



Study Plan

School: School of Sciences and Technology
Degree: Master
Course: Viticulture and Oenology (cód. 653)

1st Year - 1st Semester

Component code	Name	Scientific Area Field	ECTS	Duration	Hours
FIT12487M	Soils, Installation and Maintenance	Agronomy	5	Semester	130
BIO12488M	Vine Physiology	*** TRANSLATE ME: Agronomia e Biologia ***	5	Semester	130
FIT12489M	Vineyards Planting Material	Agronomy	4	Semester	104
QUI12490M	Microbiology of fermentation	*** TRANS- LATE ME: Química/Biologia ***	5	Semester	130
FIT12491M	Winemaking Technologies	Food Engineering	5	Semester	130
GES12492M	Wine Marketing	Management	4	Semester	104

1st Year - 2nd Semester

Component code	Name	Scientific Area Field	ECTS	Duration	Hours
FIT12493M	Plant Training Systems	Agronomy	5	Semester	130
FIT12494M	Vineyards Diseases and Pest Control	Agronomy	5	Semester	130
QUI12495M	Oenological Chemistry and Biochemistry	Chemistry	5	Semester	130
FIT12496M	Stabilisation and Packaging	Food Engineering	5	Semester	130
FIT12497M	Vineyard/Winery Traineeship	*** TRANSLATE ME: Agronomia e Engenharia Alimentar ***	12	Semester	312

2nd Year - 3rd Semester

Component code	Name	Scientific Area Field	ECTS	Duration	Hours
ERU12498M	Mechanisation and Precision Viticulture	Rural Engineering	5	Semester	130
FIT12499M	Table Grapes and Raisin Production	Agronomy	4	Semester	104
FIT12500M	Quality Control and Sensorial Analysis	Food Engineering	4	Semester	104
ERU12501M	Wineries and Equipments	Rural Engineering	5	Semester	130
Dissertation					
Report					
Project Work					



2nd Year - 4th Semester

Component code	Name	Scientific Area Field	ECTS	Duration	Hours
	Dissertation				
	Report				
	Project Work				

Conditions for obtaining the Degree:

*** TRANSLATE ME: Para aprovação na componente curricular é necessário a aprovação (através de avaliação ou creditação) das seguintes unidades curriculares:

1º Ano{ \ }newline

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1º Semestre:

6 UC obrigatórias num total de 28 Ects{ \ }newline

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2º Semestre:

5 UC obrigatórias num total de 32 Ects

2º Ano{ \ }newline

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3º Semestre:

4 UC obrigatórias num total de 18 Ects{ \ }newline

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Para a obtenção do grau é necessária a aprovação na Dissertação ou Estágio ou Trabalho de Projecto, no 4º semestre com o total de 42 ECTS ***

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Soils, Installation and Maintenance (FIT12487M)

Soil Use Capacity in vineyard. Soil characteristics and the concept of terroir. Installation of vineyard. Plantation design. Technical itineraries. Irrigation project, Soil preparation.

Vines nutrition, soil fertility and vineyard fertilization.

Soil maintenance and weed control.

Soil quality in vineyards, degradation process and resistance and resilience of soils to degradation.

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Vine Physiology (BIO12488M)

1- Anatomy and morphology of root, stem, leaf and vine buds. Growth and annual cycle.

Floral differentiation, fertility and fruit set.

2- Vine Water Relations: Plant Water Status. Evaluation of leaf water potential and its interpretation. Water movement in plants: Absorption, translocation and transpiration.

Physiological mechanisms in water stress condition. Measurement of sap flow and cavitation in the xylem.

3- Microclimate on the vine: Distribution of radiation and energy balance.

4- Carbon Assimilation: Absorption and photosynthetic CO₂ reduction. Synthesis of starch and sucrose. Redistribution of sugars in the plant. Storage, use and transport of sugars. Carbon assimilation capacity and microclimate.

5- Composition and development of fruits. Factors that influence the different chemical compounds in fruits.



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Vineyards Planting Material (FIT12489M)

1- Origin, distribution and botanical classification in *Vitis* spp.

- Identification and ampelographic characterization of grapevine cultivars and rootstocks using the UPOV/OIV method.

- A new ampelographic perspective; Molecular characterization of cultivars and clones.

2- From the variety to the clone: The evolution of the plant material in grapevine; Clonal Selection, classic breeding, marker assisted selection and biotechnology.

3- National and world-wide grape cultivars. Their agronomic and oenological aptitudes. Groups of grape cultivars from several winemaker regions; Tradition or innovation.

4- Grapevine rootstocks. Grafting compatibility with *Vitis vinifera* and major agronomic characteristics.

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Microbiology of fermentation (QUI12490M)

Microbiology Overview of fermentation processes. Microorganisms of interest in fermentation processes. Importance of Microorganisms on the quality of wines. The wine microorganisms and their natural habitat. Microbial growth. Controlling factors. Measures of microbial growth. Microorganisms of winemaking interest: biochemical, morphological and genetic differences. Nutrition and culture media. Cellular transport of nutrients. Principles of microbial metabolism. The transformation of must into wine. Alcoholic fermentation. Biochemistry of fermentation. Malolactic fermentation. Bioconversion of malic acid. Biochemistry and physiology of the malolactic fermentation. Winemaking, mixed populations: growth and kinetics. Application of starters. Microorganisms of wine spoilage.

Practical: Isolation of microorganisms from spontaneous fermentation of grape juice. Characterization of the performance of a yeast strain during grape fermentation

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Winemaking Technologies (FIT12491M)

Grape berry composition: changes in berry composition during ripening, the harvest decision

The winemaking process: grape and must processing, juice treatment and juice additions

Vinification of white wines – hyperoxygenation, oak barrels fermentation, pré-fermentative maceration

Vinification of roses wines

Vinification of red wines – thermovinification, thermoflash maceration, carbonic maceration, fermentation on the skins, rotary tanks

Special vinification: sparkling wines, sweet wines

Chemical analysis of musts and wines



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Wine Marketing (GES12492M)

1. The commercialization and marketing global context
 - 1.1. Trade and marketing
 - 1.2. The marketing concept and its evolution
 - 1.3. The wine marketing environment
 - 1.4. The wine marketing system
 - 1.5. Wine associative cooperation and intersectorial cooperation
 - 1.6. e-agro-food marketing

2. The wine market
 - 2.1. Characteristics, Organizational Forms and Operation
 - 2.2. Methods of analysis, evaluation and market prevision
 - 2.3. The international market context
 - 2.4. Market research

3. Marketing strategy, plan and control
 - 3.1. Analysis diagnostic
 - 3.2. Marketing objectives
 - 3.3. Marketing strategy
 - 3.4. Wine Marketing-mix
 - 3.4.1 Managing the wine product, the brand and the innovation process
 - 3.4.2. Wine Communication
 - 3.4.3. Wine Distribution and Sales
 - 3.4.4. Set the price of wine
 - 3.5. The Marketing plan

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Plant Training Systems (FIT12493M)

- Planting and training young vines
- Ecophysiology. Relationships within the whole plant. PAR optimization. Canopy management. Water management. Water stress monitorization. RDI and PRD technologies of irrigation.- Influence of different training factors in grapevine productivity and quality. Vine spacing, canopy expansion, rootstock vigour, soil fertility and water availability.
- Study of different training systems in different viticultural systems.
- Field oriented practices in grapevine production, including pruning weed identification, vine training, trellising, canopy management, water stress measurement, and sampling techniques.
- Fundamental parameters of the soil to consider when working with irrigation and water management Obtaining the crop water requirements and deriving the need irrigation water applications. Use of the concepts of ET_0 , ET_c and transpiration to calculate the crop requirements and irrigation amounts. Use of FAO crop coefficients



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Vineyards Diseases and Pest Control (FIT12494M)

1. Study of main grape diseases due to fungi and bacteria and reference to others due to phytoplasma, virus and nematodes. Symptoms, biological cycle and disease control
2. Study of the main pests due to insects and mites in grapes. Symptoms, biology, and pest control.
3. Study of the main weeds infesting grapeyards.
4. Fundamentals of Integrated Pest Management. Concepts and use of Risk assessment and of Economic injury level. Means of control available to protect the grape crop against major enemies.
5. Practical application of acquired knowledge to a particular vineyard, with identification of predominant diseases and pests, analysis of applicable control means and selection of appropriate pesticides to use in accordance to an integrated pest management program.

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Oenological Chemistry and Biochemistry (QUI12495M)

- Chemical characterization of grapes and wines: organic acids, sugar compounds, alcohols, nitrogen compounds, phenolic compounds, aromatic compounds and minerals.
- Compound evolution and transformations during winemaking and wine aging.
- Enzymatic transformations and oxidation processes occurring in musts and wines.
- The role of enzymes and its use in oenology.
- Chemical and biochemical aspects of wine instability.
- Colloids and colloidal phenomena occurring in wines.
- The chemistry of alcoholic and malolactic fermentations.
- Analytical methodology used for identifying different chemical compounds in grapes and wines.

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Stabilisation and Packaging (FIT12496M)

Wine clarification: natural settling, fining process, conditions and agents.

Filtration and centrifugation of wines: theoretical concepts, type of filters

Wine stability – chemical instability of wines (tartaric, proteins, colour, metallic). The use of Temperature as a wine stability treatment.

Ageing process: influence on wine characteristic, the effect of oxygen, the microoxygenation technique.

The use of wood in winemaking: oak barrels, staves. . .

Packing, bottling and closures: the use of cork.



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Vineyard/Winery Traineeship (FIT12497M)

To be done in a company of viticulture and enology

1 - Mission and organization of the company. Understand what is the purpose that the company pursues, as it is structured, what are the services, the organizational structure, existing powers and contracted abroad, differentiation of its products, etc.

2 - The Main functional areas. Monitor the activity of the major areas of the company: vines, wine-making, treatments and packaging, quality control and management. Knowing the specifications of each activity, resources available and its timing. Participation in the implementation of the various operations. Critical analysis of the performance achieved in relation to the objectives

3 - Description of the different routine operations at the company, from the performer point of view: objectives, needed and existing resources, needs concerning technical preparation, control and reporting to the head of the sector.

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Mechanisation and Precision Viticulture (ERU12498M)

The program of the course is organized into two parts:

Part 1: Mechanization in Viticulture, and

Part 2: Precision Viticulture (PV);

Themes Part 1: harvesting equipment; pre-pruning and pruning equipment; equipment for management of soil and vegetation; fertilization equipment; protect health equipment; vegetation control equipment, organization of mechanization work in vineyards.

Themes Part 2: The principles of PV, PV Tools, Analysis of practical cases in PV, seminars and presentation of papers.

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Table Grapes and Raisin Production (FIT12499M)

Commercialization and marketing of table grapes Main Production regions in the globe , China as the great production country and Turkey as the main raisins production country. Table grapes in Portugal and work developed until 1990.

Table grapes attributes Main seeded and non seeded varieties, physiology of grape ripening and maturity indexes, NIR spectroscopy as a tool to evaluate maturity in grapes. Evolution of Phenolic compounds during ripening. Main problems during postharvest storage. Packing and commercialization of table grapes. Main concepts of table Grape breeding.

Production techniques of table grapes and raisins Main rootstocks used in table grapes production. Trellis systems used and its implications in fruit quality .Effect of growth regulators in grapes. Drying table grapes, different drying technology, quality standards to raisins.



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Quality Control and Sensorial Analysis (FIT12500M)

1. The concept of quality. Application and organization of a quality control plan. Identification of critical control points in a winery. Statistical methods for quality control.

2. The senses in sensorial evaluation. The aroma and the taste of wines. Facilities and sample preparation for wine sensorial analysis. Descriptive and hedonic tests. The panel. Wine positive characteristics and defects. Statistical analysis of sensory data.

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Wineries and Equipments (ERU12501M)

Winery design.

Environmental control. Determination of refrigeration power. Energy balances. Use of cold technologies. Design of equipment. Cleaning and sanitizing systems. Characterisation of waste and residuals.