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The Mission

Faculty of Agriculture is, from its establishment until today, dedicated to its fundamental mission: enabling students' achievement of the highest academic standards and transferring competences based on the newest scientific knowledge. All in order to make students competent to become promoters of development of modern sustainable agriculture according to the needs of Croatian society and targeted national development. To fulfill its own mission, the Faculty strives to improve the quality of scientific-research work and education, and inclusion into the European higher education area. Respectively, the Faculty is directly contributing to economical, rural and sustainable development, as well as the overall regional development. In accordance with the overall social and economic needs, Faculty has developed and is still evolving relevant study programs for the education of present and prospective students. Being the oldest educational institution in the field of agriculture, we are dedicated to development of Croatian science and agriculture by making our Faculty a creative and incentive place for studying and work. We strive for excellence and student care is one of the fundamental prerequisites in all Faculty activities. In each area of our activities we rely on high academic and ethical values.

The Vision

Applying the standards of excellence in scientific, educational and professional work, Faculty of Agriculture wants to strategically position itself in Croatian higher education and research area, as well as an internationally recognized and acclaimed research and teaching institutions. The fundamental vision of the Faculty of Agriculture is to define and implement all aspects of the development of modern education system as well as the scientific research compatible with that in the European Union. We aim at promoting a culture of quality, establishing of a quality assurance system and defining qualifications and competences of students are our key priorities. It implies continuous investment in each individual and improvement of teaching skills of teachers and lecturers, which would result in more complete professional insights and students' competence as well as their greater mobility.

General information on system of studies

In accordance with the Bologna Declaration, at the University of Zagreb Faculty of Agriculture the university studies are divided into three educational cycles (model 3+2+3), Undergraduate, Graduate and Postgraduate doctoral studies.

The first educational cycle is called the undergraduate study and lasts for 6 semesters (180 ECTS credits). At the Faculty, there is an option of enrolling in one of nine undergraduate studies (Agricultural Economics, Agricultural Engineering, Agroecology, Animal Sciences, Horticulture, Landscape Architecture, Organic Agriculture, Plant Protection and Plant Sciences. Additional study programme is Mediterranean Agriculture which is carried out in the City of Split, through collaboration of the University of Zagreb Faculty of Agriculture, University of Split and Institute for Adriatic Crops and Karst Reclamation). By completing this study, students receive the title of university bachelor of engineering, with specification of study.

Graduate study lasts for four semesters (120 ECTS credits). There is a choice of 13 graduate studies at the Faculty (Agribusiness and Rural Development, Plant Sciences, Organic Agriculture with Agrotourism, Phytomedicine, Animal Genetics and Breeding, Animal Nutrition and Feed Science, Landscape Architecture, Production and Processing of Meat, Production and Processing of Milk, Fisheries and Game Management, Agricultural Engineering with two specialties: Mechanization and Amelioration, Agroecology with two specialties: Agroecology and Microbial Biotechnology in Agriculture and Horticulture with four specialties: Viticulture and enology, Fruit growing, Vegetable growing and Ornamental plants and). By completing graduate study, the academic title of Master of Engineering is received, with specification of the study.

The third cycle comprises two Postgraduate doctoral study courses: Agricultural Sciences and Agricultural Economics (6 semesters, 180 ECTS), leading to the academic title doctor of science, with the name of the scientific area (biotechnology) and field (agriculture/agronomy).

On University of Zagreb Faculty of Agriculture there are also three postgraduate specialist study courses, Fisheries, Animal Science and Executive MBA in Agribusiness and Commerce, in the duration of one academic year (2 semesters, 60 ECTS), which lead to the academic title of specialist in fisheries or animal production.

Teaching

Tuition is held in three teaching methods:

- lectures
- seminars
- practice (laboratory, field and auditory)

Lectures

Depending on the course, at the Faculty of Agriculture part of the teaching is done through lectures which consists of classic lectures in front of the board (writing formulas in chemistry, physics, mathematics), presentations made in Power Point (teaching material is on the computer and is presented through written and pictorial material), film presentations from the Internet source or personal material (display of technological processes, personal research - experiment demonstrations, various computer simulations). A combination of these methods is also used. Most of the teaching content is provided for students through university textbooks, manuals or scripts that can be found in the Central Agricultural Library, departmental libraries, the National and University Library and other libraries in Zagreb. Part of the content can also be found on the website of Faculty of Agriculture and through the Merlin e-learning system, while part of the content is given to students in the form of Power Point presentations.

Seminars

Within the frame of the seminar the student is required to create and/or submit a written paper (project, program, Power Point presentation). Seminar presentation takes place within the schedule related to seminar. Seminars are often one of the conditions and an integral part of the final grade so they must be evaluated by the end of the semester.

Teachers and academic staff supervise students during the preparation and presentation of seminar topics. Through seminars students practice how the use acquired knowledge to solve practical problems.

Interdisciplinary study seminar papers represent individual work of each student consulting the teacher regarding the problem. These are often independent projects or planned assignments which are commented during the course practice and students must use given comments outside of the class and

outside of the Faculty in order to complete their assignment. Approach to each student is individual and after accepting of solution or assignment student must formulate a project and elaborate all given components.

Submitting and grading of seminar projects is followed by oral presentation/defense. Defence includes making board or Power Point presentation with all parts of the given project with explanation of assignment.

During the semester, three-day workshops are organized in order to prepare students for the team and expedited work on assignment. Weekly student workshops in which students apply their knowledge to real-life tasks are occasionally organized in cooperation with the European studies of Landscape Architecture.

Practice

Auditory practice

Depending on the courses, part of the teaching is done in the form of auditory exercises. Part of the assignment is done along with students during the class and part is given for solving at home, which are later reviewed and present one of the conditions for regular attendance. Some of the assignments are made independently, and some in teams.

Laboratory practice

Laboratory exercises are conducted in small groups (which is more convenient for the best possible performance), which results in a large number of groups for laboratory practice.

Laboratories are often used for making the final and graduate thesis as well as doctoral dissertations of students of Faculty of Agriculture as well as the students from related faculties. Most of the laboratory practice is supposed to be rated during or at the end of the semester.

Practicum

Practicum is integral part of the teaching methods implemented at the Faculty of Agriculture. It is mostly carried out in the same premises as laboratory classes and sometimes leads to teaching overlap. Practicum is partially carried out in classrooms of the Faculty.

Field practice

Field practice is an integral part of many courses at the Faculty of Agriculture. It primarily takes place at the training centre in jurisdiction of Faculty of Agriculture such as Maksimir, Jazbina, Research and training centre "Šašinovečki lug", Research and training centre "Ban Josip Jelačić (Hunting ground Prodom)", Glina, Center for Grasses on Medvednica, and "Historical Gardens and Landscape Development Center". Field practice is also conducted at the companies outside of the Faculty of Agriculture, which is regulated by the Ordinance on fieldwork voted at the Faculty Council, Faculty of Agriculture, April 14, 2003.

In the field work students visit areas that are rich with all kinds of flora (Hrvatsko zagorje, Samoborsko gorje, Kalnik, Turopolje, Gorski kotar, Istra, Posavina, Prigorje), national and nature parks (Plitvice Lakes, North Velebit, Lonja field, Žumberak), areas with rich indigenous and nature flora (area of Opatija, Opeka, Novi dvori).

Students rights and responsibilities

A student has the **obligation** to:

- Regularly attend the classes (lectures, tutorials, seminars and other forms of teaching),
- Carry out obligations according to the planned study programme, curriculum, as well as general and individual acts of the Faculty,
- Take the exams in the manner and within the time limits specified by general and individual acts of the Faculty,
- Enroll in the next academic year if all obligations set forth in the study program and curriculum are fulfilled,
- Participate in the evaluation of the teaching quality and teachers in a way determined by regulations of the University,

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- Complete the enrollment in study programs within the deadlines set out in Article 5. Paragraph 4. of the Ordinance,
- Protect the reputation and dignity of Faculty, University, teachers and students,
- Act in accordance with the Code of Ethics for members of the academic community.

The student has the **right to:**

- Quality educational process in correspondence with study programme,
- Teaching materials on the Croatian language (books, scripts) sufficient for mastering exams,
- Express opinion and attitudes freely,
- Participate in the scientific and technical projects, in accordance with their capabilities and the needs of the Faculty,
- Enroll in other study programs at faculties and universities, as well as outside the University, for the purpose of acquiring additional knowledge, in accordance with the relevant regulations,
- Choose the teacher for the selected course if there are more teachers available,
- Attend consultations,
- Use the library and other resources available at the Faculty and the University,
- Participate in decision-making at the Faculty and the University in accordance with the Statute and other general acts,
- Participate in student organizations at the Faculty, in accordance with their rules,
- File a complaint with the head of the Faculty if rights are violated.
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Evaluation of knowledge and examinations

Student knowledge can be evaluated during the course and/or subject examinations.

- (2) A student can take the exam in certain course if the obligations determined by the curriculum have been carried out.
- (3) Exams can be taken in writing and/or oral form. Means of examinations are identified by the study program of individual cases.
- (4) Student knowledge is evaluated during the course and the final exam, and the final grade is average or a weighted score.
- (5) Examinations are held during class as a partial assessment that can be in written or oral form and in the regular and exceptional examination period.
- (6) Exams must be taken in all enrolled subjects, according to the established study program.
- (7) Timetable of final exams is published at the beginning of each academic year at the bulletin board and website of the Faculty and is an integral part of the curriculum. Teaching coordinator is required to publish the time of exams and preliminary exam at the beginning of semester.

Regular examination periods are: winter, summer and autumn, and they are determined by the Faculty Council or based on the recommendation of the University.

- (2) Examinations are not held for 30 days after the deadline for enrollment in the next academic year.
- (3) Head of studies is required to publish at least two exam terms with an interval of at least 8 days.
- (4) Schedule of exam terms is determined by the number of exam terms for each subject in each examination schedule may include all students who have the right to take the exam and is published on the bulletin board and website of the Faculty.
- (5) In regular examination periods student has the right to take the exam in the same course twice, with at least eight days in between the first and second examination.

- (6) The establishment of extraordinary exams and how they are delivered is determined by the Faculty Council on the recommendation of the selection of the Board of education and appointment of teachers.
- (7) If student knowledge is continuously checked during the semester, exams don't have to be taken, in accordance with terms of paragraph 1 of this Article.

Exams and other forms of knowledge evaluation

Preliminary exam

Assessment of student knowledge through colloquium is carried out for the requirements of practice. Preliminary exams are prescribed with curriculum of the program. Student who has not passed the preliminary exam, has the right to take it one more time. Period between individual depositing has to be at least eight days. Score achieved on the exam is taken into account when evaluating the final exam.

Seminar

Curriculum can anticipate seminar classes in some courses. Seminars can be done through work in the classroom or in the form of term papers. In both cases the students use the acquired knowledge to solve practical problems. Seminars are lead by teachers and staff who help students in the preparation and presentation of term papers. During the seminars, the student is required develop and/or submit a written paper (project, program) which must be positively graded by the end of the semester in which the course ends. Term paper is evaluated and score is taken into account when evaluating the final exam.

Text book

In accordance with the curriculum of each subject, student is required to create a text book, which must be evaluated positively by the end of the semester, and the grade is taken into account in evaluation of the final exam.

Knowledge evaluation

Knowledge evaluation is the assessment of student's knowledge during lectures and is conducted by program areas. Students are required to access to all the tests of knowledge

during lectures. Coordinator of the course must organize knowledge test for at least two and up to four program of the semester. The proficiency tests are recognized when taking final exam until the end of the academic year in which the student is enrolled in the subject. Knowledge evaluation is carried out only during maintenance of schedule classes, except for the last knowledge evaluation that can be held in the first week of the test period. Students who pass all the knowledge evaluations are acquitted of the written final exam. Students who do not pass all the knowledge evaluations by the end of the semester, in which they enrolled in the subject, must take the final exam.

Final exam

The final exam is the assessment carried out in the regular and irregular exam terms. Students can take the final exam only if they have met all their duties which is confirmed by the course coordinator's signature.

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Important websites

Ministry of science, education and sports . www.mzos.hr

The University of Zagreb: www.unizg.hr

ISVU - Academic Information System . www.isvu.hr

University Computing Centre - SRCE . www.srce.hr

CARNet . www.carnet.hr

Website for students information

<http://www.agr.unizg.hr/cro/studenti/>

Studomat . www.isvu.hr/studomat/prijava

IAAS Croatia - Croatian Association of Students in

Agricultural and Related Sciences . www.iaas-zg.hr

Association of Students of Agriculture „Studa“ . studa.agr.hr

Important documents . <http://www.agr.unizg.hr/cro/onama/dokumenti.htm>

Suggestions for a successful and pleasant studying .

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