



Horticulture Department course description

1. Course name:	
Organic culture	
2. Course code:	
ORCU216	
2. 1. Semester/Year: Annual	
Second semester 2023-2024	
3- The date this description was prepared	
1/2/2024	
3. 1. Available attendance forms:	
My presence	
4. Number of study hours (total)/number of units (total:(
2theoretical + 3 practical / 3.5	
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6. Course objectives	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introducing the student to the importance of organic agriculture. • Learn about the advantages of organic agriculture products. • Learn about the benefits of fertilizing with organic fertilizers. • Identify the harms of adding non-decomposing animal fertilizers. • Learn about practical methods for making compost. • Identify the factors that affect the compost manufacturing process. • Identify the types of organic fertilizers. • Knowing when to add organic fertilizers. • Learn how to add organic fertilizers. • Identify plant extracts and antioxidants and their uses in organic agriculture. • Identify the importance of biofertilizers. • Identify the types of biofertilizers. • Identify the agricultural practices used in organic agriculture (fertilization, biological control, and agricultural rotation). 	
7. Teaching and learning strategies	
practical part practical: -1Live lectures with students.	The theoretical part My theory: -1Live lectures with students.

- 2PowerPoint slides.
- 3Field visits to fruit orchards.
- 4Applying some practical skills in nursery and wooden canopy facilities?
- 5Dialogues and discussions with students.
- 6- Assigning tasks and reports

- 2PowerPoint slides.
- 3Introduction pictures.
- 4Audio recordings.
- 5Dialogues and discussion.
- 6- Assigning tasks and reports

8. Course structure

Evaluation method	Learning method	Name of the unit or topic	Required learning outcomes	hours	the week
1 Theoretical introduction to organic agriculture. An overview of organic agriculture, its importance and spread in the world and Iraq, and the main elements on which organic agriculture depends. Interactive lecture, brainstorming, dialogue and discussion, and assignment to produce a report. Short exams, assignments, discussions	1 Theoretical introduction to organic agriculture. An overview of organic agriculture, its importance and spread in the world and Iraq, and the main elements on which organic agriculture depends. Interactive lecture, brainstorming, dialogue and discussion, and assignment to produce a report. Short exams, assignments, discussions	1 Theoretical introduction to organic agriculture. An overview of organic agriculture, its importance and spread in the world and Iraq, and the main elements on which organic agriculture depends. Interactive lecture, brainstorming, dialogue and discussion, and assignment to produce a report. Short exams, assignments, discussions	1 Theoretical introduction to organic agriculture. An overview of organic agriculture, its importance and spread in the world and Iraq, and the main elements on which organic agriculture depends. Interactive lecture, brainstorming, dialogue and discussion, and assignment to produce a report. Short exams, assignments, discussions	1 Theoretical introduction to organic agriculture. An overview of organic agriculture, its importance and spread in the world and Iraq, and the main elements on which organic agriculture depends. Interactive lecture, brainstorming, dialogue and discussion, and assignment to produce a report. Short exams, assignments, discussions	1
3 Practical B1: The student acquires knowledge and concepts in knowing and the importance of the advantages of organic agriculture for the environment and human health. Definition of organic agriculture and its most important features: interactive lecture, brainstorming, dialogue and discussion, and assignment to prepare a report. Short practical test1	3 Practical B1: The student acquires knowledge and concepts in knowing and the importance of the advantages of organic agriculture for the environment and human health. Definition of organic agriculture and its most important features: interactive lecture, brainstorming, dialogue and discussion, and assignment to prepare a report. Short practical test1	3 Practical B1: The student acquires knowledge and concepts in knowing and the importance of the advantages of organic agriculture for the environment and human health. Definition of organic agriculture and its most important features: interactive lecture, brainstorming, dialogue and discussion, and assignment to prepare a report. Short practical test1	3 Practical B1: The student acquires knowledge and concepts in knowing and the importance of the advantages of organic agriculture for the environment and human health. Definition of organic agriculture and its most important features: interactive lecture, brainstorming, dialogue and discussion, and assignment to prepare a report. Short practical test1	3 Practical B1: The student acquires knowledge and concepts in knowing and the importance of the advantages of organic agriculture for the environment and human health. Definition of organic agriculture and its most important features: interactive lecture, brainstorming, dialogue and discussion, and assignment to prepare a report. Short practical test1	
1 Theoretical: Advantages of organic agricultural products, nutritional value of organic agricultural products, and sources of organic materials. Interactive lecture, brainstorming, dialogue and discussion, assignment to produce a report.	1 Theoretical: Advantages of organic agricultural products, nutritional value of organic agricultural products, and sources of organic materials. Interactive lecture, brainstorming, dialogue and discussion, assignment to produce a report. Short exams,	1 Theoretical: Advantages of organic agricultural products, nutritional value of organic agricultural products, and sources of organic materials. Interactive lecture, brainstorming, dialogue and discussion, assignment to produce a report. Short exams, assignments, discussions	1 Theoretical: Advantages of organic agricultural products, nutritional value of organic agricultural products, and sources of organic materials. Interactive lecture, brainstorming, dialogue and discussion, assignment to produce a report. Short exams, assignments, discussions	1 Theoretical: Advantages of organic agricultural products, nutritional value of organic agricultural products, and sources of organic materials. Interactive lecture, brainstorming, dialogue and discussion, assignment to produce a report. Short exams, assignments, discussions	2

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3 Practical B1: The student learns about the most important types of organic fertilizers	3 Practical B1: The student learns about the most important types of organic fertilizers	3 Practical B1: The student learns about the most important types of organic fertilizers	3 Practical B1: The student learns about the most important types of organic fertilizers	3 Practical B1: The student learns about the most important types of organic fertilizers	
1 Theoretical requirements for organic farming The conditions that must be met in the elements of an organic farm: interactive lecture, brainstorming, dialogue and discussion, and assignment to produce a report. Short exams, assignments, discussions	1 Theoretical requirements for organic farming The conditions that must be met in the elements of an organic farm: interactive lecture, brainstorming, dialogue and discussion, and assignment to produce a report. Short exams, assignments, discussions	1 Theoretical requirements for organic farming The conditions that must be met in the elements of an organic farm: interactive lecture, brainstorming, dialogue and discussion, and assignment to produce a report. Short exams, assignments, discussions	1 Theoretical requirements for organic farming The conditions that must be met in the elements of an organic farm: interactive lecture, brainstorming, dialogue and discussion, and assignment to produce a report. Short exams, assignments, discussions	1 Theoretical requirements for organic farming The conditions that must be met in the elements of an organic farm: interactive lecture, brainstorming, dialogue and discussion, and assignment to produce a report. Short exams, assignments, discussions	3
3 Practical B3: It is recommended to add organic fertilizers at the appropriate time.	3 Practical B3: It is recommended to add organic fertilizers at the appropriate time.	3 Practical B3: It is recommended to add organic fertilizers at the appropriate time.	3 Practical B3: It is recommended to add organic fertilizers at the appropriate time.	3 Practical B3: It is recommended to add organic fertilizers at the appropriate time.	
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3 Practical B3: Experiment with growing plants in different organic growing media	3 Practical B3: Experiment with growing plants in different organic growing media	3 Practical B3: Experiment with growing plants in different organic growing media	3 Practical B3: Experiment with growing plants in different organic growing media	3 Practical B3: Experiment with growing plants in different organic growing media	
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3 Practical C3: Using the appropriate method for making compost. Identifying the methods of making compost and the factors affecting them. Interactive lecture, brainstorming, dialogue and discussion, field training, practical exercises, self-learning and field assessment	3 Practical C3: Using the appropriate method for making compost. Identifying the methods of making compost and the factors affecting them. Interactive lecture, brainstorming, dialogue and discussion, field training, practical exercises, self-learning and field assessment	3 Practical C3: Using the appropriate method for making compost. Identifying the methods of making compost and the factors affecting them. Interactive lecture, brainstorming, dialogue and discussion, field training, practical exercises, self-learning and field assessment	3 Practical C3: Using the appropriate method for making compost. Identifying the methods of making compost and the factors affecting them. Interactive lecture, brainstorming, dialogue and discussion, field training, practical exercises, self-learning and field assessment	3 Practical C3: Using the appropriate method for making compost. Identifying the methods of making compost and the factors affecting them. Interactive lecture, brainstorming, dialogue and discussion, field training, practical exercises, self-learning and field assessment	
1 Theoretical formation of humus in agricultural soils, humic acids and their	1 Theoretical formation of humus in agricultural soils, humic acids and their natural properties,	1 Theoretical formation of humus in agricultural soils, humic acids and their natural properties, interactive	1 Theoretical formation of humus in agricultural soils, humic acids and their natural properties, interactive lecture, brainstorming,	1 Theoretical formation of humus in agricultural soils, humic acids and their natural properties,	6

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3 Practical C2: Know and discuss topics related to organic farming.	3 Practical C2: Know and discuss topics related to organic farming.	3 Practical C2: Know and discuss topics related to organic farming.	3 Practical C2: Know and discuss topics related to organic farming.	3 Practical C2: Know and discuss topics related to organic farming.	
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3 Practical D1: Acquiring the communication skills necessary to deal with confidence and certainty at the individual and group levels	3 Practical D1: Acquiring the communication skills necessary to deal with confidence and certainty at the individual and group levels	3 Practical D1: Acquiring the communication skills necessary to deal with confidence and certainty at the individual and group levels	3 Practical D1: Acquiring the communication skills necessary to deal with confidence and certainty at the individual and group levels	3 Practical D1: Acquiring the communication skills necessary to deal with confidence and certainty at the individual and group levels	

9. Course evaluation

Relative weight %	Degree	Calendar date (week(Calendar methods	ت
% 5	Theoretical: 3 Practical:- 2	Theoretical: 2-15 Practical: 2 - 15	a . Daily oral exams	1
% 10	Theoretical: 5 Practical: 5	Theoretical: 2-15 Practical: 2 - 15	B . Daily written exams	2
% 15	Theoretical: 10 Practical: 15	Theoretical: 7-13 Practical: 6 - 14	C. 2 semester exams during the semester for each	3
% 10	Theoretical: 7 Practical: 3	Theoretical: 15 Practical: 15	Practical and theoretical	4
% 40 % 20	Theoretical: 40 Practical: 20	Theoretical: Practical:	D . Assigning students to prepare reports on topics	5

% 100	100	the study.	6
10.Learning and teaching resources			
Organic agriculture and the environment / Prof. Dr. Jass Mohammed Alwan		Required textbooks (methodology, if any)	
		Main references (sources)	
		Recommended supporting books and references (scientific journals, reports....)	
Reports, bulletins and studies		Electronic references, Internet sites	



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