

Food Law and Ethics

| MODULE | CONTENT | YEAR | TERM | CREDITS | TYPE | | | | |
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| Management and Quality of the food industry | Food Law and Ethics | 4º | 1º | 6 (Theory 4,5- Practice 1,5) | mandatory | | | | |
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| DEGREE WITHIN WHICH THE SUBJECT IS TAUGHT | | | | | | | | | |
| Degree in Human Nutrition and Dietetics Degree in Science and Food Technology | | | | | | | | | |
| PREREQUISITES and/or RECOMMENDATIONS (if necessary) | | | | | | | | | |
| Basic knowledge in Food Science | | | | | | | | | |
| BRIEF ACCOUNT OF THE SUBJECT PROGRAMME (ACCORDING TO THE DEGREE c???) | | | | | | | | | |
| This course is an introduction to Food law and ethics. We study the basic legal concepts, the food legislation most relevant, and the ethical rules for the profession. | | | | | | | | | |
| GENERAL AND PARTICULAR ABILITIES | | | | | | | | | |
| It is expected that students achieve the following objectives: a) Identify the position of Food Law. b) Understanding the sources of law, remember the core provisions related with the program. | | | | | | | | | |



- c) Understand the organization and distribution of the power.
- d) To use correctly the legal terms included in the program.
- e) Understand the rules of operation of the Public Administrations in the food sector.
- f) Understand the legal responsibilities in the food sector.
- g) To acquire legal knowledge necessary for the development of their profession.
- h) Understand the ethical rules and assess the ethical implications in his performance as a professional

OBJECTIVES (EXPRESSED IN TERMS OF EXPECTED RESULTS OF THE TEACHING PROGRAMME)

DETAILED SUBJECT SYLLABUS

MODULE I. BASIC LEGAL CONCEPTS (Department of Administrative Law)

LECTION 1.- INTRODUCTION TO PUBLIC AND ADMINISTRATIVE LAW.

The Legal Order. Public Administration and Administrative Law. The plurality of Public Administrations. Administrative activity and administrative procedure.

LECTION 2.- INTERVENTION OF PUBLIC HEALTH ORDER AND LEGAL ADMINISTRATIVE REGIME OF FOOD.

Health Law and protection of the community. Protection against epidemics and other health risks. The impact of food crises: from rapeseed oil to mad cows disease. Intervention of public health order and administrative legal regime of medicines and food.

LECTION 3.- THE SOURCES OF FOOD LAW.

The regulation of international food trade: the *Codex Alimentarius*. European framework for food law regulation: Regulation (EC) 178/2002, of January 28, which establishes the general principles and requirements of food law, creates the European Food Safety Authority and establishes procedures relating to food security. The relations between the European Union Law and the regulation of each of the different member. The Spanish regulatory framework: Law 7/2011, of July 5, on food security and nutrition.



LECTION 4.- FOOD AS A RISK FACTOR: FOOD SECURITY.

Food security concept. Harmfulness and unsuitability of food for human consumption. Food risks. The risk analysis system. The regulating principles of food safety: the precautionary principle. Prevention and response to risk situations for food security: authorizations, official control and food alert networks.

LECTION 5.- LEGAL RESPONSIBILITIES IN THE FOOD FIELD.

The criminal response to food fraud. The responsibility for defective product applied to the food sector. Development risks. The state liability of the public Administration in the food field.

LECTION 6.- THE LEGAL FIGHT AGAINST NONCOMMUNICABLE DISEASES LINKED TO FOOD.

The challenges of the Law regarding food health and nutrition. New approaches in the protection of public health. Promotion of the Mediterranean diet and fight against childhood obesity. The promotion of healthy lifestyle habits at school. Self-regulation of food advertising directed to minors.

MODULE II. SPECIAL FOOD LAW AND ETHICS (Department of Nutrition and Food Science).

LECTION 7. - FOOD QUALITY. Quality standards. Standardisation bodies. Terms and concepts associated: CE, Certification and Accreditation.

LECTION 8. - OFFICIAL CONTROL OF FOOD. General principles of food control. Inspection. Sampling. Control of personal hygiene. Examination of written and documentary material. Verification and outcomes. Self technique.

LECTION 9. - FOOD AND LABELLING INFORMATION. Food information to consumers. Labelling, presentation and advertising. Nutritional labeling. Ecological labeling.

LECTION 10. - MARKETING OF FOOD. Nutrition and health claims made. Commercial communications. Legal regime for use.



LECTIOIN 11. - FOOD INNOVATION. New foods. Genetically modified foods. Functional Foods. Design food. Other foods. Application Procedures, Authorisation and Marketing. Regulation.

LECTION 12. - ETHICS. Origin. Concept. Fundamental principles. Practical application. Codes of ethics.

PRACTICAL AGENDA: Practical study of the act of each lection. Study and practical handling of these regulations.

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