



COURSE UNIT DESCRIPTION

Course Unit Title	GREEN TRANSFORMATION OF BUSINESSES AND ORGANIZATIONS	
Course Unit Code	GD590	
Type of Unit	Core	
Level of Course Unit	Second cycle	
Year of Study	First/second year	
Semester	On demand	
Number of ECTS Credits	6 ECTS	
Course Unit Objectives	The objectives of this course are to increase students' awareness about the global environmental challenges, communicate the need to accelerate the green transition, and provide students with a solid foundation of critical knowledge on the principles for sustainable management at global, regional, and national levels. The acquired knowledge will enable students to contribute or lead the green transition at their workplace. Learning in this course will be reinforced by practical application opportunities via case studies and current policy reports.	
Learning Outcomes	On completion of the course the students are expected to be able to:	
	CILO1	Develop essential awareness of current challenges in the face of climate change and its macroeconomic and microeconomic consequences, and justify the urgent need for green transition
	CILO2	Demonstrate in-depth knowledge of the environmental, social and economic aspects of sustainable resource management and governance from both public policy and business perspectives
	CILO3	Critically assess the theoretical foundations of sustainable management and gain practical insights into its implementation at global, regional, and national levels
	CILO4	Employ tools for assessing sustainable resources
	CILO 5	Explain whether and how organizations can generate business opportunities and create value for their stakeholders while tackling environmental challenges
Name of Lecturer(s)	Dr Theodore Panayotou	
Mode of delivery	Face to Face	
Prerequisites or corequisites	None	
Content	Current environmental challenges and their impact on economy and society.	CILO 1
	Policies overview: from UN Sustainable Development Goals to European Green Deal and other recent policy documents.	CILO 2
	Sustainable Resource Management: theoretical foundations and practical examples via case studies.	CILO 3
	Overview of tools for assessing sustainable resources with practical examples. Summary of the multiple metrics for measuring sustainability, including the Triple Bottom Line (TBL), environmental, social and governance (ESG), and the UN sustainable development goals (SDGs). Using RECREATE Green Horizons Scoreboard.	CILO 4
	Presenting arguments for the green transition to a company board – role play exercise.	CILO 1, 2
	Business opportunities in green transition: creating	CILO 5

	value for the organization and society at large. Eco-innovation and digitalization. Future resource pathways and visions.	
Recommended or required reading	<p>Lectures, case studies, reports, and other course materials are available via Moodle.</p> <p>Required reading:</p> <p>European Green Deal (2019) - https://ec.europa.eu/info/strategy/priorities-2019-2024/european-green-deal_en</p> <p>Sustainable Development UN report (2006) https://www.unglobalcompact.org/participation/report/cop/create-and-submit/detail/6615</p> <p>Optional reading:</p> <p>Gates, B. (2021). How to Avoid a Climate Disaster: The Solutions We Have and the Breakthroughs We Need. Allen Lane; 1st ed.</p> <p>Jordan, N. (2020). Eco-Innovation and Digitalisation. Case studies, environmental and policy lessons from EU Member States for the EU Green Deal and the Circular Economy. https://ec.europa.eu/environment/ecoap/about-eco-innovation/policies-matters</p> <p>Jordan, N. (2012). Closing The Eco-Innovation Gap. An economic opportunity for business. European Commission Report. https://www.academia.edu/2367449/Closing_The_Eco_Innovation_Gap_A_n_economic_opportunity_for_business</p> <p>Jordan, N. (2020). RECREATE Green Horizons Scoreboard. https://www.academia.edu/28124445/RECREATE_Green_Horizons_Scoreboard</p> <p>Carmen Isensee, Frank Teuteberg, Kai-Michael Griese, Corrado Topi (2020). The relationship between organizational culture, sustainability, and digitalization in SMEs: A systematic review, Journal of Cleaner Production, Volume 275, 2020, 122944, ISSN 0959-6526, https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jclepro.2020.122944. (https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0959652620329899)</p> <p>SIMKINS, B. J. and SIMKINS, R. E., 2013. Energy finance and economics: analysis and valuation, risk management, and the future of energy. Hoboken: John Wiley. Ebook</p> <p>Ecological and Energy Transitions in Southern Countries. <i>Coursera.org</i> https://www.coursera.org/learn/ecological-and-energetical-transitions-in-southern-countries#instructors</p> <p>Corporate Sustainability. Understanding and Seizing the Strategic Opportunity by Università Boccon. <i>Coursera.org</i> https://www.coursera.org/learn/corp-sustainability/home/info</p>	
Planned learning activities and	Lectures; in-class discussion and debates; in-class exercises; problem sets; team work; case studies, team presentations, interactive online learning via	

teaching methods	Moodle (quizzes, assignments, forums)
Assessment methods and criteria	Class Participation: 10% Group Work in class: 20% (case studies and/or role plays) Final Assignment: 70%
Language of Instruction	English
Work Placement(s)	Not applicable