

# Utilization of Agro-industrial By-products and Waste Syllabus

## GENERAL

SCHOOL	AGRICULTURAL SCIENCES				
DEPARTMENT	FOOD SCIENCE & NUTRITION				
PROGRAMME	UNDERGRADUATE				
COURSE CODE	ME914	SEMESTI	STER I		
COURSE	Utilization of Agro-industrial By-products and Waste RESPONSIBLE: D. MAKRIS				
TEACHING ACTI	VITIES		TEACHING HOURS PEF WEEK		CREDIT UNITS
	LECTURES		3		5
		3			
COURSE TYPE	SCIENTIFIC A	REA/SPECIFIC BA	ACKGROUND/S	SKILL D	DEVELOPMENT
PREREQUISITES:	NO				
TEACHING AND EXAM LANGUAGE:	GREEK				
COURSE OFFERED TO ERASMUS STUDENTS	NO				
COURSE SITE (URL)					

# LEARNING OUTCOME

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The objective of the course is the provision of knowledge pertaining to policies and scientific methods of management and valorisation of agri-food industry by-products and wastes. Particular emphasis is given in the avoidance of by-product/waste dumping generated during food processing and consumption, with the aim of reducing environmental aggravation. Furthermore, strategies and valorisation methodologies are also dealt with, to present routes of producing mainly high value-added products. Laboratory exercises intent to accustom students with practices related with agri-food by-product/waste valorisation as a strategy to produce high value-added products.

Upon successful completion of the course, students will be able to:

- Have basic knowledge related with circular economy and associated domestic and international strategies
- Have knowledge on of the nature of agri-food wastes
- Have knowledge on avoidance/recycling/reuse of agri-food wastes.
- Have spherical knowledge on agri-food waste processing.
- Have spherical knowledge on on agri-food waste valorisation methods

#### General skills

Upon completion of the course, the students will acquire the following skills:

- Critical thinking and the link between theory and practical applications
- Search, analysis and combination of data and information with the use of cutting edge technologies
- Decision making
- Self-sufficient working
- Team working
- Advancement of free, creative and inferential thinking
- Development of connotative and divergent thinking

#### Syllabus

- 1<sup>st</sup> week: Waste management and sustainability in the food industry
- 2<sup>nd</sup> week: Biorefining basic principles
- $3^{rd}$  week: Valorisation of food processing wastes
- $4^{\text{th}}$  week: Enzymes, proteins and peptides
- 5<sup>th</sup> week: Polysaccharides
- 6<sup>th</sup> week: Lipid-soluble pigments and antioxidants
- 7<sup>th</sup> week: Water-soluble pigments and antioxidants
- 8<sup>th</sup> week: Fermentation technology
- 9<sup>th</sup> week: Production of alcohols and organic acids
- 10<sup>th</sup> week: Production of microbial lipids
- 11<sup>th</sup> week: Citrus processing wastes
- 12<sup>th</sup> week: Winemaking wastes
- 13<sup>th</sup> week: Olive oil production and cereal processing wastes

Laboratory course: 1. Introduction 2. Determination of sugar content in grape must residues with the phenolsulfuric acid method. Calculation of potential alcoholic strength 3. Determination of total polyphenols in olive leaves (Folin-Ciocalteu) – Effect of solvent extraction. 4. Estimation of the reducing power of extracts (FRAP method) 5. Anthocyanin determination in fruit processing by-products. 6. Determination of total carotenoids in tomato processing by-products 7. Determination of total proteins in whey (Bradford method). 8. Overview – summary

### TEACHING AND LEARNING METHODS - EVALUATION

TEACHING MODE	On campus. In laboratory courses, following a short demonstration by the teaching staff, students carry out the experiment. Furthermore, students get accustomed to writing of scientific reports, in which the experimental data are appropriately given and discussed.				
USE OF COMPUTER SERVICES	Lectures are delivered by power point presentations and other audio media				
TEACHING ORGANISATION	Activity	Semester workload			
	Lecture course	39			
	Laboratory course	39			
	Study	47			
	Sum	125			
STUDENT EVALUATION	The language of evaluation is Greek. The final grade is 50% the grade of the lecture course and 50% of the laboratory course. The exams of the lecture course include multiple choice questions. The exams of the laboratory course include exercises (50%) and reports (50%).				

#### **RECOMMENDED BIBLIOGRAPHY**

Gekas B., Balta-Brouma K.P. (2005). Food Industry & Environment. Tziola Eds. [ISBN: 960-418-057-6]