

COURSE DETAIL

AGRICULTURE, FOOD, AND SUSTAINABILITY IN THE MEDITERRANEAN

Country

Italy

Host Institution

UC Center, Sicily

Program(s)

Environmental Science in Sicily

UCEAP Course Level

Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)

Environmental Studies Biological Sciences Agricultural Sciences

UCEAP Course Number

116

UCEAP Course Suffix**UCEAP Official Title**

AGRICULTURE, FOOD, AND SUSTAINABILITY IN THE MEDITERRANEAN

UCEAP Transcript Title

AG FOOD & SUSTNBLTY

UCEAP Quarter Units

4.50

UCEAP Semester Units

3.00

Course Description

This course provides an interdisciplinary exploration of sustainable agriculture, food systems, and ecological practices within the context of the Mediterranean, with a specific focus on Sicily. Students engage with ecological concepts and principles fundamental to designing and managing sustainable agroecosystems, with a whole systems approach encompassing the multiple dimensions of sustainability. Local engagement is aimed at enhancing students' critical thinking about global food systems, the SDGs and sustainable agricultural practices.

In addition to the core focus on sustainable agriculture and food systems, this course provides a deeper historical and environmental framing, exploring the long-standing cultural overlays that have shaped Sicily's agricultural practices. Students examine the island's ecological history and agricultural evolution under indigenous, Greek, Roman, Arab, Norman and Spanish influences, while gaining insight into how historical globalization has impacted local food systems. Special attention is given to the role of commodity trade over time and its influence on current agricultural structures.

Language(s) of Instruction

English

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Host Institution Campus

UC Sicily Center

Host Institution Faculty

Host Institution Degree

Host Institution Department

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