Curricular Unit Form





Updated On	2023/03/28											
Curricular Year / Period	2022/23 / S2											
Course	CTeSP - Agricultural Production											
Curricular Unit	Pasture and Forage crops											
Language(s) of Instruction	Portugues											
ECTS/tempo de trabalho (horas)	ECTS Total Horas de contacto semestral											
			Т	TP	PL	S	тс	E	0	ОТ	EC	
	6		64	0	32	0	0	0	0	0	0	
	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.											
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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]	biological, physiological, and cultural aspects of pastures and forages, one of the most representative land occupations in the world and the main basis of animal production. It is intended that students acquire knowledge about the main species, of grasses and legumes, annual and perennial, with pratense and/or forage interest, as well as its role as a protective cover against erosion, CO2 sequestration and as an element of agro-silvo-pastoral system. The relationships between growth, development stage and nutritive value of plants are discussed, and grazing systems and animal-pasture and animal-soil relationships are discussed. Observing the relationship between soil-climatic conditions and plant requirements, introduce students to the ability to suggest mixtures of species mor adapted to a given environmental condition. Enable them to select cultural practices and define the most appropriate technical itinerary for the implantation and management of a pasture. Understand the relationships between food availability and needs, their fluctuations throughout the year, as well as recognizing the consequent need for supplementation. Know the forage conservation processes as well as the factors that most influence the quality of hays and silages and the ways in which it can be evaluated. Awaken in students an interest in applied research.											
Syllabus	 INTRODUCTION: 1.1 Definition of pasture and forage; 1.2 Classification of pastures and forages; 1.3 Note history; 1.4 Economic and social importance; 1.5 Forages and pastures in the context of Portuguese agriculture; Inportance of forages and pastures for agrarian ecosystems and for the environment; Main conditions of pasture and forage production; MORPHOLOGICAL AND PHYSIOLOGICAL ASPECTS OF PRATENSE AND FORAGE SPECIES: Main morphological aspects; 2.2 Development stages; 2.3 Physiology of growth; 2.4 Aspects relevant to the production of pastures and forages; MAIN SPECIES USED IN PASTURE: 3.1 Annual and perennial grasses; 3.2 Annual and perennial legumes; 3.3 Consociations; ESTABLISHMENT OF PASTURES: 4.1 Choice of species; 4.2 Land preparation; 4.3 Sowing; 4.4 Fertilization. Biological nitrogen fixation. MAIN FORAGE SPECIES: 5.1 Annual cold season; 5.2 Hot season annuals; 5.3 Multiannual; CUTTING AND CONSERVATION OF FORAGE: 6.1 Machines; 6.2 Haying; 6.3 Silage. PASTURE AND FORAGE USE: 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 a balance between food needs and availability 											
Teaching methodologies (including assessment)	1 - Teaching methodologies Theoretical framework and debate sessions: Presentation of demonstrative examples and their											

Theoretical framework and debate sessions; Presentation of demonstrative examples and their

criticism; discussion of practical cases presented by the teacher and the students, assuming the active

participation of students in classes. Existence of at least 2 study visits, practical research initiation work.





[Specify the types of assessment and the

weights and evaluation criteria]

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EVALUATION. The assessment has essentially 2 components: theoretical assessment and practical assessment. The theoretical assessment, with a weight of 70% in the final classification, is composed of 2 tests throughout the semester, the 1st on chapters 1 to 3 and the 2nd on chapters 4 to 7. Each test has a weight of 35% in the final classification. Practical work with a weight of 30% in the final classification. Students are given a protocol for the preparation of the work.

Working student students can follow the components of the previous assessment, or they can, as an alternative to the practical work that requires presence in the field, present a work with a similar structure, but based only on bibliography. The weights remain.

It is a condition for obtaining attendance that students (with the exception of students with student worker status) obtain presence in 75% of classes (theoretical and practical). Otherwise the student will fail the UC. If the student does not attend the entire class, without justification accepted by the teacher, he will be considered missing class.

At each evaluation moment/instrument, the minimum grade is 9.5. In the Exam, the student can be assessed for the entire subject (being approved if the final grade is >= 9.5 values) or only the components of the assessment with a grade of <9.5 values.

2 - Period assessment

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3 - Examination assessement

Under the same conditions as the assessment by frequency

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2 - Complementary Bibliography 1 - Period assessment - Students with special status Under the same conditions as the assessment by frequency Working student students can follow the components of the previous assessment, or they can, as an alternative to the practical work that requires presence in the field, present a work with a similar structure, but based only on bibliography. The weights remain. It is a condition for obtaining attendance that students (with the exception of students with student worker status) obtain presence in 75% of classes (theoretical and practical). Otherwise, the student will fail the UC. If the student does not attend the entire class, without justification accepted by the teacher, he will be considered missing class. **Special Situations** [Students with special status] 2 - Examination assessement - Students with special status Under the same conditions as the assessment by frequency Working student students can follow the components of the previous assessment, or they can, as an alternative to the practical work that requires presence in the field, present a work with a similar structure, but based only on bibliography. The weights remain. It is a condition for obtaining attendance that students (with the exception of students with student

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