

Ministry of Education Federal University of Santa Maria Rural Science Center **Graduate Program in Soil Science** 

**Course: Soil Conservation** 

# Identification

Code: SOL 847

Credits: 5 (3 hours theory - 2 hours practice)

**Level:** Master and Doctorate **Professor:** Jean P G Minella **System:** Annual (II Semester)

#### Discipline objectives

To provide knowledge of soil degradation mechanisms and soil and water conservation practices

#### **Syllabus**

The course covers the hydrological basis of land degradation by describing the processes and mechanisms of erosion and its controlling factors. Strategies for modeling runoff, erosion, and sediment production at the catchment scale are presented. Finally, techniques for controlling erosion agents and soil and water conservation systems are presented.

### Methodology and/or teaching instruments

Theoretical and practical classes (modeling, laboratory, and field experiments).

## Forms of evaluation

Written tests and assignments.

# Syllabus:

- 1. Conservation agriculture
- 2. Hydrological basis of degradation
- 3. Erosion processes and mechanisms
- 4. Monitoring and modeling hydrological and erosive processes
- 5. Conservation systems

#### **Recommended literature**

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