will assume one's responsibilities under criteria of quality and relevance to society, and actively contributing to the identification and solution of urban problems, including social, economic, political and environmental sustainability disciplines. Students will obtain organizational and project management skill. They will conduct empirical social research (surveys, etc.) and perform field measurements. Graduates know how to work independently but also in a team.	
<b>Performance of transversal professional competence to which it contributes to develop the subject</b>	Students will participate in actions in favor of equal opportunities that improve the quality of urban situations. They will take protect and use in a responsible way natural resources related with natural and sustainable products from and of urban agriculture. Students will analyze and discuss factors and variables about all associated aspects in depth. Graduates will learn to communicate in a trans-disciplinary environment.	
<b>Units</b>	<b>Units</b>	<b>Contents</b>
	<b>1. Introduction to urban agriculture</b>	Urban agriculture and cities toward the sustainability Students will be able to understand cities as a social and ecological subsystem, based on social ecological system theory. Furthermore, they will be able to identify the bridge between the social-ecological system and urban agriculture.
	<b>2. Global, regional and local dynamics</b>	Global urban agricultural movements and politics Students will understand global, regional and local politics and economical dynamics and their connection in the global and local food system. Furthermore, they will be familiar with

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		urban agricultural processes and the influence in community development and public health.	
	<b>3. Ecological and horticultural fundamentals of the urban orchards</b>	Definition of organic products and environmental impacts	
	<b>4. Urban Agriculture, society and natural resources</b>	<p>Social impacts of urban agriculture. Students will be able to understand the linkages from the energy-water-food nexus in the context of a city economics development; to differentiate food production scales related to sustainability; to understand how society's participation drive food production. Derived from these, the student will be able to design an urban food production program correlated to the nexus based on a participatory approach</p>	
<b>Methods and practices</b>	<b>Methods</b>	<p>Presentation of topics through videos, power point presentations and lectures. The course will mainly be set up as a seminar-workshop. The main attraction of this method lies in the possibility of a collective reflection on each of the topics looked at during the program. The content of the class will be delivered through readings and presentations in class and home. The course will be dynamic and participatory, based on discussions. Every student has to hand in an essay about a self-selected topic on Urban Agriculture. As a preparation for the classes every student has to read a specific article and develop an essay (max. 1 page), where he/she should express his OWN opinion, experiences, doubts and/or thoughts. This text has to be handed in on the night before the next class. The professor also provides theoretical presentations and introduces new topics.</p>	
	<b>Practices</b>	<p>In Unit 4: The class will visit an urban agricultural project. Then, the group will break into small teams (3-5 people) to write a report on an urban agricultural project in the urban area. Every group has to analyze the crops, the use of fertilizer, the history of the project, as well as its financial and management plan. Finally, every group presents findings.</p>	
<b>Assesment method</b>	<b>Partial exam</b>	20%	First partial exam: Units 1 y 2
		20%	Second partial exam: Unit 3
		20%	Third partial exam: Unit 4
		40%	Research work

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	<b>Final exam</b>	The ordinary final grade will correspond to the weighted average of the three partial evaluations (20% each) and a research paper (40%): 100%
	<b>Other activities</b>	Group work

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<b>Unit 1. Introduction to urban agriculture</b>		<b>6 h</b>
<b>Topic 1.1</b> Definition and history of Urban Agriculture and social ecological systems		<b>3h</b>
<b>Subtopic</b>	1.1.1 Social –ecological system 1.1.2 Definition and history of Urban Agriculture and social ecological systems	
<b>Topic 1.2</b> Interaction between the social-ecological system and urban agriculture		<b>3h</b>
	1.2.1 Food flows in cities 1.2.2 Water-energy flows in cities 1.2.3 Urban agriculture and urban sustainability	

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<b>Unit 2. Global, regional and local dynamics</b>		<b>18h</b>
<b>Topic 2.1</b> Introduction to the food system and food security. Global, region and local examples		<b>6h</b>
<b>Subtopic</b>	2.1.1. Food security in the context of the sustainable development goals 2.1.2. Food safety dimensions 2.1.3. Availability, access, consumption and food promotion 2.1.4. Examples	
<b>Topic 2.2</b> Global politics and economical dynamics in the food system, causing urban agricultural processes.		<b>6 h</b>
<b>Subtopic</b>	2.2.1 Urban agricultural regions and their governance	
<b>Topic 2.3 Impact of urban agriculture on community development, food security and public health</b>		<b>6 h</b>
<b>Subtopic</b>	2.3.1 Urban Agriculture and its impact on community development 2.3.2 Urban agriculture and biodiversity 2.3.3 Integration of urban agriculture in urban policies 2.3.4 Urban agriculture as a strategy for municipal development Sustainable 2.3.5 The dynamics of urban farmers	
Readings and other resources	<p><b>2.1.1. Food security in the context of the sustainable development objectives</b></p> <p>Hubert De Bon, Laurent Parrot, Paule Moustier. Sustainable urban agriculture in developing countries. A review. Agronomy for Sustainable Development, Springer Verlag/EDP Sciences/INRA, 2010, 30 (1).</p> <p>Santo, Raychel, Anne Palmer, and Brent Kim. 2016. Vacant Lots to Vibrant Plots: A Review of the Benefits and Limitations of Urban Agriculture. Johns Hopkins Center for a Livable Future. <a href="https://www.jhsph.edu/research/centers-and-institutes/johns-hopkins-center-for-a-livable-future/_pdf/research/clf_reports/urban-ag-literature-review.pdf">https://www.jhsph.edu/research/centers-and-institutes/johns-hopkins-center-for-a-livable-future/_pdf/research/clf_reports/urban-ag-literature-review.pdf</a></p> <p><b>2.1.2. Food safety dimensions</b></p> <p>Consejo Nacional de Evaluación de la Política de Desarrollo Social. Dimensiones de la seguridad alimentaria: Evaluación Estratégica de Nutrición y Abasto. México, DF. CONEVAL, 2010</p>	

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<b>Unit 3. Ecological and horticultural fundaments of the urban orchards</b>		<b>9h</b>
<b>Topic 3.1</b> Energetic principles and ecology of the urban agriculture		<b>3 h</b>
<b>Subtopic</b>	3.1.1 Plant-soil-atmosphere interaction and water relations 3.1.2 Generalities of soil and substrates properties 3.1.3 Orchard types, techniques and economic features	
<b>Topic 3.2</b> Energetic principles and ecology of the urban agriculture		<b>3 h</b>
<b>Subtopic</b>	3.3.1 Orchards and species care, and outcomes variation seasonally 3.3.2 Tolerant plants, vegetable crops, and compatibility between plant species 3.3.3 Environmental and landscape functions of urban crops	
<b>Topic 3.3</b> Cultural identification and nutrition		<b>3 h</b>
<b>Subtopic</b>	3.4.1 Productivity scale (input & output), and urban orchard extent 3.4.2 Cultural features and uses of local food plants 3.4.3 Nutrition values of fruits and vegetable species, organic products	

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<b>Learning activities</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pre reading activity</li> <li>• Lecture</li> <li>• Group discussion</li> <li>• Hand in draft of Project</li> </ul>

<b>Unit 4. Urban agriculture, society and natural resources</b>		<b>15 h</b>
<b>Topic 4.1</b> Food – water – energy nexus.		<b>2 h</b>
<b>Subtopic</b>	<p>4.1.1 What’s Water-energy-food nexus</p> <p>4.1.2. Study Cases. Water energy food nexus</p>	
<b>Topic 4.2</b> Economics, society and environment related to urban agriculture. Food production sustainability: industrialized versus micro-scale practices		<b>5 h</b>
<b>Subtopics</b>	<p>4.2.1 Food production scales</p> <p>4.2.2 Footprints of food production</p> <p>4.2.3 Urban agriculture limitations and advantages</p>	
<b>Topic 4.3</b> Urban gardening movements and participatory action research		<b>2h</b>

<b>Subtopics</b>	4.3.1. Urban agriculture: actors and roles 4.3.2 Food Justice movements 4.3.3 Participatory Action Research in Urban gardening 4.3.4 Case studies: urban gardening movements around the world	
<b>Topic 4.4</b>	Strategies for the design, planning and management of an urban agriculture	<b>5h</b>
<b>Subtopics</b>	4.4.1 Strategic spatial planning for urban agricultural areas and its flexibility 4.4.2 Financial planning 4.4.3 Management of an agricultural urban region and spatial geostatistical tools 4.4.4 Final projects presentations	
<b>Topic 4.5</b>	Wrap up & course review	<b>1h</b>
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<b>Teaching and learning methods</b>	The course will mainly be set up as a seminar-workshop, the main attraction of this method lies in the possibility of a collective reflection on each of the issues raised in the program, based on certain key concepts derived from readings and presentations in class.
<b>Learning activities</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pre reading activity</li> <li>• Lecture</li> <li>• Group discussion</li> <li>• Hand in and presentation of the project</li> </ul>

### C) TEACHING & LEARNING STRATEGIES

The course will mainly be set up as a seminar-workshop. The main attraction of this method lies in the possibility of a collective reflection on each of the issues overviewed in the program, based on certain key concepts derived from readings and presentations in class. The course will be dynamic and participatory, based on discussions.

Every student has to hand in an essay about a self-selected topic of Urban Agriculture.

For some theoretical classes every student has to do assigned readings and prepare an essay (max. 1 side). This essay should express his OWN opinion, experiences, doubts and/or thoughts. This text has to be handed in on the night before the next class.

The professor also provides theoretical presentations and introduces the new topic.

In Unit 4 students will visit an urban agriculture project. Also in this unit, students will organize in teams of 3 to 5 people to work on an urban agriculture project in the urban area. At the end of the unit, students will write and conduct a research project. Results will be summarized in the form of a scientific short article and presented in class.

The experience of a personal reading is enhanced by the synergy of collective reflection.

The main activities to be carried out in the course are:

- ✓ Pre-readings for each session, including the development of essays, conceptual maps;
- ✓ Participation in specific activities during the sessions of the course and on the website,
- ✓ Individual or teamwork activities (including fieldwork activities).
- ✓ Formulation of a project (an integrated project with other core courses) at the end of the course.

A large and active student participation is expected in-group discussions both in class, in the field and/or on the website (post comments in discussion forums or links, keep communication, answering surveys, etc.). This participation should be guided by the following criteria:

- ✓ Content and argumentation
- ✓ Tolerance and openness
- ✓ Cooperation
- ✓ Focus on the issues raised
- ✓ Continuity

#### D) ASSESSMENT METHOD

Preparation and / or presentation of:	Periodicity	Units	Percentage
<b>First partial exam</b>	At the end of Unit 1 and 2	Units 1 and 2	20%
<b>Second partial exam</b>	At the end of Unit 3	Unit 3	20%
<b>Third partial exam</b>	At the end of Unit 4	Unit 4	20%
<b>Final Essay</b>	-	-	40%
<b>TOTAL</b>			100
<b>Ordinary Exam</b>	The ordinary final grade will consist of the 3 partial grades (60%) and the final essay (40%).		
<b>Other academy activities required</b>	Special non-mandatory activities will not have a value in the partial evaluation. This consists of attending special events on the subject or participation as organizers in events of the discipline, whether from the Faculty or outside it as dissemination and training activities		

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