

# Permaculture Course

## 'Permaculture principles and methods of design'

The course will be carried out in the framework of the Erasmus+ Project '*Undergraduate University Module in Permaculture: Creating new synergies between higher education and professionals to promote sustainable systems*' (acronym PermaModule), whose partners are: Safe Food Advocacy Europe (Belgium), the Universities of Catania, Malta, Liège (Belgium) and Bucharest (Romania), the Italian Academy of Permaculture and the Permaculture Research Institute of Romania. Its main objective is to design and implement an undergraduate study programme in Permaculture, which will be automatically recognised through ECTS credits by European Universities.

The course will take place in English during the second semester, every other week, on the following days: **8-9-10/04/21, 22-23-24/04/21, 6-7-8/05/21, 20-21-22/05/2021**, Thursday and Friday afternoon 2 pm - 6 pm (classroom activities) and Friday and Saturday morning 9 am - 1 pm (field activities). The classroom activities will be carried out at the Department of Agriculture, Food Science and Environment (Di3A), located in via Valdisavoia 5, Catania, while field exercises will take place at the Valdisavoja Sicilian Agricultural Institute located in via Valdisavoia 3, Catania.

The course, including lectures, seminar activities, field exercises, and group design, will be held by professors Ferdinando Branca, Paolo Guarnaccia, and Umberto Anastasi. Other teachers of the Di3A will participate giving their contributions on specific research topics consistent with the achievement of the course objectives. Experts from the British Permaculture Association, the Italian Academy of Permaculture, and the Permaculture Sicilian Network will also participate.

The course is reserved for 30 students enrolled in the second and third year of bachelor's degree courses. **Students must apply by April 5 2021**, sending an email to [permaculture.course.di3a.unict@gmail.com](mailto:permaculture.course.di3a.unict@gmail.com) attaching the self-certification of qualification certifying the exams taken, downloadable from the student portal.

Students who will attend at least 75% of the scheduled hours and who will pass the learning examinations will obtain **4 ECTS**. The teaching material will be available on the Erasmus+ PermaModule project website: <https://permamodule.moodlecloud.com/login/index.php>.

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