

COURSE OUTLINE

(1) General

School:	Social Sciences		
Academic Unit:	Geography		
Level of studies	Undergraduate		
Course Code:	GEO 222	Semester:	B
Course Title:	Rural Geography		
Independent Teaching Activities	Weekly Teaching Hours	Credits	
Lecture		3	
Course total			5
Course Type:	Required		
Prerequisite Courses:	None		
Language of Instruction and Examinations	Greek		
Is the course offered to Erasmus students:	No		
Course Website (Url):	https://geography.aegean.gr/pps/index_en.php?content=0&lesson=222		

(2) Learning Outcomes

Learning Outcomes

Students after the end of the class should be able to:

- Understand the complex relationship of humans and the environment and theories on the nature of this relationship
- Know the basic principles of the emergence of agriculture and animal husbandry
- Be familiarized with the global agrofood system and its problems and challenges
- Be familiarized with land management peculiarities in the Mediterranean and Greece
- Be able to produce a small scientific paper

General Competences

1. Working independently
2. Working in an interdisciplinary environment
3. Respect for the natural environment
4. Production of free, creative and inductive thinking

(3) Syllabus

Introduction and methods of analysis of agricultural systems and land management. Understanding of rural society and farm systems change and dynamics. Focus on Mediterranean land management systems. Presentation of the global agrofood systems and its challenges and issues. Special mention to Greek farming systems

1 Introduction
2 Methods and theories of people - environment interaction
3 Emergence of farming and animal husbandry and the first human societies
4 Emergence of farming and animal husbandry and the first human societies, part II
5 Ancient empires and rural societies
6 Middle ages, European expansion, industrial revolution, The Mediterranean
7 Green revolution and GMOs
8 The global agrofood system: productive, social and environmental deadends and problems
9 Multifunctionality of agriculture and the emergence of "the rural"
10 Globalization of production and consumption patterns and energy
11 Greek rural space: from ancient cultures to the Ottoman empire
12 The Greek State, the agricultural reform and modernization of Greek farming systems
13 Modern Greek rural societies and farming systems - the future of agriculture in Greece and the world

(4) Teaching and Learning Methods - Evaluation

Delivery:	Physical presence	
Use of Information and Communication Technology:		
Teaching Methods:	Activity	Semester workload

Lecture 39

Project 70

Non-supervised study 20

Performance evaluation/Exams 3

Course total<

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Student Performance Evaluation

(5) Attached Bibliography

1. Mazoyer, M., Roudart L. (2005) A history of World Agriculture: From the Neolithic to Modern Crisis, Exantas
2. Horden, P., Purcell, N., (2006) The Corrupting Sea, Odisseas
3. Diamond, J. (2007) Guns, Germs and Steel: the fates of human societies, Katopetro