

CURRICULUM

| COURSES | | |
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| CODE | DESCRIPTIVE TITLE | UNITS |
| OA 210 | The Organic Agriculture Industry | 3 |
| OA 220 | Soil Health Management | 3 |
| OA 230 | Crop Health Management | 3 |
| OA 240 | Practicum in Organic Agriculture | 3 |
| OA 250 | Integrated Organic Farm Development | 3 |
| OA 260 | OA Enterprise Development and Management | 3 |
| OA 270 | OA Standards and Certification | 3 |
| OA 280 | IT in Organic Agriculture | 3 |

FEES

| PARTICULARS | AMOUNT(PHP) |
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| Admission Fee (new student) | |
| Local | 100 |
| Foreign | 1,500 |
| Tuition fee per unit | 450 |
| Module fee per subject | 450 |
| Developmental Fee | 100 |
| Online Fee | |
| Local | 1,000 |
| Foreign/OFW | 5,000 |
| Internet Fee | 300 |
| Medical Fee | 100 |
| Library Fee | 350 |
| ID Fee | 186 |
| Miscellaneous Fee | 100 |

VISION

BSU as an international university engendering graduates to walk through the intergenerational highways

MISSION

BSU CARES to Challenge innovation; Advance technology and facility; Revitalize administration; Engender partnership; and Serve intergenerational roles

GOALS

1. To offer through distance learning degree and non-degree programs that are responsive to the needs of learners and the society of which they are part;
2. To develop a system of continuing education to sustain professional growth and promote life-long learning;
3. To develop and adapt delivery systems appropriate to distance learners
4. To provide leadership in development of open and distance education expertise;
5. To make instructional packages accessible to all public through collaboration, institutional agreement, and other appropriate mechanisms.



“Bringing quality and affordable education to your doorsteps”

CERTIFICATE OF ORGANIC AGRICULTURE

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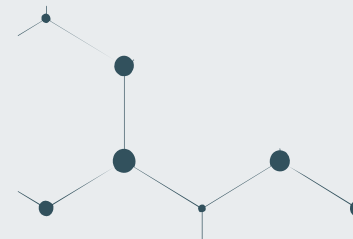
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ABOUT THE PROGRAM

WHAT IS ORGANIC AGRICULTURE:

Organic agriculture is defined as an ecological production management system that promote and enhances biodiversity, biological cycles, and soil biological activity. It is based on minimal use of off-farm inputs and on management practices that restore, maintain, or enhance ecological harmony with a primary goal to optimize the health and productivity of interdependent communities of soil life, plants, animals and people (USDA-NOSB, 1997).

THE LADDERIZED MASTER IN ORGANIC AGRICULTURE PROGRAM

The program is open to teachers, extension workers, researchers, practitioners, managers of OA programs or anyone interested to enhance their skills in managing OA activities from production to marketing including product certification. It is a ladderized program to provide opportunities for those who are interested to earn only a Certificate in OA which requires the completion of at least 12 units only. Credits earned in the certificate course shall be credited for those qualified to pursue the Master in OA which requires the completion of at least 37 units.

The course enable students to enhance their skills in establishing and managing an organic agriculture enterprise, identify problems and provide appropriate solutions, and develop the passion to produce quality OA products and care for the environment

THE BENGUET STATE UNIVERSITY AS ORGANIC UNIVERSITY

The Benguet State University was declared as Pro-Organic University by the University President on September 14, 2004 despite the skepticism of some sectors. This is in response to the growing concern on the ill-effects of agri-pesticides to farmers’ health, soil and water quality, and the environment. It was also in response to Global Agenda 21, and RA 8435. To carry out this declaration, a University OA Program was launched with 10 components, one of which is Education and Curriculum Development. The Cordillera Organic Agriculture Development Center was also created in preparation to the establishment of a National Organic Agriculture Research and Development Center that was approved by the BOR in 2004.

The absence of curricular offerings in OA in the country challenged the University to package its experiences and offered various courses in 2008 such as the Certificate in Practical Organic Agriculture to train farmers, OA as major field in BS Agriculture, and Certificate in OA through distance learning in collaboration with the International Crops Research Institute for the Semi-Arid Tropics (ICRISAT)(BOR Res. No. 1695).

BSU has been recognized for its initiatives. In 2008, the BSU Arabica Coffee plantation under pine trees was certified as organic by the Institute of Marketecology (IMO). In 2010, the Organic Demo Farm was certified by the Organic Certification Center of the Philippines (OCCP) and the potato selection Gloria Kamaptengan for organic production was approved by the National Seed Industry Council (NSIC). The issuance of RA 10068 (Organic Agriculture Act) in 2010 provided the legal framework of all organic agricultural programs in the country. In 2011, the University President was chosen as a member of the National Organic Agriculture Board (NOAB) representing the academic sector as provided in RA 10068

