

Module Directory

Faculty 09 - Agricultural Sciences, Nutritional Sciences and Environmental
Management

"Agrobiotechnology" Core Master Degree Course Modules

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MK 002	MK 002 Biostatistics and Experimental Design	6 CP
	Biostatistics and Experimental Design	
Core Module / Optional Module	Agrarwissenschaften, Ökotoxologie und Umweltmanagement / Institut für Pflanzenbau und Pflanzenzüchtung II	1./2. Sem.;
	Offered for the first time: WS 2015/16	
	Intake capacity: not limited	
Frequency and Duration: WS, 1 semester		
Module Coordinator: Biometrie und Populationsgenetik mit dem Schwerpunkt Bioinformatik		
Applies to the Study Programmes: Agrobiotechnology, Master (1./2.); Insect Biotechnology and Bioresources, Master (1./2.);		
Prerequisites for Participation: None		
Learning Outcomes: Students <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • have profound knowledge of quantitative methods • have profound knowledge experimental designs • are able to design experiments • have profound knowledge in hypothesis testing and inferential statistics 		
Module Content: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Methods of descriptive statistics • Test-theory and estimation of parameters • Analysis of variance and analysis of regression • Data analysis using statistical software 		

Forms of Instruction:	Contact hours	Preparation and follow-up work
Lecture	30	60
Seminar		
Practical training	30	60
Exercises		
Excursion		
Total:	180	
Prerequisites for Examination: ...		
Module Examination:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Form(s) of assessment Assignments (4), written examination – Components of final grade Assignments (100 %) or written examination (100 %) – Form of module retake examination Written examination 		
Language: English		

MK 007	MK 007 Animal Nutrition and Feed Science	6 CP
	Animal Nutrition and Feed Science	
Core Module / Optional Module	Agrarwissenschaften, Ökotrophologie und Umweltmanagement / Institut für Tierernährung und Ernährungsphysiologie	1./2. Sem.;
	Offered for the first time: SS 2016	
	Intake capacity: not limited	
Frequency and Duration: SS, 1 Semester		
Module Coordinator: Tierernährung		
Applies to the Study Programmes: Agrobiotechnology, Master (1./2.);		
Prerequisites for Participation: None		
Learning Outcomes: The students <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • can describe the basics of digestion and the metabolism of the main nutrients • know the parameters of the metabolic rate and the energy evaluation systems. • have an overview about origin, quality criteria, quality management, conservation and use of animal feeds • know the basics of the animal feed law • can apply the different feeding systems for farm animals in formulating feeding recipes • understand the relations between nutrition and performance, nutrient loss, animal health and product quality 		
Module Content: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • nutritional physiology of farm animals • chemical composition (food, animal) • digestion and utilization of nutrients (carbohydrates, proteins, lipids) • metabolic rate and energy evaluation systems • minerals and vitamins (functional significance, feed situation) • characteristics, quality criteria and chief applications of animal feed • basics of feed conservation, storage and preparation • nutrition of farm animals • energy and feed demand of farm animals during the breeding, reproduction and growing phase • feeding strategies and feeding recipes • nutritional influence on performance, nutrient loss, health and product quality 		

Forms of Instruction:	Contact hours	Preparation and follow-up work
Lecture	54	108
Seminar		
Practical training		
Exercises	6	12
Excursion		
Total:	180	
Prerequisites for Examination: ...		
Module Examination:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Form(s) of assessment Written examination – Components of final grade Written examination (100 %) – Form of module retake examination Written examination 		
Language: English		

MK 011	MK 011 Special Biochemistry II	6 CP
	Special Biochemistry II	
Core Module / Optional Module	Agrarwissenschaften, Ökotoxikologie und Umweltmanagement / Institut für Ernährungswissenschaft	2./4. Sem.;
	Offered for the first time: SS 2016	
	Intake capacity: 30	
Frequency and Duration: SS, 1 Semester		
Module Coordinator: Biochemie und Molekularbiologie mit dem Schwerpunkt Ernährung des Menschen		
Applies to the Study Programmes: Agrobiotechnology, Master (2./4.);		
Prerequisites for Participation: None (recommended: knowledge in chemistry and Biochemistry)		
Learning Outcomes: Students will <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • have knowledge and proficiency in the application of molecular biology, spectrophotometric and chromatographic methods • be experienced and proficient in techniques of protein biochemistry and cell biology • have knowledge of the qualitative and quantitative value of biochemical, cell biological, molecular biological, and enzymatic analytic processes 		
Module Content: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • primer design, PCR, cloning, use of restriction enzymes, ligation into vectors • transformation of Escherichia coli • heterologous overexpression of genes relevant to agrobiotechnology • production of recombinant proteins in genetically altered bacteria • purification of proteins with affinity chromatography • SDS-PAGE analysis and Coomassie staining for detection and quality of control of recombinant proteins • spectrophotometric analysis • principles of enzyme kinetics • determination of antioxidants in biological material • surface plasmon resonance spectroscopy (SPR) • crystallization of proteins, x-ray diffraction analysis and alternative methods of structure determination 		

Forms of Instruction:	Contact hours	Preparation and follow-up work
Lecture		
Seminar	20	40
Practical training	40	80
Exercises		
Excursion		
Total:	180	

Prerequisites for Examination: ...

Module Examination:

- Form(s) of assessment Written examination
- Components of final grade Written examination (100 %)
- Form of module retake examination Written examination

Language: English

MK 013	MK 013 Risk Assessment, Biosafety and Patent Law	6 CP
	Risk Assessment, Biosafety and Patent Law	
Core Module / Optional Module	Agrarwissenschaften, Ökotoxikologie und Umweltmanagement / Institut für Phytopathologie	3. Sem.;
	Offered for the first time: WS 2015/16	
	Intake capacity: not limited	
Frequency and Duration: WS, 1 Semester		
Module Coordinator: Phytopathologie		
Applies to the Study Programmes: Agrobiotechnology, Master (3.);		
Prerequisites for Participation: cores of the 1st semester		
Learning Outcomes: Students will <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • have broad knowledge of various processes in the field of technology assessment of agricultural products • be able to explain the structure and the tasks of the different institutions responsible for evaluation of suitability, risk assessment, environment protection, farmer and consumer protection, and food security • be able to understand the ethic aspects of technology assessment • know fundamental principles of the European Patent Law 		
Module Content: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development of guidances for the risk management of plant protection products • Evaluation of suitability of plant protection products • Tasks and structure of the EU Ethic and Food Safety Authority Commission • Tasks and structure of the Federal Institute for Consumer Protection and Food Security (BVL) • Tasks and structure of the Federal Institute for Risk Assessment (BfR), Environmental Agency (UBA), and Biological Research Centre for Agriculture and Forestry (BBA) • Tasks and structure of the European and Mediterranean Plant Protection Organization (EPPO) • Ecotoxicologic studies of side effects of plant protection products (e.g. surface water pollution, effects on beneficial insects) • Federal and European Patent Law • TA studies on environmental problems of agriculture • TA studies on renewable energies • TA and SD studies on agriculture, food chains and food • Terms and conditions for organic farming and Integrated Pest Management • Release and marketing of genetically modified organisms 		

Forms of Instruction:	Contact hours	Preparation and follow-up work
Lecture	30	60
Seminar	30	60
Practical training		
Exercises		
Excursion		
Total:	180	
Prerequisites for Examination: ...		
Module Examination: – Form(s) of assessment written examination and presentation – Components of final grade Presentation (50 %), written examination (50 %) – Form of module retake examination Oral or written examination		
Language: English		

MK 015	MK 015 Plant Protection and Bioengineering	6 CP
	Plant Protection and Bioengineering	
Core Module / Optional Module	Agrarwissenschaften, Ökotoxikologie und Umweltmanagement / Institut für Phytopathologie	1./2. Sem.;
	Offered for the first time: WS 2015/16	
	Intake capacity: not limited	
Frequency and Duration: WS, 1 Semester		
Module Coordinator: Phytopathologie		
Applies to the Study Programmes: Agrobiotechnology, Master (1./2.);		
Prerequisites for Participation: None (recommended: Basic knowledge in plant pathology and molecular biology)		
Learning Outcomes: Students will <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • be able to understand and evaluate industrial strategies for disease control • have experience with basic biotechnological processes, such as tissue culture, high-throughput screening and pesticide applications • have a conception of the implementation impacts of plant biotechnology • have a command of the most important transformation techniques in the production of genetically modified plants • have a theoretical background of the biological mechanism modern plant protection is based on 		
Module Content: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • transgenic plants • agronomically significant genes • biotechnological disease control techniques • tissue techniques and tissue cultures • high-throughput screening methods • industrial strategies in plant protection 		

Forms of Instruction:	Contact hours	Preparation and follow-up work
Lecture	40	70
Seminar	30	40
Practical training		
Exercises		
Excursion		
Total:	180	
Prerequisites for Examination: ...		
Module Examination:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Form(s) of assessment written examination and Presentation – Components of final grade written examination (75 %), Presentation (25 %) – Form of module retake examination Oral or written examination 		
Language: English		

MK 016	MK 016 Biotechnology and Genomics	6 CP
	Biotechnology and Genomics	
Core Module / Optional Module	Agrarwissenschaften, Ökotropologie und Umweltmanagement / Institut für Pflanzenbau und Pflanzenzüchtung I	2. Sem.;
	Offered for the first time: SS 2016	
	Intake capacity: 30	
Frequency and Duration: SS, 1 Semester		
Module Coordinator: Pflanzenzüchtung		
Applies to the Study Programmes: Agrobiotechnology, Master (2.);		
Prerequisites for Participation: None (recommended: Knowledge of molecular genetics)		
Learning Outcomes: The students <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • should deepen their theoretical knowledge about genome analysis methods methods, with an emphasis on plant genome mapping and gene expression techniques • will gain insight into the practical applications of biotechnological and molecular genetic methods in plant breeding • will obtain the necessary theoretical background to apply experimental molecular genetics, biotechnological and gene technological methods in plant breeding 		
Module Content: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Molecular and cellular plant genetics • Methods and techniques of experimental biotechnology and genome analysis • Molecular plant breeding: Structure and function of plant genomes, molecular markers, genome mapping, QTL analysis, gene cloning techniques, gene expression methodology • Methods of gene technology in plant breeding: Gene isolation, gene transfer (transformation techniques), detection methods 		

Forms of Instruction:	Contact hours	Preparation and follow-up work
Lecture	50	70
Seminar		
Practical training		
Exercises		
Excursion	20	20
Total:	160	
Prerequisites for Examination: ...		
Module Examination:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Form(s) of assessment Written examination and Seminar Paper – Components of final grade Written examination (80%), Seminarpaper (20%) – Form of module retake examination Written examination and Seminar Paper 		
Language: English		

MK 018	MK 018 Microbial Food Biotechnology	6 CP
	Microbial Food Biotechnology	
Core Module / Optional Module	Agrarwissenschaften, Ökotröphologie und Umweltmanagement / Institut für Angewandte Mikrobiologie	2./4. Sem.;
	Offered for the first time: SS 2016	
	Intake capacity: 30	
Frequency and Duration: SS, 1 Semester		
Module Coordinator: Mikrobiologie der Recycling-Prozesse		
Applies to the Study Programmes: Agrobiotechnology, Master (2./4.);		
Prerequisites for Participation: None		
Learning Outcomes: Students <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • will have knowledge of the industrial microbiological processes employed in industrial settings, including genetic engineering applications • be familiar with advanced application-oriented microbiological methods within the scope of industrial microbiology • know basic and advanced microbiological and molecular techniques for control purposes 		
Module Content: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • food fermentations, Selected examples: Dairy products, wine, beer, fermented vegetables • microbial production systems, Vinegar, citric acid, acetone, amino acids as primary products of microbial metabolism • antibiotics, toxins (e.g. as insecticides) as secondary products of microbial metabolism • microbial transformation and biocatalysis • genetic engineering of microorganisms for optimal production • foodborne pathogenic bacteria, Selected examples: Salmonella, enterohemorrhagic bacteria, Clostridium • epidemiology of foodborne illness • Insects and other vectors for microbial spoilage • Inhibition of microbial growth by physical or chemical methods 		

Forms of Instruction:	Contact hours	Preparation and follow-up work
Lecture	30	60
Seminar		
Practical training	30	60
Exercises		
Excursion		
Total:	180	
Prerequisites for Examination: ...		
Module Examination:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Form(s) of assessment Written examination – Components of final grade Written examination (100 %) – Form of module retake examination Written examination 		
Language: English		

MK 019	MK 019 Industrial Internship	12 CP
	Industrial Internship	
Core Module / Optional Module	Agrarwissenschaften, Ökotoxikologie und Umweltmanagement / Institut für Phytopathologie	3. Sem.;
	Offered for the first time: WS 2015/16	
	Intake capacity: not limited	
Frequency and Duration: during the semester break, 8 weeks		
Module Coordinator: Phytopathologie		
Applies to the Study Programmes: Agrobiotechnology, Master (3.);		
Prerequisites for Participation: cores of the 1st and 2nd semester / (recommended: Basic knowledge in laboratory work; basic knowledge in chemistry and biology)		
Learning Outcomes: Students will <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • be able to understand and evaluate biotechnological processes in food and Agrobiotechnology • have practical experience with extended biotechnological processes, such as tissue culture, high-throughput screening and marker applications, fermentation • be able to execute extended biotechnological laboratory methods unassisted • have a conception of the problem solution strategies in biotechnology • get insight and broad information on technology and strategies used by food and agrobiotechnology industries 		
Module Content: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • transgenic plants/microorganisms • agronomically important genes, proteins, and/or other metabolites • genetic transformation techniques • depending on industry laboratory : • biotechnological pest control techniques • biotechnological disease control techniques • tissue techniques and tissue cultures • high-throughput screening methods • molecular breeding techniques • food and feed safety • microbial production techniques • cell biology techniques • visualization techniques by marker genes 		

Forms of Instruction:	Contact hours	Preparation and follow-up work
Lecture		
Seminar		
Practical training	360	
Exercises		
Excursion		
Total:		360
Prerequisites for Examination: ...		
Module Examination:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Form(s) of assessment oral examination – Components of final grade Oral examination (100 %) – Form of module retake examination Oral examination 		
Language: English		

MK 057	MK 057 Molecular Phytopathology	6 CP
	Molecular Phytopathology	
Core Module / Optional Module	Agrarwissenschaften, Ökotoxologie und Umweltmanagement / Institut für Phytopathologie	1. Sem.; 1./2. Sem.;
	Offered for the first time: WS 2015/16	
	Intake capacity: not limited	
Frequency and Duration: WS, 1 Semester		
Module Coordinator: Phytopathologie		
Applies to the Study Programmes: Agrobiotechnology, Master (1.); Nutzpflanzenwissenschaften, Master (1./2.); Oenologie, Master (1./2.);		
Prerequisites for Participation: None		
Learning Outcomes: Students will <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • have in-depth knowledge of the biochemical and molecular basis on host-parasite interactions • be able to describe the structure and function of the plant's immune system of model plants • be able to discuss possible means by which plants and their parasites coevolved 		
Module Content: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • cytological, biochemical and molecular biological foundations background on host-parasite interactions • mechanisms of plant defensive reactions/defense reactions • structure and function of resistance and virulence genes • principles of modern disease control processes on the basis of induced resistance and genetic engineering techniques • effector biology, PAMP-triggered immunity, effector triggered immunity 		

Forms of Instruction:	Contact hours	Preparation and follow-up work
Lecture	45	90
Seminar	15	30
Practical training		
Exercises		
Excursion		
Total:	180	
Prerequisites for Examination: ...		
Module Examination:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Form(s) of assessment Written examination, Presentation – Components of final grade Written examination (75 %), Presentation (25 %) – Form of module retake examination Oral or written examination 		
Language: English		