Module Code 3228
Module Title Integrated Organic Systems
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School which owns module School of Agriculture, Food and Environment

Programme(s) to which module belongs
- BSc (Hons) Agricultural Management (elective)
- BSc (Hons) Agriculture (elective)
- BSc (Hons) Food Production and Supply Management (elective)
- BSc (Hons) Rural Land Management (elective)
- Graduate Diploma in Agriculture (elective)

Module Level 6
Module Credits 15
Pre-Requisites None

Minimum Study Time 150 hours
Contact Hours within Study Time 30 hours
Teaching Period October – December (Friday morning)

Module Content

Organic enterprise analysis. Large and small scale organic farming. Different marketing options. Legume and cereal production. Organic root, fruit and salad production. Organic processing. These topics will be addressed by lectures as well as a series of farm and site visits, tutorials and guided study.

Module Outcomes

To achieve credit for this module, students must be able to:

1. Appraise organic approaches in different agro-climatic zones in relation to ecological, social and commercial integrity and as part of strategic food supply.
2. Evaluate consumer interest in, and regulatory/market standards for, organic produce and the impacts they have on market outlets for suppliers from developed and emerging economies.
3. Critically assess an organic system in relation to the above factors.

Assessment Description Weighting
Coursework 1 x individual report (2000 words) 80%
Coursework 1 x group poster presentation (max 500 words) 20%
Key Texts:


Nix, J. (annual) Farm Management Pocketbook. Imperial College at Wye.


SAC (annual) Farm Management Handbook. SAC


Other supporting information

Additionally, module web pages will be available and, included in these, will be links to relevant internet sites such as DEFRA www.defra.gov.uk, HGCA www.hgca.com and EBLEX www.eblex.org.uk.