Study Programme: Organic Agriculture

Course Unit Title: Standards in organic production and certification

Course Unit Code: 19.ORG032

Name of Lecturer(s): PhD Denis Kučević, full Professor

Type and Level of Studies: Undergraduate Academic Studies

Course Status (compulsory/elective): Compulsory

Semester (winter/summer): Summer

Language of instruction: Serbian and English

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

Number of ECTS Allocated: 3

Prerequisites: None

Course Aims:

Education and training of students for professional work in the field of organic production standards, implementation of valid regulations, control and certification in the domain of production, processing and sale of organic products.

Learning Outcomes:

The student is able to handle the documentation that follows the standardization process, enforce the regulations in organic production, implement the standards and carry out activities related to the control and certification of production for work on farms, agrofactory, control (certification) organizations, for work in commissions of various accreditation bodies, agricultural expert and advisory services, in research centers, institutes, faculties, etc.

Syllabus:

Theory

Concept of standards and standardization; Objectives and aspects of standards; IFOAM standards of the International Federation-Movement for Organic Agriculture; Classification of Standards and Areas of Application; The role of control certification organizations, Documentation management; Review of standards in livestock production (organic livestock production, Kosher, Halal, good agricultural practice - Global GAP, designations of geographical origin.

Practice

Steps in the certification process (submission of a manufacturer's application to an authorized certification house for inclusion in production; examination of the application and plan of the activity of the certification house for professional control; the implementation of expert control, the report on professional control and the state of affairs, checking whether the rules defined by the standards are respected; certificate issuance Content of the certificate and duration of validity.

Required Reading:

- 1. Regulations and legislation of the Republic of Serbia and the European Union on control and certification
- 2. IFOAM standards
- 3. Review of standards in livestock production (organic livestock production, Kosher, Halal, good agricultural practice Global GAP, designations of geographical origin.

Weekly Contact Hours: 5 Lectures: 45 Practical work: 30

Teaching Methods: Lectures, Consultations and students group work

Knowledge Assessment (maximum of 100 points):

Pre-exam obligations	points	Final exam	points
Active class participation	5	written exam	-
Practical work	5	oral exam	55
Preliminary exam(s)	35		-
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.