Course curriculum for IMEN53 Integrated Product Policy

1. General information
Course code IMEN53
Course title: Integrated Product Policy
Main field: Environmental Management and Policy
Master Level: A1F
Credit points: 6 ECTS
Language of instruction: English
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2. General Description of the Course
This course is a compulsory course in the third semester of the MESPOM (MSc in Environmental Science, Policy and Management) programme. The course builds on the previous knowledge built during the first two semesters of the programme and provides a basis for both professional activities in the area and individual research projects within the IMEN54 (ARPEA) course and the final thesis semester.

3. Learning outcomes
- To further the understanding of product-related environmental policies and how to analyse such policies;
- To analyse legal and economic policy instruments for addressing environmental challenges;
- To obtain knowledge of how to review a topical issue and present the results in written and orally to a professional audience.

4. Course content
This course builds on the course Products, Environment and Organisation Course and Module 3 of the Environmental Management in Industry from the second semester of the MESPOM programme and further develops the students’ ability to comprehend and relate to various aspects of product-related environmental issues. The course relies to a large extent on the students’ ability to independently collect information, analyse this information and provide a synthesis of the results orally and in written.

The course consists of two modules: 1) Product Policy (PP): corresponding to 4 ECTS credits and 2) Law and Economics (econ): corresponding to 2 ECTS credits.

The Product Policy module presents the students with in-depth knowledge and understanding of leading approaches to address product-related problems and promote responsible behaviour among various actors in the life cycle of products. Selected products and policy instruments are addressed in lectures and seminars. The module is dominated by an individual assignment on a product-related issue, in particular on internationally relevant policies such as international treaties. The students study the topic through literature and contacts with stakeholders, and report through a short written report for a professional audience. Each student is in addition making written reviews of the reports of two other students. The students are also presenting the topic to the other students in a 45-minutes lecture, including questions and discussion.

In the Law and Economics module, students become familiar with how law and economics intersects by learning topics such as market-based instruments, various liability regimes and their consequences and trade and the environment. The module consists of lectures and seminars by leading experts of the field as well as preparatory readings.

5. Teaching and assessment
Lectures, seminars, reading and assignments are the key methods of learning. The product policy module constitutes 67% of the entire grading and the remaining 33%, law and economics module. The grading is based on the performance in assignments, seminars and other forms of examination such as take-home exam and oral examination.

Grading scale
The following grades are used: Fail -3 – 4 – 5 (TH).
6. Prerequisites
The student must have fulfilled the first two semesters of the MESPOM programme

7. Literature
The final reading list is issued by the Institute no later than five weeks before the respective modules start.