

## 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 Course Details**

### **Host Institution Campus**

UC Sicily Center

### **Host Institution Faculty**

<b>Host Institution Degree</b>
<b>Host Institution Department</b>
<b>Course Last Reviewed</b> 2025-2026

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