

**COURSE TITLE**  
**INTERNATIONAL FOOD AND AGRICULTURAL POLICY**

Study programme  
International Relations

LM-52

LAUREA (MAGISTRALE)

A.Y. 2021-22

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CREDITS

Year of study (I, II)

Semester (I, II)

**EXPECTED LEARNING OUTCOMES**

- a) At the end of the course, students should demonstrate:
- b) -to understand and identify the basic elements of the economics of rural development;
- c) -to understand the main international agricultural policy instruments;
- d) -to analyse the main issues facing agri-food policy in developing countries.

**Knowledge and understanding**

The main objectives of the course are: 1) Developing a thorough knowledge of the agricultural and food sector at global level; 2) Developing the knowledge of operating mechanisms of International Agricultural Policy; 3) Developing the ability to evaluate different strategies and tools; 4) Strengthening student's familiarity with the data sources and analytical methods needed to explain consumption, production and trade in agriculture and food markets.

**Applying knowledge and understanding**

Students are expected to develop the following applied skills: evaluating adopted strategies and tools of International Agricultural Policy; to elaborate proposals concerning policies and programs of agricultural and rural development

**Further expected learning outcomes:**

After participating in the class, students should be able to: Summarize key events in the development of European food policy; Identify the range of stakeholders and key players who shape food policy; Critically analyze the pros and cons of food and agriculture-related government interventions; Debate the effects of contemporary food policy on health (nutrition – obesity and others non communicable diseases), social and economic sustainability (land and sea grabbing, food and migrations).

**CONTENTS**

**Main topics**

The global agri-food system: evolution over time and main trends; Insights on the green revolution; Introduction to agricultural and food policy; Agriculture and development models; Food consumptions at global level and Country level (comparative analysis); Food security policies; Policies on food safety; Policies of rural development at Country level (comparative analysis); Agricultural development Policies at Country level (comparative analysis); The influence of the Common Agricultural Policy; International trade of food products; Agricultural Policy and use of resources; Features and functions of International Organizations

**Advanced topics**

Food poverty and food waste; Analyzing the effects of contemporary food policy on: health (nutrition – obesity and others non communicable diseases); Relations between technological innovation in agriculture and supply/demand of food; Relationships between agricultural trade and food security

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**RECOMMENDED READING:**

Teacher's lecture notes and scientific reports downloadable from the following websites: International Institute for Sustainable Development (<http://www.iisd.org/>) International Food Policy Research Institute (<http://www.ifpri.org/>) International Fund for Agricultural Development (<https://www.wto.org/>) European Union (<https://ec.europa.eu/agriculture/>) Organization for Economic development and cooperation (<https://www.oecd.org>) FAO (<https://www.fao.org>)

**ASSESSMENT METHOD**

a) Learning results to be verified:

b) Assessment method:

The exam will consist of	Written and oral examination	X
Discussion of project work		X
In case of a written exam, questions are*	Multiple choices	

(\* more answers possible)

Written examination	
Open questions	

Oral examination	
Numerical exercises	