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Curricular Year / Period	2021/22 / S2										
Course	Equinicultura										
Curricular Unit	Pastagens e Forragens										
Language(s) of Instruction	Portugues										
	ECTS Total Horas de contacto semestral										
ECTS/tempo de trabalho (horas)	6	160	Т 64	ТР	PL 32	S	тс	E	0	от	EC
	T - Theoretical; TP - Theoretical and practical; LP - Laboratory Practice; S - Seminar; TG - Tutorial guidance; FW - Fieldwork; T - Training; ; EC - Clinical teaching; O* - Other hours typified as Clinical Training under the Directive 77/453/EEC of June 27, adapted by Directive 2005/36/EC.										
Teacher in charge (GDPR consent) [complete name, email]	Noémia Do Céu Machado Farinha / nfarinha@ipportalegre.pt										
Prerequisites [Curricular Units that must precede and specific entry competences]	Not applicable										
Learning outcomes [Description of the overall and specific objectives] [Knowledge, skills and competences to be developed by students]	With the course of Pastures and Forages it is intended that students know the most relevant biological, physiological, and cultural aspects of pastures and forages, one of the most representative land occupations in the world and the main base of animal production. It is intended that students acquire knowledge about the main species, grasses and legumes, annual and perennial, with practical and / or forage interest, as well as their role as protection against erosion, CO2 sequestration and as an element of agro-silvo-pastoral system. The relationships between growth, stage of development and nutritional value of plants are referred to, and grazing systems and animal-pasture and animal-soil relationships are addressed. Observing the relationship between the soil and climatic conditions and the requirements of the plants, initiating students in the ability to suggest mixtures of species more adapted to a certain environmental conditions. Enabling them to select cultural practices and define the most appropriate technical itinerary for the implantation and management of a pasture. Understanding the relationship between availability and food needs, their fluctuations throughout the year, as well as recognize the consequent need for supplementation. To know the forage conservation processes as well as the factors that most influence the quality of hay and silage and the ways in which it can be evaluated. Arousing the interest in students in applied research.										
Syllabus	 INTRODUCTION INTRODUCTION Definition of pasture and forage; Classification of pastures and forages; Brief historical background; Economic and social importance; Fodder and pasture in the context of Portuguese agriculture; Importance of fodder and pasture for agrarian ecosystems and the environment; Main constraints on the production of pastures and forages; MORPHOLOGICAL AND PHYSIOLOGICAL ASPECTS OF PRACTICAL AND FORAGE SPECIES: Main morphological aspects; Stages of development; Physiology of growth; Relevant aspects for the production of pastures and forages; Annual and perennial grasses; Annual and perennial grasses; Annual and vivacious legumes; Associations; PASTURE ESTABLISHMENT: Choice of species; Preparation of the land; Seeding; Fertilization. Biological nitrogen fixation. MAIN FORAGE SPECIES: 										
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	 5.1 Cold season annuals; 5.2 Annual hot seasons; 5.3 Multiannuals; 6. FORAGE CUTTING AND CONSERVATION: 6.1 Machines; 6.2 Haying; 6.3 Silage. 7 USE OF PASTURES AND FORAGES: 7.1 Nutritional value and food value; 7.2 Use by grazing animals. Grazing systems. Header. Animal-pasture relationship. Animal-soil relations; 7.3 Example of balance between food needs and availability 						
Teaching methodologies (including assessment) [Specify the types of assessment and the weights and evaluation criteria]	 1 - Teaching methodologies Theoretical framing and debate sessions; Presentation of demonstrative examples and their criticism; discussion of practical cases presented by the teacher and students, assuming the active participation of students in classes. Existence of at least 2 study visits; practical assignment of introduction to research. 						
	2 - Period assessment The assessment has essentially 2 components: theoretical assessment and practical assessment. The theoretical evaluation, with a weight of 70% in the final classification, consists of 2 tests throughout the semester, the first on chapters 1 to 3 and the second on chapters 4 to 7. Each test has a weight of 35% in the final classification. The practical work with a weight of 30% in the final classification, is an experimental work of initiation to research. Students are given a protocol for preparing the work. In each evaluation moment, the minimum grade is 10 points (on a 0 to 20 score).						
	 3 - Examination assessement In the Exam, the student can be evaluated on the whole syllabus (passing if the final classification is >= 10 points) or only on the components of the evaluation with a classification <10 points during the semester. In case of failure, the evaluations of the theoretical components do not carry over to the following year. 						
Bibliography	 Main Bibliography [Pastagens e Forragens, Publicação periódica da Sociedade Portuguesa de Pastagens e Forragens. 						
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	Moreira, M.; B.; Coelho, I.S. (2008). A silvopastorícia na prevenção dos fogos rurais. ISAPress.						
Special Situations [Students with special status]	 1 - Period assessment - Students with special status Working student can follow the previous assessment components, or can, as an alternative to the practical work, which requires presence in the field, present a report with a similar structure, but only based on bibliography. Weights remain the same. In each evaluation moment, the minimum grade is 10 points. 						
	2 - Examination assessement - Students with special status						
	Working students follow the same rules as ordinary students in the exam evaluation.						

