COURSE DETAIL

ORGANIC AGRICULTURE AND SOCIETY
Country Netherlands
Host Institution Wageningen University and Research Center
Program(s) Wageningen University
UCEAP Course Level Upper Division
UCEAP Subject Area(s) Environmental Studies Agricultural Sciences
UCEAP Course Number 122
UCEAP Course Suffix
UCEAP Official Title ORGANIC AGRICULTURE AND SOCIETY
UCEAP Transcript Title ORGANIC AGRCLTR&SOC
UCEAP Quarter Units 5.00
UCEAP Semester Units 3.30

Course Description
In this course, students take an in-depth look at the different perspectives of the various actors along the organic supply chain. For example, an organic farmer experiences different constraints and possible solutions than the manager of an organic supermarket or the food policy worker of the local municipality. Students examine what is happening on a global scale to warrant a radical redesign of our food sector, what students find in their local foodscapes, and where students stand in relation to food initiatives in the agri-food sector. The course then covers the organic supply chain, starting with the farmer and ending up with the consumer and policy actors. At the end of the course, students reflect on what the future has in store for the organic sector, and then present their ideas and plans for bridging the think-do gap in agriculture. After successful completion of this course, students are able to state the contemporary discourse on sustainable food production and the role of organic farming within it; explain the guiding principles, practices, and values of actors in the organic food system; appraise the diverse societal expectations vis-à-vis sustainable food production; map the relationships, motivations, and constraints of farmers, industry, policy, consumers, markets, and NGOs; and develop and plan for bridging the think-do gap towards sustainable transitions.

Language(s) of Instruction
English

Host Institution Course Number
FSE-21306

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Host Institution Campus
Organic Agriculture

Host Institution Faculty

Host Institution Degree

Host Institution Department
Farming Systems Ecology

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