

Subject name	Economic Aspects of Organic farming	
Subject code	R.9XX.EAF.SLM.RZEXX	
Department	Institute of Economics and Enterprises Management	
Faculty	Agriulture and Economics	
Subject supervisor/Lecturer	Dr Ewa Tyran	
	Semester	Winter or summer
	ECTS credits	6
General information	lectures	15hrs
	classes	15hrs
Objective and general description	<p>The course contains several topics concerning rules of organic production, global advocacy for organic production, sustainable agriculture system, the role of organic farming in European Agriculture, organic farming as add value to agriculture, legislation versus economic aspects of organic farming, national and the EU support systems for organic production and marketing.</p> <p>Lectures</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Basic information about organic farming in Poland and 2. Basic information about organic farming in the world. 3. Organic production versus factors of agricultural production 4. Organic production as a quality scheme. 5. Conventional production versus organic production 6. Farming conversion to organic methods 7. Legal requirements in organic production 8-9 Costs in organic production 10. Organic production consumers 11. Market research for organic products 12. Add value for consumers – prices 13. Processing of organic raw materials 14. Distribution chains <p>Classes</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Main factors of environmental pollution – social costs 2. Social versus economic advantages of organic production 3. Natural conditions of agricultural production 4. Food safety and quality 5. Cheaper or better - can we afford conventional agriculture 6. Organic farm and agritourism activities. 7. Legal support, certification 8.-9. Organic farming – business or social experience 10. Are we ready and convinced? 11. Market research methods 12 Animal production in organic farms 13. How to promote and sell organic products 14. Complementary services and products 15. How to improve organic products business? 	
Assessment method	Lectures: written test with about 40 questions from the entire range of the subject with four response options, 0-1 pt for each questions	

	<p>Classes: preparation of a project - 90% positive evaluation of a project, 10% activity during classes</p>
<p>References</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. International Federation of Organic Agriculture - Annual Report 2007, IFOAM Head Office, Germany 2008 (www.ifoam.org) 2. Socio-economic aspects of animal health and food safety in organic farming, PDF http:// orgprints.org/2679/ 3. The Development of Agri-tourism on Organic Farming in new EU countries – Poland, Estonia and Slovenia: Report of a Winston Churchill Travelling Fellowship, 2006, 4. Organic Farming Research in the Countries of Europe, http://ew.eea.europa.eu/Agriculture/organic/Europe/of_research_table 5. H. El Bilali – Socio-economic aspects of the conversion to organic agriculture, CIHEAM/ IAM-B, 2003 6. T. Cacek, L.L. Langner - The economic implications of organic farming, American Journal of Alternative Agriculture, Virtual Library, http://eap.mcgill.ca/MagRack/AJAA/AJAA_2.htm