3440 - POMOLOGY

COURSE LAYOUT

1. GENERAL

SCHOOL	School of Applied Economics and Social Sciences		
DEPARTMENT	Department of Agribusiness and Supply Chain Management		
STUDY LEVEL	*Undergraduate*		
COURSE CODE	**3440**	**ΕΞΑΜΗΝΟ ΣΠΟΥΔΩΝ**	4th
COURSE TITLE	**Pomology**		

INDEPENDENT TEACHING ACTIVITIES	**WEEKLY TEACHING HOURS**	**ECTS**
Theory (Lectures)	3	
Laboratory	2	
Total	5	5

COURSE TYPE	Field of Science
PREREQUISITES	-
LANGUAGE	Greek
IS THE COURSE OFFERED for ERASMUS STUDENTS?	No
COURSE WEB PAGE	https://oeclass.aua.gr/eclass/courses/4971/

2. LEARNING OUTCOMES

Learning Outcomes

The aim of the course "Pomology" is to familiarize students at both theoretical and practical levels with the characteristics (morphological and physiological), requirements (soil, climatic, etc) and cultivation practices of the main fruit tree species grown in our country.

In particular, the theoretical course aims to analyze the following issues:

- Origin, evolution, and classification of fruit tree species
- National and international economic importance of fruit tree products
- Botanical and morphological traits of fruit trees species
- Bearing (fruiting) habit of the main fruit tree species
- Anthesis, pollination, fertilization as well as fruit setting, growth, and maturation
- Ecological (soil and climatic) requirements of pomological species
- Fruit tree dormancy
- Fruit tree propagation (sexual and asexual; grafting and rootstocks)
- Orchard site selection – Designing and planting an orchard
- Pruning and training systems
- Irrigation
- Orchard mineral nutrition and soil management
- Frost protection
- Harvesting criteria and quality standards of fruits

Emphasis is given to some fruit crops of high pomological importance for Greece, such as olive, citrus, peach, apricot, sweet cherry, apple, pear, pistachio, almond, and walnut.

The goal of the Laboratory classes is to familiarize the students with:

- Identification of main fruit trees (pomes, stone fruits, citrus, olive, pomegranate, loquat, fig, etc.)
- Fruiting organs and fruit bearing habits of the main fruit trees
- Fruit tree propagation (sexual and asexual; grafting, cuttings)
- Pruning of olive and citrus trees
- Designing an orchard and planting trees

Therefore, upon successful completion of the course, the students will:

- Be capable of identifying the main fruit trees cultivated in Greece
- Be able to understand the ecology, morphology, and physiology of fruit crops cultivated in Greece
- Obtain the basic knowledge concerning the cultivation practices applied in fruit trees

General Competenses

- Make decisions
- Work autonomously
- Work in teams
- Retrieve, analyze and synthesize data and information, with the use of necessary technologies
- Respect natural environment
- Advance free, creative and causative thinking
- Advance of free thinking and reasoning

3. COURSE CONTENT

Theory:

- Origin, evolution, and classification of fruit tree crops
- Economic importance of fruit tree products for Greece and the entire world
- Botanical and morphological traits of fruit trees
- Bearing (fruiting) habit of the main fruit tree species
- Anthesis, pollination, fertilization, and fruit setting, growth, and maturation
- Ecological (soil and climatic) requirements of pomological species
- Fruit tree dormancy
- Fruit tree propagation (sexual and asexual; grafting and rootstocks)
- Orchard site selection – Designing and planting an orchard
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Laboratory:

- Fruiting organs and bearing habit of the main fruit trees cultivated in Greece
- Fruit tree propagation (sexual and asexual; grafting, cuttings)
- Pruning of olive trees

- Pruning of citrus trees
- Designing an orchard and planting trees

4. TEACHING and LEARNING METHODS - Evaluation

TEACHING METHOD	Face to face, In class (theory) and in arboretum (laboratory).
USE OF INFORMATICS and COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGIES	• Power-Point slides • Open e-class platform • Teaching support through access to on-line websites, databases etc. • Communication with students via e-mail
TEACHING ORGANISATION	
STUDENTS EVALUATION	1. Theory - Written final exams including: ▪ Multiple choice questions ▪ Questions with short answers ▪ Open questions 2. Laboratory class - Written final exams including: ▪ Multiple choice questions ▪ Questions with short answers ▪ Open questions

Activity	*Work Load*
Lectures (theory)	39
Laboratory	26
Personal or Group project	8
Autonomous study	52
Course total (25 hours of student work load per ECTS)	***125 (5 ECTS)***

5. BIBLIOGRAPHY

Books

Greek:

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