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Course Instructor	Ass.Prof.Dr. Hassan Hadi Mustafa				
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Title	Soil Organic Matter				
Course Coordinator	First				
Course Objective	Studying concept of defining organic matter, distinguishing between types of soil according to their organic content, identifying transformations of organic matter. Relationship between organic and mineral complex. The nature of carbon groups and their implications for agricultural and environmental value of soil.				
Course Description	In person lectures for 15 weeks, including two monthly exams and daily exams				
Textbook	Soil chemistry, Ahmed Abdel Hadi Al- Rawi, Ahmed Haider Al-Zubaidi and Nazima Saleh Qaddouri, 1991 Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research. Tasdel and Nelson, Soil fertility and fertilizers, translated by Nizar Yahya Nazhat, 1991, Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research.				
Course Assessments	Term Tests	Laboratory	Quizzes	Project	Final Exam
	20%	15%	5%		60%
General Notes					

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week	Date	Topics Covered	Practical Part
1		Defining organic matter and determining origin and nature in the soil	Examining and distinguishing organic layers in a cross-section of cultivated and uncultivated soils and collecting soil samples
2		Distinguishing between types of soils according to their organic content and its relationship to climatic and environmental conditions	Prepare samples by sifting and grinding then estimate soil moisture and calculate dry weight at 105 c
3		Concept of soil environment, biological activity and food web in it	Estimating percentage of organic matter in soil by dry oxidation at 450 c
4		Processes of transformation of organic matter in soil such as decomposition and mineralization	Measurement of organic carbon in soil using wet oxidation and Walkley-Black method
5		Classification of organic matter in soil according to speed of its decomposition, the degree of dissolution and ratio of carbon to nitrogen	Extracting organic matter that is easily decomposed with cold and hot water
6		Factors affecting the formation of humus in soil	Physical fractionation of organic matter in soil according to bulk density with sodium iodide solution
7		Soil environment, nature of main components of organic matter and microbial mass	Physical fractionation of organic matter in soil according to its size by separating it using acoustic vibrations
8		Types of humus according to type of vegetation cover the degree of its solubility with alkaline solvents and its saturation with basic compounds	chemical fractionation of organic matter in soil with alkaline and acidic solvents

9		Physical and chemical properties of humic acid and humene	Qualitative analysis of humic substances through identification of active aggregates by spectrophotometry
10		Organometallic complex and relations between active groups	Extracting fatty substances from soil with chloroform using a soxhlet device
11		Ratio of fulvic acid to humic acid in soil composition	Testing degree of solubility in water extracted fatty organic matter
12		Nature of carbon categories and their implications for agricultural value of soil	Extraction of proteins and amino acids from soil using chromatography
13		How to preserve organic stock in soil and manage it sustainably	Choose speed of water permeation and erosion with levels of organic content
14		Necessity of fertilizing with animal waste and compost to preserve agricultural soil	Applications in how to calculate percentage of organic matter in soil
15		Sustainable agriculture and its relationship with environment and organic matter	Estimation of humic acid/humene ratio