



UNIVERSITI TEKNOLOGI MARA

AGR613: MALAYSIAN AGRICULTURE POLICY

Course Name (English)	MALAYSIAN AGRICULTURE POLICY APPROVED
Course Code	AGR613
MQF Credit	2
Course Description	This course gives the overview of the agriculture sector in Malaysia namely the estate subsector and the smallholders subsector. The course also includes how the National Agriculture Policy (NAP) was developed. Also included will be Quarantine Act 1976 and the Pesticides Act 1974 which come in as supplementary and complimentary to international trade. This course also gives insight on the transformation of traditional farmers to commercial farmers to ensure quality and food safety, with various government assisted accreditation programs such as SALM, SPLAM and other related schemes and at the same time promoting sustainable agriculture making sure the food conforms to international standards.
Transferable Skills	Communication Skill Information Management
Teaching Methodologies	Lectures, Discussion, Presentation
CLO	<p>CLO1 Define, relate and explain the agriculture scenario in Malaysia pertaining to the specific agriculture subsector; their roles and contribution to the GDP, the shortcomings and the strategies for improvement to help increase their contribution to the economy.</p> <p>CLO2 Explain the need for the development of the National Agriculture Policies (NAP); NAP1, NAP2 and NAP3 and other relevant policies.</p> <p>CLO3 Analyze the issues and challenges in the development of the national agricultural sector, the transformation of the agric-food sector into a new era form traditional to modern of international standards.</p>
Pre-Requisite Courses	No course recommendations
Topics	
1. Introduction 1.1) 1.1 Scenario of Malaysian Agriculture 1.2) 1.2 Contribution of the agriculture sector towards thw GDP 1.3) 1.3 Estate subsector; smallholders subsector	
2. Agriculture and Related Ministries 2.1) 2.1 Government Transformation Programme: NKEA on Agriculture; Entry Points Projects 2.2) 2.2 Role of Ministry of Agriculture and Agro-based Industry 2.3) 2.3 Role of Ministry of Primary Industries, Commodities and Plantation	
3. The National Agriculture Policy (NAP) 3.1) 3.1 The development of the NAP1 (1984-1991) 3.2) 3.2 The development of the NAP2 (1992-1997) 3.3) 3.3 The development of the NAP3 (1998-2010) 3.4) 3.4 Food Policy Issues (2011 -2020)	
4. Related Acts 4.1) 4.1 The Food Act 1974 4.2) 4.2 The Quarantine Act 1974 4.3) 4.3 Pesticides Act 1974	

5. Issues and Challenges of the National Agriculture Sector

- 5.1) 5.1 Small and uneconomic land holdings and ageing farmers
- 5.2) 5.2 Effect upon signing, WTO, AFTA (ASEAN Free Trade Zone) on local agriculture producers
- 5.3) 5.3 Domestic Agricultural Policies: Government Subsidies, tax
- 5.4) 5.4 Low Productivity
- 5.5) 5.5 Competition for land resources

6. Transforming the Agriculture Sector into Modern, Dynamic and Competitive

- 6.1) 6.1 Transforming the traditional farmers
- 6.2) 6.2 From small to large scale, commercial and economic farm
- 6.3) 6.3 Development of collective agriculture, amalgamating farms into sizeable estates to increase efficiency and productivity
- 6.4) 6.4 Increased mechanization
- 6.5) 6.5 Introduction of the GAP (Good Agricultural Practice)
- 6.6) 6.6 Introduction of farm accreditation schemes; SALM and SALT for quality assurance

7. International Trade

- 7.1) 7.1 Potential crops for international trade
- 7.2) 7.2 Malaysia's success in fruit trade
- 7.3) 7.3 Malaysia's Best standardization

8. Government Intervention in World Agricultural Markets:

- 8.1) 8.1 Concept of Protectionism
- 8.2) 8.2 Tariffs and Non-tariffs barriers
- 8.3) 8.3 Trade Policy Effects with Perfectly Competitive Markets

Assessment Breakdown	%
Continuous Assessment	60.00%
Final Assessment	40.00%

Details of Continuous Assessment	Assessment Type	Assessment Description	% of Total Mark	CLO
	Assignment	Written Assignment	20%	CLO3
	Presentation	Video Presentation	20%	CLO3
	Test	Online Test	20%	CLO1

Reading List	Reference Book Resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Koo Won W. and P. Lynn Kennedy 2008, <i>International Trade and Agriculture</i>, Blackwell Publishing • Peter S. Liapis 2007, <i>Agricultural Policy and Trade Reform: The Impact on World Commodity Markets</i>, Oecd Publishing • Joseph Cooper 2006, <i>Global Agricultural Policy Reform and Trade: Environment Gains and Losses</i>, Edward Elgar Publishing • Knutson, Ronald D., J.B. Penn, and Barry L. 2007, <i>Agricultural & Food Policy</i>, 6th Ed., Pearson Education Inc • Michael Stockbridge 2007, <i>Agricultural Trade Policy in Developing Countries During Take-off (An Oxfam International Research Report)</i> • Reed, Michael R. 2001, <i>International Trade in Agricultural Products</i>. Prentice Hall. • Schmitz, Andrew, Harley Furtan and Katherine Baylis 2002, <i>Agricultural Policy, Agribusiness and Rent-Seeking Behaviour</i>, University of Toronto Press • <i>The National Agriculture Policy</i> • <i>The Food Act 1974</i> • <i>Quarantine Act 1976</i> • <i>The Pesticides Act 1974</i>
	Article/Paper List	This Course does not have any article/paper resources
Other References	This Course does not have any other resources	