## Course Unit Descriptor

**Study Programme:** Agricultural engineering and information systems

**Course Unit Title:** Drying and storage

Course Unit Code: 19.PTI030

Name of Lecturer(s): Associate Professor Ivan Pavkov, PhD,

Type and Level of Studies: Undergraduate

Course Status (compulsory/elective): Compulsory

Semester (winter/summer): Summer

Language of instruction: Serbian

Mode of course unit delivery (face-to-face/distance learning): Face-to-face

**Number of ECTS Allocated: 3** 

Prerequisites: None

### **Course Aims:**

Introducing students to the basics of drying and storage processes, technical solutions and technological procedures for drying and storing of: grains, vegetables, herbs, fruits, vegetables, hops and tobacco, as well as drying and storage technologies on small holdings. Introducing students to the technique of solutions and technology of storing fruits and vegetables in refrigerators and warehouses with controlled and modified atmosphere.

# **Learning Outcomes:**

Enabling students to properly select technology and equipment for drying and storage of various agricultural products. Training for designing technological parameters of drying devices. Training students to manage and guide the drying and storage process.

# **Syllabus:**

#### Theory

History of drying agricultural products. The physical meaning of the drying process. Physical properties of agricultural materials that affect the drying process. Types of drying devices. Grain drying technology. Storage of granular agricultural products: Storage technology, Technical solutions for warehouses and equipment, Fire and explosion protection measures. Automation of drying and storage processes. Drying, processing and storage of seeds: corn, small grains, sugar beet. Drying of fodder plants. Drying and storage of fruits and vegetables. Technical and technological solutions for drying tobacco, hops, medicinal and spice plants. Drying on a small property. Technical and technological solutions for storing fresh fruits and vegetables.

### Practice

Laboratory measurements: humidity of biomaterial, impurity content, determination of the presence of GMO organisms, convective drying kinetics, influence of vegetable storage in a controlled atmosphere. Calculation exercises: changes in the state of moist air, single-pass, multi-pass, step drying, partial recirculation. Calculation of heat and material balance of drying and cooling processes. Material balance of grain and seed storage process. Calculation of ventilation and grain cooling. Field trips: two field trips per semester: introduction to the centers for drying and storage of grain material, seeds, fruits and vegetables.

#### **Required Reading:**

Weekly Contact Hours: 5 Lectures: 3 Practical work: 2

### **Teaching Methods:**

Theoretical classes are conducted with the help of computer presentations and video clips with oral presentation. To support students, the Moodle E-learning system is used, which provides additional opportunities for students to have online access to all information and content for learning. Calculation tasks are done in the exercises with the help of teachers and assistants. Laboratory exercises are performed in the laboratory in group work on measuring the required quantities. Visit to the drying and storage facilities.

# **Knowledge Assessment (maximum of 100 points):**

Pre-exam obligations	points	Final exam	points
Active class	10	written exam	30
participation	10	written exam	
Practical work	-	oral exam	50
Preliminary exam(s)	10		
Seminar(s)	-		

The methods of knowledge assessment may differ; the table presents only some of the options: written exam, oral exam, project presentation, seminars, etc.