

Preliminary course schedule and overview 2025

Agroecology: Working with the complexity of farming systems

(SLU-LB0121, NMBU: PAE301, HU: AGR1221)

							Teacher(s)
Module 1: course introduction	Week 3	Monday 20 Jan	Tuesday 21 Jan	Wednesday 22 Jan	Thursday 23 Jan	Friday 24 Jan	Margarita Cuadra, Theresé Engvall
	Activities	Join introductory session via Zoom	Read the course guide, module instructions and literature	Take your learning styles test and introduce yourself	Read all presentations and respond to at least three other classmates.	Read all presentations and respond to at least three other classmates. Start your logbook.	
	Type of work	Individual	Individual	Individual	Individual	Individual	
	Material		Wilson, 1992, p. 7-15 and 24-26				
	Delivery	10:00 AM		Introduce yourself by 4 PM		Delivered/uploaded: 4 PM	
	Notes	Compulsory activity				Module 2 opens at 4 PM: Read the module instructions and prepare for the work	
Module 2: Rich picturing	Week 4	Monday 27 Jan	Tuesday 28 Jan	Wednesday 29 Jan	Thursday 30 Jan	Friday 31 Jan	Margarita Cuadra, Theresé Engvall
	Activities	Read module instructions, literature and explore the case study.	Find out your group from the group list in the home page and course information folder.	Make a Rich Picture and comment on your reaction to the case study	Finalize your rich picture and text and deliver it in the corresponding assignment in Canvas	Comment on the work of your group members and write in your logbook	
	Type of work	Individual	Individual	Individual	Individual	Individual	
	Material	Wilson, 1992, p. 36-38; Armonson, 2011 Chapter 3. Case study					
	Delivery				Delivered/uploaded: 2 PM	Delivered/uploaded: 4 PM	
	Notes					Module 3 opens at 4 PM: read the module instructions, literature and prepare for the work.	
Module 3: Multi-perspective analysis	Week 5	Monday 3 Feb	Tuesday 4 Feb	Wednesday 5 Feb	Thursday 6 Feb	Friday 7 Feb	Iryna Herzon
	Activities	Read the suggestions for group work and group contract template. Discuss and decide within your group on group leadership and agree on a group contract. Agree on what your task is for this module and how you will organize the group work	In your group, work on Task 1 to produce your two expert's perspectives.	Continue the work from the previous day. The group leader to compile the work into one document, consult with the group on the final version	The designated group member delivers the group assignment	Commenting activity: give feedback on the work of another group. Write in your logbook	
	Type of work	Group/Individual	Group/Individual	Group/Individual	Group/Individual	Group/Individual	
	Material	Group contract, suggestions for group work and module instructions	Readings in the Canvas instructions				
	Delivery	Deliver group contract at 4 PM	Decide on an internal delivery time		Delivered/uploaded: 2 PM	Delivered: 4 PM	
	Notes					Module 4 opens at 4 PM. Read the module instructions, literature and prepare for the work.	

Module 4: Themes and system maps	Week 6	Monday 10 Feb	Tuesday 11 Feb	Wednesday 12 Feb	Thursday 13 Feb	Friday 14 Feb	Iryna Herzon
	Activities	Select a moderator for module 4, and agree on what your task is and how you will organize the group work. Revisit the module instructions and literature. Individually, identify themes (4) from your rich picture and propose these to your group.	Discuss and decide on 4 key themes for the group	Produce system maps for each one of the 4 themes.	Answer the questions from the module instructions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Commenting activity: give feedback on the work of another group. Write in your logbook. •Deliver half-time reflective essay (for SLU and NMBU students) 	
	Type of work	Individual/group	Group work	Group work	Group work	Individual	
	Material	Armson, 2011. Pages 79-82, 149-153					
	Delivery	Decide on an internal delivery time with your group.		Decide on an internal delivery time with your group.	Moderator/group leader delivers the group's assignment at 2 PM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Comments delivered by 16:00. •Half time reflective essay delivered by 18:00 	
	Notes					Module 5 opens at 4 PM: read the module instructions, literature and prepare for the work.	
Module 5: Desired future and Force field analysis	Week 7	Monday 17 Feb	Tuesday 18 Feb	Wednesday 19 Feb	Thursday 20 Feb	Friday 21 Feb	Iryna Herzon
	Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revisit the module instructions, video and literature. • Select a moderator for module 5, and agree on what your task is and how you will organize the group work. 	Task 1: In your group, describe the current situation of your case	Continue the work from the previous day.	Task 2: Describe the future desired situation 10 years from now. Reflect on the relation to the SDGs.	Continue the work from the previous day.	
	Type of work	Individual/group	Group work	Group work	Group work	Group work	
	Material	Holland, J. 2007. Video on FFA. Wells, 2006.					
	Delivery	Decide on an internal delivery time with your group			Decide on an internal delivery time with your group.		
	Week 8	Monday 24 Feb	Tuesday 25 Feb	Wednesday 26 Feb	Thursday 27 Feb	Friday 28 Feb	
	Activities	Task 3: In your group, choose a concrete example and make a Force Field Analysis.	Continue the work from the previous day.	Continue the work from the previous day.	Moderator delivers the group's assignment (Task 1, Task 2 and Task 3) as one document	Commenting activity: give feedback on the work of another group. Write in your logbook	
	Type of work	Group work	Group work	Group work	Group work	Individual	
	Material						
	Delivery	Decide on an internal delivery time with your group.			Delivery at 2 PM	Delivery at 4 PM	
	Notes					Module 6 opens at 4 PM: read the module instructions, literature and prepare for the work.	
ion planning	Week 9	Monday 3 March	Tuesday 4 March	Wednesday 5 March	Thursday 6 March	Friday 7 March	Tor Arvid Breland
	Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revisit the module instructions and literature. • Select a moderator for module 6 and agree on what your task is and how you will organize the group work. 	In your group, start Task 1 Develop ideas for action (divergent sub-activity).	Continue the work from previous day and prepare for the next task.	In your group, start the work for Task 2. Test the ideas and start prioritising them (start converging).	Continue the work from previous day and prepare for the next task.	
	Type of work	Individual/group	Group work	Group work	Group work	Group work	
	Material	Wilson, chapter 5. Mindtools.com					
	Delivery		Decide on an internal delivery time with your group.		Decide on an internal delivery time with your group.		

Module 6: Act

Week 10	Monday 10 March	Tuesday 11 March	Wednesday 12 March	Thursday 13 March	Friday 14 March
Activities	Task 3. Summarize your work into a plan of action for the key stakeholders	Continue the work from the previous day.	Continue the work from the previous day.	Moderator delivers the group's assignment (Task 1, Task 2 and Task 3) as one document	Commenting activity: give feedback on the work of another group. Write in your logbook
Type of work	Group work	Group work	Group work	Group work	Individual
Material					
Delivery	Decide on an internal delivery time with your group.			Delivery at 2 PM	Delivery at 4 PM
Notes					Module 7 opens at 4 PM: read the module instructions and prepare for the work.

Module 7: Final Reflections

Week 11	Monday 17 March	Tuesday 18 March	Wednesday 19 March	Thursday 20 March	Friday 21 March
Activities	Revisit the module instructions, all course literature and your log entries. Write your reflections on 1) Your learning in each module (modules 2-5), including reflections on other students' feedback. 2) The learning goals and whether and how you have achieved them	Continue the work from the previous day.	Continue the work from the previous day.	Continue the work from the previous day.	Continue the work from the previous day.
Type of work	Individual	Individual	Individual	Individual	Individual
Material	All course literature, individual and group deliveries and your log entries				
Delivery					
Week 12	Monday 24 March				
Activities	Deliver your final reflective essay in Canvas				
Type of work	Individual				
Material					
Delivery	Delivered/uploaded in Canvas by latest 18:00				

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