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Faculty 09 - Agricultural Sciences, Nutritional Sciences and Environmental Management

"Insect Biotechnology and Bioresources" Master Degree Course Modules

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Core Modules

MK-002-EN	MK-002-EN Applied Statistics	6 CP
IVIN-002-LIV	Applied Statistics	0 Cr
Core Module /	Agricultural Sciences, Nutritional Sciences, and Environmental Management / Department of Agronomy and Plant Breeding II	
Optional Module	Offered for the first time: WS 2015/16	1./2. Sem.;
	Intake capacity: not limited	

Frequency and Duration: WS, 1 semester

Module Coordinator: Chair of Biometry and Population Genetics

Applies to the Study Programmes: Agrobiotechnology, Master (1./2.); Insect Biotechnology and Bioresources, Master

(1./2.);

Prerequisites for Participation: None

Learning Outcomes:

The Students

- have knowledge of statistical methods;
- have knowledge of experimental designs;
- are able to analyse experiments and studies.

Module Content:

- Analysis of variance
- Comparison of treatments
- Mixed linear models
- Experimental designs
- 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	

Prerequitistes for Examination: None

Module Examination:

- Form(s) of assessment: Assignments (4) or written examination
- Components of final grade: Assignments (100 %) or written examination (100 %)
- Form of module retake examination: Written examination

MK-087-EN	MK-087-EN Natural Product Chemistry	6 CP
WIK-087-EIV	Natural Product Chemistry	0 Cr
Core Module /	Agricultural Sciences, Nutritional Sciences, and Environmental Management / Department of Insect Biotechnology	
Optional Module	Offered for the first time: WS 2017/18	1. Sem.;
	Intake capacity: 30	

Module Coordinator: Chair of Natural Substance Research with a Focus on Insect Biotechnology

Applies to the Study Programmes: Insect Biotechnology and Bioresources, Master (1.);

Prerequisites for Participation: None (recommended: knowledge in organic chemistry)

Learning Outcomes:

The students

- have comprehensive insight into the chemistry of organic natural products;
- know the most important classes of natural products, including their biosynthesis, important structural and chemical features as well as bioactivities.

Module Content:

- Bioresources (=origin), biosynthesis, ecophysiological role, and practical importance of natural products, thereby emphasizing insect-derived and 'anti-insect' compounds
- classes of natural products (carbohydrates, lipids, polyketides, phenylpropanoids, terpenes, peptides (nonribosomally and ribosomally synthesized), and alkaloids) as well as their biosynthesis and important features (structure-activity relationships, toxicity)
- Methods section: Introduction to production/fermentation, isolation, purification of natural products (several (column) chromatographic techniques, especially HPLC), and structure elucidation

Forms of Instruction:	Contact hours	Preparation and follow-up work
Lecture	30	60
Seminar	30	60
Practical training		
Exercises		
Excursion		
Total:	180	

Prerequitistes for Examination: None

Module Examination:

- Form(s) of assessment: Written examination and presentation (10-15 min.)
- Components of final grade: Written examination (60 %), presentation (40 %)
- Form of module retake examination: Written examination or oral examination

MK-088-EN	MK-088-EN Entomology I	6 CP
WIK-000-EIV	Entomology I	0 61
Core Module /	Agricultural Sciences, Nutritional Sciences, and Environmental Management / Department of Insect Biotechnology	
Optional Module	Offered for the first time: WS 2017/18	1. Sem.;
	Intake capacity: 30	

Module Coordinator: Chair of Applied Entomology

Applies to the Study Programmes: Insect Biotechnology and Bioresources, Master (1.);

Prerequisites for Participation: None

Learning Outcomes:

The students

- gain fundamental knowledge of insects as a central bioresource;
- study insect anatomy and systematics;
- know the basics of insect identification and will learn ist practical application;
- learn techniques of preservation of insect specimens;
- understand the basics of evolutionary biology & ecology of insects.

Module Content:

- studies on internal (including dissections) and external insect morphology
- microscopy of organ systems
- use of insect identification keys with real specimens
- evolutionary strategies of insects
- insect ecology

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

Prerequitistes for Examination: None

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-089-EN	MK-089-EN Insect Biotechnology and Integrated Pest Management	6 CP
WIK-009-EIV	Insect Biotechnology and Integrated Pest Management	0 61
Core Module /	Agricultural Sciences, Nutritional Sciences, and Environmental Management / Department of Insect Biotechnology	
Optional Module	Offered for the first time: WS 2017/18	1. Sem.;
	Intake capacity: 40	

Module Coordinator: Chair of Insect Biotechnology in Plant Protection

Applies to the Study Programmes: Insect Biotechnology and Bioresources, Master (1.);

Prerequisites for Participation: None

Learning Outcomes:

The students

- have important knowledge in various methods of biological pest control (including classical biological control, inundative releases, etc.);
- have competencies in biology and ecology as well as the use of physical and microbiological control procedures;
- know the basic principles of important biotechnological plant protection strategies;
- can assess how and to what extent individual techniques can be used within the framework of IPM strategies;
- can independently compile, summarize, and present literature on a given topic in a lecture

Module Content:

- The legal basis of integrated and biological plant protection
- Biology and ecology of agricultural pests and entomopathogens and their application possibilities in crop protection (production and application technology)
- Case studies on methods of classical biological pest control, inundative releases of antagonists (in the field and greenhouse), sterile insect technology and strategies for the promotion of natural enemies in agricultural ecosystems
- Use of pheromones (monitoring, mass capture, confusion, lure and kill) and other biotechnological plant protection methods in agriculture

Forms of Instruction:	Contact hours	Preparation and follow-up work
Lecture	44	88
Seminar	8	16
Practical training		
Exercises		
Excursion	8	16
Total:	180	

Prerequitistes for Examination: None

Module Examination:

- Form(s) of assessment: Written examination and presentation (10-20 min. + discussion 5-10 min.)
- Components of final grade: Written examination (50%), presentation (50%)
- Form of module retake examination: Written examination or oral examination

MK-090-EN	MK-090-EN Bioresources for Natural Product Discovery	6 CP
Bioresources for Natural Product Discovery		0 Cr
Core Module /	Agricultural Sciences, Nutritional Sciences, and Environmental Management / Department of Insect Biotechnology	
Optional Module	Offered for the first time: SS 2018	2. Sem.;
	Intake capacity: 30	

Module Coordinator: Chair of Natural Substance Research with a Focus on Insect Biotechnology

Applies to the Study Programmes: Insect Biotechnology and Bioresources, Master (2.);

Prerequisites for Participation: None

Learning Outcomes:

The students

- gain insights into suitable bioresources for natural product discovery approaches and how discovery pipelines are set-up (biological activity-based platforms versus modern genomics / bioinformatics-driven pipelines);
- get knowledge in currently used and emerging natural product-producing microorganisms and their application in pharmaceutical, agricultural and food industry;
- acquire knowledge in the industrial value chain from spanning early discovery programs up to lead candidate identification and lead development;
- get experience in the application of bioinformatic tools for biosynthetic gene cluster identification;
- get insights into recent literature and acquire skills in selecting and presenting publications as well as other data in seminars.

Module Content:

- Systematics, biology, and ecology of microorganisms producing natural products
- Examples of plant-derived natural products
- Examples of natural products biosynthesis in microorganisms (physiology, gene regulation)
- From bioresource to product: Strategies to select and exploit bioresources for natural product discovery
- Principles and application of biological detection systems and their application in academic and industrial screening systems
- Target identification and target-based screening systems
- Analytical platforms in natural product identification
- Connection of gene clusters and metabolites: modern approaches for drug discovery
- Lead identification and strategies for lead development
- Seminar on recent approaches in drug discovery
- Demonstration / hands on training to gain insights into bioinformatics tools in drug discovery (using the antiSMASH platform as an example to exploit genome sequence information)

Forms of Instruction:	Contact hours	Preparation and follow-up work
Lecture	42	84
Seminar	9	18
Practical training		
Exercises	9	18
Excursion		
Total:	180	

Module Examination:

- Form(s) of assessment: Written examination, presentation (10-15 min.) and project work (group work: preparation of a video tutorial, 4-10 min)
- Components of final grade: Written exam (50 %), presentation (40 %), project work (10 %)
- Form of module retake examination: Written examination or oral examination

MK-091-EN	MK-091-EN Entomology II	6 CP	
WIK-051-LIV	Entomology II		
Core Module / Optional Module	Agricultural Sciences, Nutritional Sciences, and Environmental Management / Department of Insect Biotechnology	2. Sem.;	
	Offered for the first time: SS 2018		
	Intake capacity: 30		

Module Coordinator: Chair of Applied Entomology

Applies to the Study Programmes: Insect Biotechnology and Bioresources, Master (2.);

Prerequisites for Participation: None

Learning Outcomes:

The students

- gain in-depth knowledge on insect anatomy;
- broaden their knowledge on insect systematics;
- increase their skills in insect identification;
- understand concepts of insect physiology;
- understand insect adaptations to environmental pressures;
- extend their knowledge about insect ecological strategies.

Module Content:

- microscopic studies on histological sections of insect tissues
- identification of specimens on family and species level
- specific taxonomic techniques
- insect physiology (including development)
- examples and concepts how insects adapt to their environment
- insect feeding strategies (including field observations)

Forms of Instruction:	Contact hours	Preparation and follow-up work
Lecture	28	56
Seminar		
Practical training		
Exercises	24	48
Excursion	8	16
Total:	180	

Prerequitistes for Examination: None

Module Examination:

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

MK-092-EN	MK-092-EN Food Technology	6 CP	
WIK-032-EIV	Food Technology	0 61	
Core Module / Optional Module	Biology and Chemistry / Institute of Food Chemistry and Food Biotechnology		
	Offered for the first time: SS 2019	2. Sem.;	
	Intake capacity: 30		

Module Coordinator: Working group for biochemical and molecular biological food analytics and biotechnology

Applies to the Study Programmes: Insect Biotechnology and Bioresources, Master (2.);

Prerequisites for Participation: None

Learning Outcomes:

The students

- master basic engineering and bioprocess principles relevant to the food industry
- know special separation techniques
- understand the basic principles of the processing of animal and plant food
- can perform basic food biotechnological processes
- are able to analyze and assess parameters relevant in processes of food biotechnology

Module Content:

- Cereal technology
- Production of sugar and confectionery
- Techniques to produce fats and oils
- Production processes of food additives
- Food Biotechnology
- Basics in insect rearing and downstream processing
- Fermented asiaon food

Forms of Instruction:	Contact hours	Preparation and follow-up work
Lecture	30	50
Seminar	10	20
Practical training	30	40
Exercises		
Excursion		
Total:	180	

Prerequitistes for Examination: None

Module Examination:

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

MK-093-EN	MK-093-EN Bioprocess Engineering	6 CP
WIK 055 EIV	Bioprocess Engineering	
	THM / Institute of Bioprocess Engineering and Pharmaceutical Technology	
Core Module / Optional Module	Offered for the first time: SS 2019	2. Sem.;
	Intake capacity: 30	

Module Coordinator: Chair of of Bioprocess Engineering

Applies to the Study Programmes: Insect Biotechnology and Bioresources, Master (2.);

Prerequisites for Participation: None

Learning Outcomes:

Lecture/Exercises:

The students show competences in:

- basics concerning prokaryotic and eukaryotic cells and enzymes in biotechnological processes
- essential mathematical model concepts to gather cell growth and metabolism
- special aspects of fermentation processes and bioreactors
- basics of essential unit operations of downstream processes
- basic possibilities of process design, characterization, description, and monitoring in up- and downstream of biotechnological production processes

Lab work:

The students learn:

- the handling of bioreactors and their tools within the concept and application of cellular/ microbial cultivations
- application of essential bioanalytical methods for cell growth and metabolism analysis
- concepts of downstream operations

Module Content:

Lecture/Exercises:

- Industrial application of microbial and cell cultures, enzymes
- Process kinetics
- Batch-, Fed-batch and continuous processes, models and kinetics
- Heat and mass transfer including the combination with biological reactions
- Bioreactors and their choice
- Sterilisation: technologies, construction, hygienic design
- Methods of cell separation and product purification (lysis, sedimentation, centrifugation, filtration, chromatography, extraction)

Lab work:

- Bioreactor cultiviation including process monitoring
- Exemplary downstream processing with various tools
- Presentation and discussion of results within the seminar

Forms of Instruction:	Contact hours	Preparation and follow-up work
Lecture	30	60
Seminar		
Practical training	20	40
Exercises	10	20
Excursion		
Total:	180	

Module Examination:

• Form(s) of assessment: Written examination

Components of final grade: Written examination (100 %)
 Form of module retake examination: Written examination

Profile Modules

In the following, we provide a directory with profile modules recommended for this degree programme. Please not that you can choose core modules of other degree programmes, at maximum 4 modules. If you want to choose other modules than the listed ones, please check with the examination office if they are recognized for your degree programme.

MK-015-EN	MK-015-EN Plant Protection and Bioengineering	6 CP	
Plant Protection and Bioengineering			
Core Module / Optional Module	Agricultural Sciences, Nutritional Sciences, and Environmental Management / Department of Phytopathology	1./2. Sem.;	
	Offered for the first time: WS 2015/16		
	Intake capacity: not limited		

Frequency and Duration: WS, 1 Semester

Module Coordinator: Chair of Phytopathology

Applies to the Study Programmes: Agrobiotechnology, Master (1./2.);

Prerequisites for Participation: None (recommended: Basic knowledge in plant pathology and molecular biology)

Learning Outcomes:

The Students

- are 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 mechanismus modern plant protection is based on.

Module Content:

- 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	

Module Examination:

- Form(s) of assessment: Written examination and presentation (10-20 min.)
- Components of final grade: Written examination (75 %) and presentation (25 %)
- Form of module retake examination: Oral examination or written examination

MK-016-EN	MK-016-EN Biotechnology and Genomics	6 CP	
WIK-010-LIV	Biotechnology and Genomics		
Core Module / Optional Module	Agricultural Sciences, Nutritional Sciences, and Environmental Management / Department of Agronomy and Plant Breeding I		
	Offered for the first time: SS 2016		
	Intake capacity: not limited		

Module Coordinator: Chair of Plant Breeding

Applies to the Study Programmes: Agrobiotechnology, Master (2.);

Prerequisites for Participation: None (recommended: Knowledge of molecular genetics)

Learning Outcomes:

The students

- have deep theoretical knowledge about genome analysis methods methods, with an emphasis on plant genome mapping and gene expression techniques;
- gain insight into the practical applications of biotechnological and molecular genetic methods in plant breeding;
- have the necessary theoretical background to apply experimental molecular genetics, biotechnological and gene technological methods in plant breeding.

Module Content:

- 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	

Prerequitistes for Examination: None

Module Examination:

- Form(s) of assessment: Written examination and seminar paper (4 pages)
- Components of final grade: Written examination (80%), seminar paper (20%)
- Form of module retake examination: Written examination

MK-018-EN	MK-018-EN Microbial Food Biotechnology	6 CP	
WIK-010-LIV	Microbial Food Biotechnology		
Core Module / Optional Module	Agricultural Sciences, Nutritional Sciences, and Environmental Management / Department of Applied Microbiology	2./4. Sem.;	
	Offered for the first time: SS 2016		
	Intake capacity: 30		

Module Coordinator: Chair of Microbiology of Recycling Processes

Applies to the Study Programmes: Agrobiotechnology, Master (2./4.);

Prerequisites for Participation: None

Learning Outcomes:

Students

- 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:

- 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
- epideminology of foodborne illness
- Insects and other vectors for microbial spoilage
- Inhibition of microbial growth by physical or chemical methods
- Diagnostics in the food quality control (microbial contamination), micro- and molecular microbiological methods (selective pathogen cultivation), phylogenetic identification (Sangersequencing, 16S rRNA gene sequence analysis), epidemiological analysis of pathogens (MLST), resistance profiling, determination of toxicity and virulence genes, quantitative PCR, Salmonella diagnostics

Forms of Instruction:	Contact hours	Preparation and follow-up work
Lecture	30	60
Seminar		
Practical training	30	60
Exercises		
Excursion		
Total:	180	

Module Examination:

- Form(s) of assessment: Written examination and report of the practical exercises (5-7 pages)
- Components of final grade: Written examination (80 %), report of the practical exercises (20 %)
- Form of module retake examination: Written examination

MK-057-EN	MK-057-EN Molecular Phytopathology	6 CP	
IVIK-057-EIV	Molecular Phytopathology		
Core Module / Optional Module	Agricultural Sciences, Nutritional Sciences, and Environmental Management / Department of Phytopathology	1. Sem.; 1./2. Sem.;	
	Offered for the first time: WS 2015/16		
	Intake capacity: not limited		

Module Coordinator: Chair of Phytopathology

Applies to the Study Programmes: Agrobiotechnology, Master (1.); Nutzpflanzenwissenschaften, Master (1./2.); Oenologie,

Master (1./2.);

Prerequisites for Participation: None

Learning Outcomes:

The students

- have in-depth knowledge of the biochemical and molecular basis on host-parasite interactions;
- are able to describe the structure and function of the plant's immune system of model plants;
- are able to discuss possible means by which plants and their parasites coevolved.

Module Content:

- cytological, biochemical and molecular biological foundations background on host-parasite interactions
- mechanisms of plant defensive 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	60	120
Seminar		
Practical training		
Exercises		
Excursion		
Total:		180

Prerequitistes for Examination: None

Module Examination:

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

MK-067-EN-DI	MK-067-EN-DI Theory and Practice of Economic Development	6 CP	
	Theory and Practice of Economic Development	S S .	
Core Module / Optional Module	Agricultural Sciences, Nutritional Sciences, and Environmental Management / Department of Agricultural Policy and Market Research		
	Offered for the first time: WS 2021/22	1. Sem.;	
	Intake capacity: not limited		

Module Coordinator: Chair of Agricultural, Food and Environmental Policy

Applies to the Study Programmes: Transition Management, Master (1.); Sustainable Transition, Master (1.);

Prerequisites for Participation: None

Learning Outcomes:

Students

- are familiar with key concepts for analysing economic development.
- are able to apply them to a range of current development topics.
- are aware of the role of natural resources and institutions in the process of development.
- consider economic development as a multidisciplinary topic and are enabled to integrate viewpoints from neighbouring social sciences into a problem-centred approach

Module Content:

- Models of growth & development
- Trade & globalisation
- Development strategy & industrial policy
- Resource curse
- Land tenure
- Environment & the commons
- Institutions & development

Forms of Instruction:	Contact hours	Preparation and follow-up work
Lecture	60	120
Seminar		
Practical training		
Exercises		
Excursion		
Total:	180	

Prerequitistes for Examination: None

Module Examination:

- Form(s) of assessment: Written examination and assignments (5-10) or assignments (5-10)
- Components of final grade: Written examination (40 %), assignment (60 %) or assignment (100 %)
- Form of module retake examination: Written examination and assignments (5-10) or assignments (5-10)

MK-068-EN	MK-068-EN Empirical Research Methods	6 CP	
WIN GOO EN	Empirical Research Methods		
Core Module / Optional Module	Agricultural Sciences, Nutritional Sciences, and Environmental Management / Department of Agricultural Policy and Market Research		
	Offered for the first time: WS 2015/16		
	Intake capacity: not limited		

Module Coordinator: Chair of Agricultural, Food and Environmental Policy

Applies to the Study Programmes: Transition Management, Master (1.);

Prerequisites for Participation: None

Learning Outcomes:

The students

- have acquired knowledge of general principles of various qualitative and quantitative research methods as well as evaluation research
- are able to understand the application of various methods with regard to research objectives

Module Content:

- rinciples of applied statistics
- Correlation and causality
- Basic approach of econometrics
- Basic introduction to simple and multiple regression analysis
- Collecting and analysing panel data
- Designing of surveys, interviews, questionnaires
- Qualitative data collection techniques
- Qualitative data analysis
- Mixed methods

Forms of Instruction:	Contact hours	Preparation and follow-up work
Lecture	30	60
Seminar	30	60
Practical training		
Exercises		
Excursion		
Total:	180	

Prerequitistes for Examination: Written examination or written examination, seminar paper (4-5 pages) and poster

Module Examination:

- Form(s) of assessment: Written examination (100 %) or written examination (70 %), seminar paper (15 %), poster (15 %)
- Components of final grade: Written examination
- Form of module retake examination:

MK-070-EN	MK-070-EN Business Administration and Sustainability Management	6 CP	
IVIK-070-EIV	Business Administration and Sustainability Management		
Core Module / Optional Module	Agricultural Sciences, Nutritional Sciences, and Environmental Management / Department of Business Administration of the Agricultural and Food Sector	2. Sem.;	
	Offered for the first time: SS 2016		
	Intake capacity: 50		

Module Coordinator: Chair of Agricultural Production Economics

Applies to the Study Programmes: Transition Management, Master (2.);

Prerequisites for Participation: None

Learning Outcomes:

The students

- are familiar with basic and advanced methods of business accounting;
- are able to model managerial decision problems by adequate cost-benefit calculations and other methods of Operations Research;
- understand the global sustainability challenges of the 21st century;
- are able to define economic, social and governance (ESG) risks of companies in different contexts;
- can include ESG factors in a company strategy with bases on the context and expectations of the stakeholders.

Module Content:

- Internal and external business accounting
- Analysis of production functions and marginal effects calculus
- Optimisation with constraints
- Linear Programming

Forms of Instruction:	Contact hours	Preparation and follow-up work
Lecture	36	72
Seminar		
Practical training		
Exercises	24	48
Excursion		
Total:	180	

Prerequitistes for Examination: None

Module Examination:

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

MK-080-EN-DI	MK-080-EN-DI Resource Economics and Sustainable Management	6 CP	
Will GOO EIT DI	Resource Economics and Sustainable Management	0 01	
Core Module / Optional Module	Agricultural Sciences, Nutritional Sciences, and Environmental Management / Department of Agricultural Policy and Market Research	1./2. Sem.;	
	Offered for the first time: SS 2022	2. Sem.;	
	Intake capacity: not limited		

Module Coordinator: Chair of Agricultural, Food and Environmental Policy

Applies to the Study Programmes: Agrar- und Ressourcenökonomie, Master (1./2.); Sustainable Transition, Master (2.);

Prerequisites for Participation: None

Learning Outcomes:

The Students

- have foundational knowledge modelling intertemporal optimization of agricultural resource utilization
- understand the basics of management concepts towards the resolution of resource use conflicts
- are able to simultaneously model ecological and economic material cycles
- are able to depict dynamic processes of resource regeneration
- be able to construct computer simulation models
- are able to derive economically and ecologically justifiable extraction rates from soil, water, and biotic resources
- are able to draw knowledge of such concepts as sustainability, the introduction of save minimum standards, etc. to aid efforts in resource management.

Module Content:

- intertemporal optimization and resource usage
- economics of non-renewable resources
- economics of renewable resources
- open access property and extinction of species as biotic resources
- nature conservation as common property management
- introduction to the economics of sustainable cultivation
- mathematical formulation of resource management models
- programming of optimization models
- management of cultivated landscapes
- trade and the environment
- political questions about the implementation of environmental policies
- international questions of resource protection
- resource evaluation
- property rights and institutions

Forms of Instruction:	Contact hours	Preparation and follow-up work
Lecture	60	120
Seminar		
Practical training		
Exercises		
Excursion		
Total:		180

Module Examination:

• Form(s) of assessment: Assignments (4-6) or oral examination

 \bullet Components of final grade: Assignments (100 %) or oral examination (100 %)

• Form of module retake examination: Assignments (4-6) or oral examination

MK-107-EN-DI	MK-107-EN-DI Natural Resources and Ecosystem Services	6 CP	
WIK-107-EIV-DI	Natural Resources and Ecosystem Services		
Core Module / Optional Module	Agricultural Sciences, Nutritional Sciences, and Environmental Management / Department of Landscape Ecology and Resources Management		
	Offered for the first time: SS 2019	2. Sem.;	
	Intake capacity: 30		

Module Coordinator: Chair of Landscape, Water and Biogeochemical Cycles

Applies to the Study Programmes: Sustainable Transition, Master (2.);

Prerequisites for Participation: None (Basic knowledge of environmental processes and GIS recommended)

Learning Outcomes:

The students

- understand the concept of ecosystem services;
- know how to estimate ecosystem services using InVEST;
- are able to assess and evaluate natural resources with regard to multiple ecosystem services for an individual project.

Module Content:

- Introduction to the concept of supporting, regulating, provisioning and cultural ecosystem services
- Identification and understanding of multiple ecosystem services provided by different ecosystems
- Repetition of GIS software
- Learning how to use and analyse spatial datasets with InVEST
- Evaluate and use results in the frame of a decision support analysis

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

Prerequitistes for Examination: None

Module Examination:

- Form(s) of assessment: Seminar paper (5 7 pages) and presentation (10 15 min)
- Components of final grade: Seminar paper (70 %), presentation (30 %)
- Form of module retake examination: Revision of the seminar paper or oral examination

MK-108-EN-DI	MK-108-EN-DI Renewable Energy Transition Renewable Energy Transition	6 CP	
Core Module / Optional Module	Mathematics and Computer Science, Physics, Geography / Physics	2. Sem.;	
	Offered for the first time: SS 2022		
	Intake capacity: 30		

Module Coordinator: Physics

Applies to the Study Programmes: Sustainable Transition, Master (2.);

Prerequisites for Participation: None

Learning Outcomes:

The students

- acquire basic physics knowledge about energy production, transport, storage and consumption using fossil, nuclear and renewable sources
- understand the options and problems of various energy systems, including their impact on global climate and the global carbon and water cycles
- gain in-depth knowledge of renewable energy systems and their elements
- know how to identify and address challenges in the transition phase of energy systems that are related to socioeconomic and cultural factors

Module Content:

- energy usage and conversion
- fossil and nuclear power plants
- · climate change and acidification of oceans
- potential of wind, solar, hydro and geothermal energies
- energy transport and storage
- interference of energy sectors for industrial, residential, thermal and mobility applications
- socio-economic and cultural aspects and challenges related to energy scarcity and energy system transitions

Forms of Instruction:	Contact hours	Preparation and follow-up work
Lecture	36	72
Seminar	24	48
Practical training		
Exercises		
Excursion		
Total:		180

Prerequitistes for Examination: None

Module Examination:

- Form(s) of assessment: Presentation and assignments
- Components of final grade: Presentation (50%), assignments (50%)
- Form of module retake examination: Assignments or oral examination

MK-110-EN-DI	MK-110-EN-DI Food Politics	6 CP	
WIK-110-EIV-DI	Food Politics		
Core Module / Optional Module	Agricultural Sciences, Nutritional Sciences, and Environmental Management / Department of Consumer Research, Communication and Food Sociology	2. Sem.;	
	Offered for the first time: SS 2022		
	Intake capacity: 30		

Module Coordinator: Chair of Food Sociology

Applies to the Study Programmes: Sustainable Transition, Master (2.);

Prerequisites for Participation: none

Learning Outcomes:

The students

- understand historical developments of public debates in the arena of food and politics and thereby develop the ability to question norms, practices and opinions and to take an own position in the sustainability discourse;
- distinguish the political and moral meaning of food to reflect their own role in local communities and global society;
- analyse problems and developments around consumption, production and regulation in food systems to identify and understand relationships;
- formulate an argument about a specific food problem in order to understand and reflect on the norms and values underlying actions. A special focus lies on sustainability-related values, principles and goals, being able to negotiate them in the context of conflicts of interest and necessary compromises, of uncertain knowledge and contradictions;
- critically reflect the approaches of various actors who aim to influence the food system and apply different problem-solving approaches to complex sustainability problems.

Module Content:

This module introduces you to food as a political issue such as hunger, food security, malnutrition, sustainability, power politics, social justice or cultural identity. Food politics is about the political nature of food from fork to farm as well as from local to global levels. Topics might include:

- food production safety, labelling, and nutrition;
- environmental concerns ranging from organic farming and sustainable agriculture to consumption and waste disposal;
- politics of specific foods and foodways (e.g. fast food, genetically modified foods, etc.);
- ethics of animal care and vegetarianism as politics of the everyday;
- politics of hunger and malnutrition food movements (e.g. slow food movement, food sovereignty movement) and other stakeholders.

Forms of Instruction:	Contact hours	Preparation and follow-up work
Lecture		
Seminar	30	80
Practical training		
Exercises	30	40
Excursion		
Total:	180	

Module Examination:

• Form(s) of assessment: Written report (12 to 15 pages) or oral examination

• Components of final grade: Written report (100 %) or oral examination (100%)

• Form of module retake examination: Revision of the written report or oral examination

MK-116-EN	MK-116-EN Principles of Scientific Practice	6 CP	
WIK-110-LIV	Principles of Scientific Practice		
Core Module / Optional Module	Agricultural Sciences, Nutritional Sciences, and Environmental Management / Department of Agronomy and Plant Breeding I	1. Sem.;	
	Offered for the first time: SS 2021		
	Intake capacity: not limited		

Module Coordinator: Chair of Plant Breeding

Applies to the Study Programmes: Agrobiotechnology, Master (1.);

Prerequisites for Participation: None

Learning Outcomes:

The students

- understand principles of scientific methods, scientific recording and scientific reporting;
- are able to formulate testable research hypotheses and design experiments to answer scientific questions;
- understand requirements and reporting standards for statistical analysis;
- understand how to generate and communicate scientific knowledge;
- are familiar with guidelines for good scientific practise;
- are able to locate reliable, quality-assured information representing the accepted status quo in regard to a specific scientific question;
- are able to correctly use and cite scientific sources in written work and presentations.

Module Content:

- Scientific methods
- Scientific hypotheses
- Experimental design
- Generation, recording and communication of scientific knowledge
- Good scientific practice
- Types and sources of scientific information

Forms of Instruction:	Contact hours	Preparation and follow-up work
Lecture	30	60
Seminar	10	20
Practical training		
Exercises	20	40
Excursion		
Total:		180

Prerequitistes for Examination: None

Module Examination:

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

MK-127-EN	MK-127-EN Socio-Economic Perspectives on Food Systems	6 CP	
IVIK-127-LIV	Socio-Economic Perspectives on Food Systems		
Core Module / Optional Module	Agricultural Sciences, Nutritional Sciences, and Environmental Management / Department of Agricultural Policy and Market Research	1./2. Sem.;	
	Offered for the first time: SS 2023		
	Intake capacity: not limited		

Module Coordinator: Chair of Agricultural, Food and Environmental Policy

Applies to the Study Programmes: Nachhaltige Ernährungswirtschaft, Master (1./2.);

Prerequisites for Participation: None

Learning Outcomes:

The students

- know the many representations and definitions of food systems;
- understand the conceptual difference between value chains and food system;
- understand the analytical consequences of a system representation of human nutrition systems;
- know the current streams of economic thinking applied to food systems;
- know the current streams of socio-political thinking applied to food systems;
- know indicators for assessing the sustainability of food systems;
- have knowledge of the theoretical approaches to alternative nutrition systems.

Module Content:

- Introduction to food systems: a small history of the concept
- Food Systems as socio-ecological systems
- Modeling food systems
- Economics and food systems
- Feminist economics, food systems and nutrition
- Food systems, food sovereignty and justice
- Alternative and decolonizing food systems
- In pursuit of sustainable food systems

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

Module Examination:

- Form(s) of assessment: Seminar paper (1000-3000 words) or written examination or presentation (10-30 min.) with written assignment (4-12 pages)
- Components of final grade: Seminar paper (100 %) or written examination (100 %) or presentation with written assignment (100 %)
- Form of module retake examination: Revision of the seminar paper or written examination or revision of the written assignment

MP-007-EN	MP-007-EN Food and Nutrition Security and Development	6 CP	
1011 -007 -214	Food and Nutrition Security and Development		
	Agricultural Sciences, Nutritional Sciences, and Environmental Management /		
Optional Module	Offered for the first time: SS 2016	14. Sem.;	
	Intake capacity: 30		

Module Coordinator: Study deanery

Applies to the Study Programmes: Profil englisch, Master (1.-4.);

Prerequisites for Participation: none

Learning Outcomes:

The students

- have a good understanding of all relevant topics in international food and nutrition security;
- are able to understand how these topics will contribute to food and nutrition security, using the UNICEF conceptual framework of malnutrition and death";
- have a coherent knowledge of the management (including prevention, assessment & treatment) of all forms of malnutrition (marasmus, kwashiorkor, under- and overweight, stunting, wasting, micronutrient malnutrition);
- know basics of anthropometric measurements and other diagnostic tools;
- know preconditions of food and nutrition security;
- understand the contributions, advantages and disadvantages of international food assistance;
- know the importance of gender mainstreaming in nutrition security.

Module Content:

- Concept of Food and Nutrition Security (Unicef Modell)
- "Nutrition Transition, Double Burden of Malnutrition"
- Pathophysiology of malnutrition (Marasmus, Kwashiokor, Micronutrient malnutrition)
- Determinants of Food Security
- Population Development and Nutrition Security
- Food Assistance: Opportunities, Advantages and Disadvantages
- Anthropometric measurements
- Food Diversity and Assessment of Dietary Diversity (Dietary Diversity Scores)
- Healthy Environment (WASH and Food Safety) and Health Problems
- World Market and Fair Trade
- Gender and Nutrition Security
- Health Systems and Common Sicknesses (Including Management)

Forms of Instruction:	Contact hours	Preparation and follow-up work
Lecture	30	60
Seminar	30	60
Practical training		
Exercises		
Excursion		
Total:		180

Module Examination:

• Form(s) of assessment: Essay (10 pages) and presentation (20-30 min.)

• Components of final grade: Essay (50 %), presentation (50 %)

• Form of module retake examination: Essay (10 pages) and presentation (20-30 min.)

MP-020-EN	MP-020-EN Plant Breeding for Resistance and Quality Breeding	6 CP	
IVIF-020-LIV	Plant Breeding for Resistance and Quality Breeding		
Optional Module	Agricultural Sciences, Nutritional Sciences, and Environmental Management / Department of Agronomy and Plant Breeding I		
	Offered for the first time: SS 2016	2. Sem.;	
	Intake capacity: not limited		

Module Coordinator: Chair of Plant Breeding

Applies to the Study Programmes: Profil, Master (2.); Profil englisch, Master (2.);

Prerequisites for Participation: None

Learning Outcomes:

The students

- will obtain profound knowledge about the breeding goals regarding disease resistances and quality aspects of important European crops
- will obtain profound knowledge about essential methods to record the respective resistance and quality attributes
- will obtain knowledge about how to realize breeding goals in the breeding process depending on the genetics and inheritance of the respective trait
- will obtain knowledge about the application of biotechnological, gene technological and molecular-biological tools with respect to optimising resistance and quality parameters of important agricultural crops

Module Content:

- natural diversity and genetics of resistance against the most important pests of major European crops
- detection methods for resistance reactions in selected crops
- detection methods for important quality parameters of selected crops
- natural diversity and genetics of quality parameters (cereals, oil and protein plants)
- methods to identify and increase genetic variation for important traits
- methods of cell and tissue culture and their use in breeding for resistance and quality

Forms of Instruction:	Contact hours	Preparation and follow-up work
Lecture	30	60
Seminar		
Practical training		
Exercises		
Excursion	30	60
Total:	180	

Prerequitistes for Examination: None

Module Examination:

- Form(s) of assessment: Oral examination and seminar paper (5-8 pages)
- Components of final grade: Oral examination (80 %), seminar paper (20%)
- Form of module retake examination: Oral examination or written examination

MP-029-EN	MP-029-EN Plant-Microbe Interactions	6 CP	
	Plant-Microbe Interactions		
Optional Module	Agricultural Sciences, Nutritional Sciences, and Environmental Management / Department of Phytopathology	2./4. Sem.;	
	Offered for the first time: SS 2016		
	Intake capacity: 60		

Module Coordinator: Chair of Phytopathology

Applies to the Study Programmes: Profil, Master (2./4.); Profil englisch, Master (2./4.);

Prerequisites for Participation: None (recommended: basics in microbiology and phytopathology)

Learning Outcomes:

The Students

- are familiar with interactions of parasitic and symbiotic biocenoses;
- are able to discuss the application of alternative measures for reduction of pesticide and chemical fertilizers;
- are familiar with concepts of modern interdisciplinary approaches to the use of microorganisms in disease control.

Module Content:

- physical and chemical conditions in the rhizosphere (pH, O2, exudate gradients)
- root pathogens (fungi, bacteria)
- pest control strategies on roots
- growth promotion of rhizospheric microorganisms (N2 fixation, regulation of the nif gene, plant-promoting factors, mycorrhiza)
- · resistance mechanisms
- possibilities and limitations of inoculation with VAM or N2-fixing bacteria
- interaction with beneficial microorganisms (PGPR, BCAs)
- microbial interactions with lower plants (mosses, lichens, etc.)
- methods for the study of uncultivable microorganisms on/in plant tissues

Forms of Instruction:	Contact hours	Preparation and follow-up work	
Lecture	45	90	
Seminar	15	30	
Practical training			
Exercises			
Excursion			
Total:	180		

Prerequitistes for Examination: None

Module Examination:

- Form(s) of assessment: Written examination and Presentation (10-20 min.)
- Components of final grade: Written examination (75 %), Presentation (25 %)
- Form of module retake examination: Oral or written examination

MP-075-EN	MP-075-EN Host-Intestine-Microbe Interactions	6 CP	
	Host-Intestine-Microbe Interactions	0 61	
Optional Module	Agricultural Sciences, Nutritional Sciences, and Environmental Management / Department of Applied Microbiology	2./4. Sem.;	
	Offered for the first time: SS 2016		
	Intake capacity: 30		

Module Coordinator: Chair of of General and Soil Microbiology

Applies to the Study Programmes: Profil, Master (2./4.); Profil englisch, Master (2./4.);

Prerequisites for Participation: None (recommended: basics knowledge in microbiology)

Learning Outcomes:

The Students

- have an overview over morphology and function of various digestive systems;
- understand the survival and adhering strategies of microbes in the intestine and the microbial primary and secondary metabolism (vitamin and toxin production);
- understand the complexity of human microbiota also in relation to age, sex and disease;
- have insight of the microbe interactions with epithel cells and about cell mediated immunity;
- are familiar with features of probiotic bacteria;
- have practical experience with various microbial and molecular techniques to quantify and characterize bacteria.

Module Content:

- Intestine systems of humans, ruminants and insects
- Physiology and interactions of bacteria in the intestine
- Knowledge on diversity and function of human microbiota based on latest publications
- Methods for microbiome analysis

Forms of Instruction:	Contact hours	Preparation and follow-up work
Lecture	20	40
Seminar		
Practical training	70	50
Exercises		
Excursion		
Total:	180	

Prerequitistes for Examination: None

Module Examination:

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

MP-090-EN	MP-090-EN Biotechnology for Pest Control	6 CP	
IVIF-030-EIV	Biotechnology for Pest Control	o cr	
Optional Module	Agricultural Sciences, Nutritional Sciences, and Environmental Management / Department of Insect Biotechnology		
	Offered for the first time: WS 2015/16	1./3. Sem.;	
	Intake capacity: 40		

Module Coordinator: Chair of Insect Biotechnology in Plant Protection

Applies to the Study Programmes: Profil, Master (1./3.); Profil englisch, Master (1./3.);

Prerequisites for Participation: None (recommended: basic knowledge in zoology, biotechnology, and genetics)

Learning Outcomes:

The Students

- get an introduction to insect biotechnology;
- know about biotechnological applications of insect-derived bioresources in medicine, agriculture, and industry;
- know about the importance of genetic and epigenetic tools in model insect species;
- know about diseases transmitted by insets and comparative genomic analysis;
- know how to synthesize and prepare the seminar work on insect biotechnology and molecular entomology.

Module Content:

- concepts of insect biotechnology and relevant basics in insect immunity, physiology and epigenetics
- application of insect-derived bioresources in medicine, agriculture and industry
- a detailed view on environment friendly methods of pest control including molecular, transgenic and gene editing technologies

Forms of Instruction:	Contact hours	Preparation and follow-up work
Lecture	36	72
Seminar	24	48
Practical training		
Exercises		
Excursion		
Total:		180

Prerequitistes for Examination: None

Module Examination:

- Form(s) of assessment: Written examination and presentation (7-20 min. + discussion 5-10 min.)
- Components of final grade: Written examination (50 %), presentation (50 %)
- Form of module retake examination: Oral examination or written examination or presentation

MP-097-EN	MP-097-EN Microbial Diagnostics	6 CP	
IVIF-037-EIV	Microbial Diagnostics		
Optional Module	Agricultural Sciences, Nutritional Sciences, and Environmental Management / Department of Applied Microbiology	3./4. Sem.;	
	Offered for the first time: WS 2015/16		
	Intake capacity: 30		

Module Coordinator: Chair of Microbiology of Recycling Processes

Applies to the Study Programmes: Profil, Master (3./4.); Profil englisch, Master (3./4.);

Prerequisites for Participation: None (recommended: Angew. und Umweltmikrobiologie (BK 034) and/or Lebensmittelmikrobiologie (BP 092))

Learning Outcomes:

The students

- have detailed knowledge of the fundamentals of microbial diagnostics;
- know methods of quantification and qualification of bacteria with cultivation-dependent and cultivation-independent methods;
- have knowledge on the "antibiotic-resistant priority pathogens" (WHO).

Module Content:

- microbiological diagnostics (conventional and molecular biological methods in the context of quality management measures), microbial contamination of food and the environment, in everyday life and in the working environment (legal foundations and standards)
- quantification and qualification of antibiotic-resistant priority pathogens; identification of bacteria with conventional and molecular biological methods; enzyme detection, bacteriological analyses in the context of microbiological quality control

Forms of Instruction:	Contact hours	Preparation and follow-up work
Lecture	30	60
Seminar	10	30
Practical training		
Exercises	20	30
Excursion		
Total:	180	

Prerequitistes for Examination: None

Module Examination:

- Form(s) of assessment: Presentation (10-15 min.) and written examination
- Components of final grade: Presentation (20 %), written examination (80 %)
- Form of module retake examination: Written examination

MP-098-EN	MP-098-EN Molecular Plant Breeding	6 CP	
IVIF-038-EIV	Molecular Plant Breeding		
Optional Module	Agricultural Sciences, Nutritional Sciences, and Environmental Management / Department of Agronomy and Plant Breeding I		
	Offered for the first time: WS 2015/16		
	Intake capacity: 30		

Module Coordinator: Chair of Plant Breeding

Applies to the Study Programmes: Profil, Master (1.-4.); Profil englisch, Master (1.-4.);

Prerequisites for Participation: Biotechnology and Genomics (MK 016) / (recommended: Plant Breeding: Special Topics of Resistance and Quality Breeding (MP 020))

Learning Outcomes:

The students

- will gain practical and/or theoretical experience in DNA and RNA extraction and analysis techniques, PCR, genetic mapping and QTL analysis, DNA hybridisation, gene expression and next-generation sequencing
- will learn practical applications of biotechnological and molecular genetic methods in plant breeding
- will obtain the necessary practical background to apply experimental molecular genetics, biotechnological and gene technological methods in plant breeding

Module Content:

- Next-generation DANN sequencing
- Molecular marker analysis, genome mapping and QTL analysis
- DNA filter hybridisation, genome libraries
- Quantitative real-time PCR
- New methods of gene technology in plant breeding: Genome editing, cis-genestics

Forms of Instruction:	Contact hours	Preparation and follow-up work
Lecture	30	30
Seminar		
Practical training	40	80
Exercises		
Excursion		
Total:	180	

Prerequitistes for Examination: None

Module Examination:

- Form(s) of assessment: Oral examination and lab book (30-50 pages)
- Components of final grade: Oral examination (50 %), lab book (50 %)
- Form of module retake examination: Oral examination

MP-149-EN	MP-149-EN Molecular Techniques	6 CP	
IVIF-143-LIV	Molecular Techniques	o cr	
Optional Module	Agricultural Sciences, Nutritional Sciences, and Environmental Management / Department of Insect Biotechnology	1./3. Sem.;	
	Offered for the first time: WS 2017/18		
	Intake capacity: 40		

Module Coordinator: Chair of Insect Biotechnology in Plant Protection

Applies to the Study Programmes: Profil, Master (1./3.); Profil englisch, Master (1./3.);

Prerequisites for Participation: None (good knowledge in genetics recommended)

Learning Outcomes:

The students

- have a basic knowledge of molecular biology;
- know important vector and plasmid systems;
- know important molecular pathways as well as cloning strategies;
- have a good knowledge of molecular techniques used in insect biotechnology.

Module Content:

- Fundamentals in molecular biology
- History and evolution of plasmids and DNA cloning
- Molecular biology and their benefits in biotechnology
- Transformation possibilities and transgenesis in insects
- "From plasmids to biotechnologically modified insects"
- Current molecular tools in insect biotechnology and their risk assessment

Forms of Instruction:	Contact hours	Preparation and follow-up work
Lecture	28	56
Seminar	24	48
Practical training		
Exercises	8	16
Excursion		
Total:	180	

Prerequitistes for Examination: None

Module Examination:

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

MP-150-EN	MP-150-EN Milestones of Insect Biotechnology & Bioresources	6 CP	
1011 -150-214	Milestones of Insect Biotechnology & Bioresources		
Optional Module	Agricultural Sciences, Nutritional Sciences, and Environmental Management / Department of Insect Biotechnology		
	Offered for the first time: SS 2018	2./4. Sem.;	
	Intake capacity: 40		

Module Coordinator: Chair of Insect Biotechnology in Plant Protection

Applies to the Study Programmes: Profil, Master (2./4.); Profil englisch, Master (2./4.);

Prerequisites for Participation: None

Learning Outcomes:

The students

- have an overview of currently discussed relevant topics in science and industry in the field of insect biotechnology;
- have an overview of currently discussed relevant topics in science and industry in the field of bioresources;
- Get an overview of research and presentation of current relevant publications and discussion within the context of the lecture, classification of potential industrial and social relevance.

Module Content:

- Discussion of regulatory and ethical topics on the use of insect biotechnology and the generation of novel products for pest control and human health
- presentation and discussion of currently important topics in insect biotechnology & bioresources
- literature research and presentation of currently relevant topics in pharmaceutical and industrial biotechnology based on publications

Forms of Instruction:	Contact hours	Preparation and follow-up work
Lecture	54	108
Seminar		
Practical training		
Exercises		
Excursion	6	12
Total:	180	

Prerequitistes for Examination: None

Module Examination:

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

MP-151-EN	MP-151-EN Antibiotics: Present, Past and Future	6 CP	
1011 -131-214	Antibiotics: Present, Past and Future		
Optional Module	Agricultural Sciences, Nutritional Sciences, and Environmental Management / Department of Insect Biotechnology		
	Offered for the first time: WS 2018/19	24. Sem.;	
	Intake capacity: 30		

Module Coordinator: Chair of Natural Substance Research with a Focus on Insect Biotechnology

Applies to the Study Programmes: Profil, Master (2.-4.); Profil englisch, Master (2.-4.);

Prerequisites for Participation: Natural Product Discovery Platforms (MK 090)

Learning Outcomes:

The students

• get comprehensive insight into the main chemical classes of antibiotics used in human and veterinary medicine as well as for agricultural applications.

Module Content:

- Main chemical classes (ß-lactams, tetracyclins, aminoglycosides, macrolides, peptide antibiotics, 'hybrid' structures, others) of antibiotics used in human and veterinary medicine as well as for agricultural applications;
- Microbial secondary metabolism as the primary source of antibiotics, including biosynthesis of the most important classes:
- Modes of action and target sites of important classes of antibiotics;
- Resistance to antibiotics and novel strategies to overcome antibiotic resistance;
- Optimizing the effectiveness of antibiotics by chemical and biosynthetic modification (partial synthesis, precursor-directed biosynthesis etc.);
- Design & optimization of antibiotic fermentation processes;
- History of antibiotic research and to antimicrobial metabolites from other than microbial sources;

Forms of Instruction:	Contact hours	Preparation and follow-up work
Lecture	48	96
Seminar	12	24
Practical training		
Exercises		
Excursion		
Total:	Total: 180	

Prerequitistes for Examination: None

Module Examination:

- Form(s) of assessment: Written examination, presentation (10-15 min.) and project work (group work: video tutorial, 4-10 min. or written coursework, 1500-2000 words)
- Components of final grade: Written examination (50%), presentation (30%), project work (20%)
- Form of module retake examination: Written examination or oral examination

MP-153-EN	MP-153-EN Food Analysis	6 CP
1VII -133-EIV	Food Analysis	
	Biology and Chemistry / Institute of Food Chemistry and Food Biotechnology	
Optional Module	Offered for the first time: WS 2017/18	3. Sem.;
	Intake capacity: 11	

Module Coordinator: Working group for biochemical and molecular biological food analytics and biotechnology

Applies to the Study Programmes: Profil Insect Biotechnology and Bioresources, Master (3.);

Prerequisites for Participation: None

Learning Outcomes:

The students

- learn sophisticated analytical procedures used in the working groups of the Institute of Food Chemistry and Food Biotechnology
- gain detailed knowledge of analytical quality assurance and GLP
- present their research results in form of a protocol

Module Content:

- Research-related methods of modern food chemistry
- Food Chemical trace- and other high-performance analytical methods
- Electrophoretic techniques
- Methods in molecular biology

Forms of Instruction:	Contact hours	Preparation and follow-up work
Lecture		
Seminar	6	12
Practical training	108	54
Exercises		
Excursion		
Total:	180	

Prerequitistes for Examination: None

Module Examination:

- Form(s) of assessment: Project work (Laboratory Journal)
- Components of final grade: Project work (100 %)
- Form of module retake examination: Revision of the project work

MP-156-EN	MP-156-EN Laboratory Course I	6 CP
1VII -130-EIV	Laboratory Course I	
Optional Module	THM / Institute of Bioprocess Engineering and Pharmaceutical Technology	
	Offered for the first time: WS 2017/18	14. Sem.;
	Intake capacity: not limited	

Frequency and Duration: WS and SS (Block), 1 Semester

Module Coordinator: Chair of Pharmaceutical Technology

Applies to the Study Programmes: Profil Insect Biotechnology and Bioresources, Master (1.-4.);

Prerequisites for Participation: see http://www.uni-giessen.de/fbz/fb09/institute/iib/ibp/Teaching/mp156

Learning Outcomes:

The students

- acquire specific research-relevant laboratory knowledge
- improve their cooperative work skills across groups

Module Content:

- cooperation with different work groups
- training of modern laboratory techniques and autonomous lab work in specialized topics
- topic specific literature research and presentation

Forms of Instruction:	Contact hours	Preparation and follow-up work
Lecture		
Seminar	10	10
Practical training	80	30
Exercises		50
Excursion		
Total:	180	

Prerequitistes for Examination: None

Module Examination:

- Form(s) of assessment: Presentation or project work
- Components of final grade: Presentation (100 %) or project work (100 %)
- Form of module retake examination: Presentation or project work

MP-157-EN	MP-157-EN Laboratory Course II	6 CP
1011 -137 -110	Laboratory Course II	
	Fachbereich/Institut	
Optional Module	Offered for the first time: WS 2017/18	14. Sem.;
	Intake capacity: not limited	

Frequency and Duration: WS and SS (Block), 1 Semester

Module Coordinator: ...

Applies to the Study Programmes: Profil Insect Biotechnology and Bioresources, Master (1.-4.);

Prerequisites for Participation: see http://www.uni-giessen.de/fbz/fb09/institute/iib/ibp/Teaching/mp156

Learning Outcomes:

The students

- acquire specific research-relevant laboratory knowledge
- improve their cooperative work skills across groups

Module Content:

cooperation with different work groups

training of modern laboratory techniques and autonomous lab work in specialized topics topic specific literature research and presentation

Forms of Instruction:	Contact hours	Preparation and follow-up work
Lecture		
Seminar	10	10
Practical training	80	30
Exercises		50
Excursion		
Total:	180	

Prerequitistes for Examination: None

Module Examination:

- Form(s) of assessment: Presentation or project work
- Components of final grade: Presentation (100 %) or project work (100 %)
- Form of module retake examination: Presentation or project work

MP-158-EN	MP-158-EN Insects for Food and Feed Production Systems	6 CP	
IVIF-138-LIV	Insects for Food and Feed Production Systems		
Optional Module	Agricultural Sciences, Nutritional Sciences, and Environmental Management / Department of Insect Biotechnology		
	Offered for the first time: WS 2018/19		
	Intake capacity: 30		

Module Coordinator: Chair of Applied Entomology

Applies to the Study Programmes: Profil, Master (1.-4.); Profil englisch, Master (1.-4.);

Prerequisites for Participation: None

Learning Outcomes:

The students

- learn analytical procedures used in the area of food and feed
- gain insight into processing systems for food production
- learn to identify edible insects and get information about their morphology, physiology, and ecology
- gain knowledge on strategies to convert waste to food
- present their research results in the form of a seminar talk

Module Content:

- biology of edible insects and introduction to different insect rearing systems
- basic methods used in modern food analysis
- Analysis of available databases and literature for suitable insects, protein requirements and improved waste management

Forms of Instruction:	Contact hours	Preparation and follow-up work
Lecture	42	84
Seminar	18	36
Practical training		
Exercises		
Excursion		
Total:	180	

Prerequitistes for Examination: None

Module Examination:

- Form(s) of assessment: Written examination and presentation (15 min.)
- Components of final grade: Written examination (75%), presentation (25%)
- Form of module retake examination: Written examination

MP-163-EN-DI	MP-163-EN-DI Python for Environmental Scientists	- 6 CP	
1011-103-214-21	Python for Environmental Scientists		
Optional Module	Agricultural Sciences, Nutritional Sciences, and Environmental Management / Department of Landscape Ecology and Resources Management		
	Offered for the first time: WS 2018/19	14. Sem.;	
	Intake capacity: 30		

Module Coordinator: Chair of Landscape, Water and Biogeochemical Cycles

Applies to the Study Programmes: Profil englisch digital, Master (1.-4.); Profil, Master (1.-4.); Profil englisch, Master (1.-4.);

Prerequisites for Participation: None

Learning Outcomes:

The students

- understand the basic concepts of Python;
- can work with data from different sources and formats;
- know common scientific Python packages and what they are used for;
- can perform basic time series analysis;
- can create graphics for environmental data;
- can perform basic statistics in Python.

Module Content:

- Basic concepts of Python
- Scientific Python packages like numpy, matplotlib, pandas
- Using data form different formats
- Plotting in Python
- Time series analysis in Python
- Statistics in Python

Forms of Instruction:	Contact hours	Preparation and follow-up work
Lecture	15	30
Seminar		
Practical training		
Exercises	45	90
Excursion		
Total:	180	

Prerequitistes for Examination: None

Module Examination:

- Form(s) of assessment: Seminar paper (5-7 pages) and presentation (10 15 min)
- Components of final grade: Seminar paper (50 %), presentation (50 %)
- Form of module retake examination: Revision of the seminar paper

MP-175-EN	MP-175-EN Effect-directed Analysis by HPTLC-Assay-HRMS	6 CP	
IVII -173-LIV	Effect-directed Analysis by HPTLC-Assay-HRMS		
Optional Module	Agricultural Sciences, Nutritional Sciences, and Environmental Management / Department of Nutritional Sciences		
	Offered for the first time: WS 2018/19	14. Sem.;	
	Intake capacity: 30		

Module Coordinator: Chair of Food Sciences

Applies to the Study Programmes: Profil, Master (1.-4.); Profil englisch, Master (1.-4.);

Prerequisites for Participation: None

Learning Outcomes:

The students

- understand possible options and the importance of effect-directed analysis;
- know the advantages and disadvantages of the different techniques;
- recognise the diversity of in-situ or on-surface assays;
- know the streamlined workflow on one plate, i.e. separate complex samples in parallel, detect and characterise active substances;
- recognize the highly efficient combination of of high performance thin layer chromatography (HPTLC) coupled with biological and biochemical assays;
- can understand the rapid effect-directed profiling of samples (5-15 min per sample);
- understand how metabolization of samples and effect-directed profiling of samples can be performed and linked together;
- know how to perform adherent human cell assays on-surface;
- understand how to go from parallel screening of many samples to molecular formulae of the bioactive compounds on a single plate.

Module Content:

- Theoretical basics of the different options for the performance of effect-directed analysis,
- Advantages of coupling the different assays with HPTLC,
- Different options for couplings to mass spectrometry (MS),
- Training in the HPTLC-UV/Vis/FLD assay-MS workflow using different types of assays:
 - 1. Antimicrobial compounds against Gram-negative bacteria via the Aliivibrio fischeri bioassay.
 - 2. Antimicrobial compounds against Gram-positive bacteria via the Bacillus subtilis bioassay
 - 3. Hormonally active compounds via planar yeast estrogen/androgen screens (pYES/pYAS)
 - 4. Multiplex assays to detect and clarify antagonistic and synergistic effects
 - 5. Enzyme inhibition assays for the inhibition of acetylcholinesterase, butyrylcholinesterase, tyrosinase, a- or ß-glucosidase, a-amylase and ß-glucuronidase
 - 6. Digestion of samples by means of NanoGIT+active
 - 7. Metabolization or toxification/detoxification by the S9 liver enzyme system
 - 8. Adherent human cell assays
- Homework in small groups: task is to design a new assay for plate transfer or application
- Optional lab day with illustration of effect-directed experiments

Forms of Instruction:	Contact hours	Preparation and follow-up work
Lecture	40	80
Seminar		
Practical training	5	10
Exercises	15	30
Excursion		
Total:	180	

Prerequitistes for Examination: None

Module Examination:

• Form(s) of assessment: Written examination and term paper

• Components of final grade: Written examination (60 %), term paper (40 %)

• Form of module retake examination: Written examination

MP-178-EN	MP-178-EN Empirical Research Methods for Natural Resource Analysis	6 CP	
1011 270 210	Empirical Research Methods for Natural Resource Analysis		
Optional Module	Agricultural Sciences, Nutritional Sciences, and Environmental Management / Department of Landscape Ecology and Resources Management		
	e Offered for the first time: SS 2019		
	Intake capacity: 30		

Module Coordinator: Chair of Landscape Ecology and Landscape Planning

Applies to the Study Programmes: Profil, Master (1.-4.); Profil englisch, Master (1.-4.);

Prerequisites for Participation: None (Basic knowledge of statistics/empirical research methods recommended)

Learning Outcomes:

The students

- will know best practice examples of empirical research designs;
- know how to analyse and interpret multivariate statistics (ordination methods);
- know how to classify data (e.g. Cluster analysis, machine-learning);
- handle (geo-)data in GIS and R environment to analyse their own data;
- will be able to write a scientific research report.

Module Content:

- Tutorials in small groups working on exemplary data of empirical research on natural resources
- Developing own sampling strategy for field research
- Own data collection
- Multivariate analysis an classification of data
- Writing a research report

Forms of Instruction:	Contact hours	Preparation and follow-up work
Lecture	10	20
Seminar	10	20
Practical training		
Exercises	40	80
Excursion		
Total:		180

Prerequitistes for Examination: None

Module Examination:

- Form(s) of assessment: Presentation (15-20 min.) and written assignment (15-20 pages)
- Components of final grade: Presentation (30 %), written assignment (70 %)
- Form of module retake examination: Written assignment

MP-181-EN	MP-181-EN Gender and Development	6 CP	
WIT-101-LIV	Gender and Development		
Optional Module	Agricultural Sciences, Nutritional Sciences, and Environmental Management / Department of Agricultural Policy and Market Research		
	Offered for the first time: SS 2019	14. Sem.;	
	Intake capacity: 30		

Module Coordinator: Chair of Agricultural, Food and Environmental Policy

Applies to the Study Programmes: Profil, Master (1.-4.); Profil englisch, Master (1.-4.);

Prerequisites for Participation: None

Learning Outcomes:

The students

- have basic understanding of gender terms, get acquainted with the gender glossary;
- are able to take part in scientific discussions on the subject;
- are able to independently prepare a selected topic, take a reflective, critical review as well as applying gender lenses and perspectives.

Module Content:

- Introduction to gender and development
- Gender roles, changing relationships
- Decision making and empowerment
- Gender and natural resource management
- Gender, assets and inputs
- Gender and agricultural labour
- Time allocation and the economic role of women in agriculture
- Nutrition and Gender
- Knowledge, methods and access to information, technology
- Gender sensitive academic research and development projects

Forms of Instruction:	Contact hours	Preparation and follow-up work
Lecture		
Seminar	60	120
Practical training		
Exercises		
Excursion		
Total:		180

Prerequitistes for Examination: None

Module Examination:

- Form(s) of assessment: Presentation (20 min.) and seminar paper (3-5 pages)
- Components of final grade: Presentation (40 %) and seminar paper (60 %)
- Form of module retake examination: Revision of the seminar paper

MP-196	MP-196 Internship	12 CP
1011 130	Berufspraktikum	
	Agricultural Sciences, Nutritional Sciences, and Environmental Management /	
Optional Module	Offered for the first time: WS 2019/20	1 4. Sem.;
	Intake capacity: not limited	

Module Coordinator: Study deanery

Applies to the Study Programmes: Profil englisch, Master (1. - 4.); Profil, Master (1. - 4.);

Prerequisites for Participation: Keine

Learning Outcomes:

The Students

- gain in-depth experience as interns in future fields of activity and professions;
- have practical knowledge and skills from their internship companies and understand the connection between study and practice;
- concretise their personal career perspectives (career planning).

Module Content:

- Development of future occupational fields
- Practical experience in companies in the fields of agricultural sciences, environmental sciences, ecotrophology and nutritional sciences
- Reflection on one's own practical professional activity

Forms of Instruction:	Contact hours	Preparation and follow-up work
Lecture		
Seminar		
Practical training	360	
Exercises		
Excursion		
Total:	360	

Prerequitistes for Examination: None

Module Examination:

- Form(s) of assessment: Internship report (tasks, activities, acquired knowledge and skills, reflection). The report must be assessed as "passed".
- Components of final grade: Formation of the module mark: ungraded performance
- Form of module retake examination: Revision of the internship report

Language: German and/or English

MP-208-EN-DI	MP-208-EN-DI Concepts of Ecological Economics	6 CP	
WIF -200-LIN-DI	Concepts of Ecological Economics		
Optional Module	Agricultural Sciences, Nutritional Sciences, and Environmental Management / Department of Agricultural Policy and Market Research		
	Offered for the first time: SS 2020		
	Intake capacity: 30		

Module Coordinator: Chair of Agricultural, Food and Environmental Policy

Applies to the Study Programmes: Profil englisch digital, Master (1.-4.); Profil, Master (1.-4.); Profil englisch, Master (1.-4.);

Prerequisites for Participation: None

Learning Outcomes:

The students

- know about ecological economics and political ecology as analytical concepts to assess challenges in the sustainable use of natural resources in the world, and especially natural resource use conflicts between different agents.
- understand the difference between neo-classical economic models, environmental economics and ecological economics.
- can explain the basic assumptions held in ecological economics
- can identify work domain in which ecological economics is appropriate and formulation questions which can be answered by using approaches rooted in ecological economics.
- know by name and by basic concept several different analytical methods used in ecological economics
- know in-depth about one analytical methods and are in a position to convey their knowledge to peers

Module Content:

- Introduction to ecological economics and position with regard to other neo-classical economics of natural resources
- Context of use of ecological economics and history of development: conflicts in natural resource use
- Main assumptions underlying ecological economics
- Different methods and approaches used in ecological economics studies
- Role of political aspects in the use of natural resources

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

Prerequitistes for Examination: None

Module Examination:

- Form(s) of assessment: Homework, presentation (10-30 min.) with written report (between 4 and 12 pages) and seminar paper (1000 bis 2500 Wörter)
- Components of final grade: Homework (30 %), presentation with written report (40 %) and seminar paper (30 %)
- Form of module retake examination: Oral examination

MP-209-EN	MP-209-EN Field-Work based Research in Socio-Economics	6 CP	
IVIF-203-LIV	Field-Work based Research in Socio-Economics		
Optional Module	Agricultural Sciences, Nutritional Sciences, and Environmental Management / Department of Agricultural Policy and Market Research		
	Offered for the first time: WS 2019/20		
	Intake capacity: 30		

Module Coordinator: Chair of Agricultural, Food and Environmental Policy

Applies to the Study Programmes: Profil, Master (1.-4.); Profil englisch, Master (1.-4.);

Prerequisites for Participation: None (Participants need to bring a research idea and a draft proposal for a research project.)

Learning Outcomes:

The students

- are informed about the usual proposal structure
- learn evaluation criteria for the quality of the proposal
- are comfortable with the terms, research questions, empirical questions, main research hypothesis/claim, and research design.
- practice in operationalizing the concepts in their own work and the work of others for the planning of research activities
- learn about mixed methods and plan a research design for their proposal
- reflect on writing for an audience
- are introduced to thinking about the art of conducting research
- practice peer-reviewing.
- learn about good scientific practices regarding their field work in aspects of:
 - o Organization
 - Ethics and data protection
 - o Digital data collection for questionnaires.
- can recognize ethical dilemmas in the conduction of research.

Module Content:

- Inputs on proposal writing, research design and mixed methods, the role of the research, university quidelines for data management and ethical dilemmas.
- Theatre techniques
- to improve scientific communication
- Individual work on the own research design and practice of peer-reviewing
- Awareness on digital data collections
- Student inputs on methods
- Discussion and exchange among participants
- Role plays

Forms of Instruction:	Contact hours	Preparation and follow-up work
Lecture	30	60
Seminar		
Practical training		
Exercises	30	60
Excursion		
Total:	180	

Prerequitistes for Examination: None

Module Examination:

• Form(s) of assessment: Project work (draft for a research proposal (6-15 pages))

• Components of final grade: Project work (100 %)

• Form of module retake examination: Revision of project work or oral exam

MP-214-EN	MP-214-EN Econometrics & Modelling Applications	6 CP	
1011 -214-210	Econometrics & Modelling Applications		
Optional Module	Agricultural Sciences, Nutritional Sciences, and Environmental Management / Department of Agricultural Policy and Market Research		
	Offered for the first time: SS 2020	14. Sem.;	
	Intake capacity: 30		

Module Coordinator: Chair of Agricultural, Food and Environmental Policy

Applies to the Study Programmes: Profil englisch, Master (1.-4.); Profil, Master (1.-4.);

Prerequisites for Participation: None

Learning Outcomes:

The students

- know the basic aspects of econometrics and economic modelling methods that are common in international, environmental and development economics
- have profound knowledge about the application possibilities of different methods with their advantages and limitations and the interpretation of the application results
- can critically reflect and interpret scientific articles using such methods, review these articles in their seminar paper and present them
- know how to write a methodology-based thesis in the future

Module Content:

For their seminar paper, the students will choose specific topics, for example, within the following areas:

- the economic and environmental effects of the Corona crisis (on developing countries)
- the economic effects of climate policy (on emerging countries)
- drivers and effects of the spread of the Internet and smartphones in developing countries
- coffee production, trade and consumption

Forms of Instruction:	Contact hours	Preparation and follow-up work
Lecture	8	16
Seminar	52	104
Practical training		
Exercises		
Excursion		
Total:		180

Prerequitistes for Examination: None

Module Examination:

- Form(s) of assessment: Seminar paper (10-20 pages) or seminar paper (10-12 pages) and presentation (10-15 min.) or presentation (20 min.)
- Components of final grade: Seminar paper (100 %) or seminar paper (60 %), presentation (40 %) or presentation (100 %)
- Form of module retake examination: Revision of the seminar paper or oral examination

MP-215-EN	MP-215-EN Regulation of Agricultural Value Chains	6 CP	
WII -215-EIV	Regulation of Agricultural Value Chains		
Optional Module	Agricultural Sciences, Nutritional Sciences, and Environmental Management / Department of Agricultural Policy and Market Research		
	Offered for the first time: SS 2020	14. Sem.;	
	Intake capacity: 30		

Module Coordinator: Chair of Agricultural, Food and Environmental Policy

Applies to the Study Programmes: Profil, Master (1.-4.); Profil englisch, Master (1.-4.);

Prerequisites for Participation: None

Learning Outcomes:

The students

- have in-depth knowledge of the discussed subject
- know the theoretical basics of the field and know how to classify it
- are able to apply their knowledge of research results and research methods to selected scientific issues
- are capable to process advanced knowledge and to put it into practice

Module Content:

- Food safety
- Nutrition and health
- Animal welfare
- Environmental sustainability and organic farming
- Agrobiotechnology
- Digitalisation and innovation

Forms of Instruction:	Contact hours	Preparation and follow-up work
Lecture	30	60
Seminar		
Practical training	30	60
Exercises		
Excursion		
Total:	180	

Prerequitistes for Examination: None

Module Examination:

- Form(s) of assessment: Written examination and seminar paper (15-25 pages) or oral examination and seminar paper (15-25 pages) or oral examination
- Components of final grade: Written examination (50 %) and seminar paper (50 %) or oral examination (50 %) and seminar paper (50 %) or oral examination (100 %)
- Form of module retake examination: Written examination or oral examination

MP-222-EN	MP-222-EN Introduction to International Trade	6 CP	
IVIF-222-LIV	Introduction to International Trade	o ci	
Optional Module	Agricultural Sciences, Nutritional Sciences, and Environmental Management / Department of Agricultural Policy and Market Research		
	Offered for the first time: SS 2021	14. Sem.;	
	Intake capacity: not limited		

Module Coordinator: Chair of Agricultural, Food and Environmental Policy

Applies to the Study Programmes: Profil, Master (1.-4.); Profil englisch, Master (1.-4.);

Prerequisites for Participation: None

Learning Outcomes:

The students

- will understand the relevance of international trade with its different facets for our world
- will understand drivers, mechanisms and effects of international trade
- will understand the distributional and welfare effects of trade policy
- will understand how they can critically judge policy news with expert their knowledge

Module Content:

- the world economy: historical developments and descriptive statistics of international trade
- main exporters, importers and traded goods; the role of developing countries and agricultural goods
- basic models of international trade and graphical trade policy analysis
- foreign direct investments, technological progress, environmental effects and the ideas of advanced trade models

Forms of Instruction:	Contact hours	Preparation and follow-up work
Lecture	48	72
Seminar		
Practical training		
Exercises	12	48
Excursion		
Total:		180

Prerequitistes for Examination: None

Module Examination:

- Form(s) of assessment: Written examination or written examination and assignments (4-6) or oral examination
- Components of final grade: Written examination (100 %) or written examination (40 %) and assignments (60 %) or oral examination (100 %)
- Form of module retake examination: Written examination or oral examination

MP-224-EN	MP-224-EN International Agricultural Development	6 CP	
WIF -224-LIV	International Agricultural Development		
Optional Module	Agricultural Sciences, Nutritional Sciences, and Environmental Management / Department of Agricultural Policy and Market Research		
	Offered for the first time: SS 2021	14. Sem.;	
	Intake capacity: 30		

Module Coordinator: Chair of Agricultural, Food and Environmental Policy

Applies to the Study Programmes: Profil, Master (1.-4.); Profil englisch, Master (1.-4.);

Prerequisites for Participation: None

Learning Outcomes:

The students

- gain insight into current scientific debates and research results
- gain a deeper understanding of the underlying economic mechanisms as well as critical assessments of agricultural development theory and policy;
- know about the major action arenas in international agricultural development;
- get familiarized with the leading international case studies of success and failure in agricultural development.

Module Content:

- Conceptual & methodological preliminaries of international agricultural development
- Rural vs. urban development, migration
- Land relations
- Labour relations
- Credit & insurance
- Gender relations
- Farm organisation
- Intensification & resource depletion
- Innovation
- Livestock
- Value chains
- Agricultural policy for economic development

Forms of Instruction:	Contact hours	Preparation and follow-up work
Lecture	60	120
Seminar		
Practical training		
Exercises		
Excursion		
Total: 180		180

Prerequitistes for Examination: None

Module Examination:

- Form(s) of assessment: Written examination or seminar paper (15-20 pages) or written examination and seminar paper (10-15 pages)
- Components of final grade: Written examination (100 %) or seminar paper (100 %) or written examination (50 %), seminar paper (50 %)
- Form of module retake examination: Written examination or revision of the seminar paper or written examination and revision of the seminar paper

MP-227-EN	MP-227-EN Genomic Tools in the Evaluation of Biodiversity Loss	6 CP	
1011 -227 -210	Genomic Tools in the Evaluation of Biodiversity Loss	o cr	
Optional Module	Agricultural Sciences, Nutritional Sciences, and Environmental Management / Department of Insect Biotechnology	1. Sem.;	
	Offered for the first time: SS 2021		
	Intake capacity: 30		

Module Coordinator:

Applies to the Study Programmes: Profil englisch, Master (1.-4.); Profil, Master (1.-4.);

Prerequisites for Participation: None (recommended: basic understanding of laboratory methods in molecular ecology, basic knowledge of R)

Learning Outcomes:

The students

- understand the main genomic approaches for evaluating biodiversity loss;
- can design and evaluate a simple DNA-based community ecology experiment.

Module Content:

- main causes and history of Anthropocene biodiversity loss
- relevant genomic approaches for evaluating biodiversity loss
- experimental design
- sampling and processing DNA
- bioinformatics and statistics of high-throughput DNA sequence data
- interpretation of results

Forms of Instruction:	Contact hours	Preparation and follow-up work
Lecture	10	40
Seminar	5	20
Practical training	45	60
Exercises		
Excursion		
Total:	180	

Prerequitistes for Examination: None

Module Examination:

- Form(s) of assessment: Presentation (10 15 min) and protocol (up to 10 pages excluding references and appendix)
- Components of final grade: Presentation (30%) and protocol (70%)
- Form of module retake examination: Revision of presentation or protocol, or oral exam

MP-230-EN-DI	MP-230-EN-DI Sustainable Plant Protection	6 CP	
1011 -230-210-31	Sustainable Plant Protection	o ci	
Optional Module	Agricultural Sciences, Nutritional Sciences, and Environmental Management / Department of Insect Biotechnology	14. Sem.;	
	Offered for the first time: WS 2022/23		
	Intake capacity: 30		

Module Coordinator: Chair of Applied Entomology

Applies to the Study Programmes: Profil englisch digital, Master (1.-4.); Profil, Master (1.-4.); Profil englisch, Master (1.-4.);

Prerequisites for Participation: None (recommended: basic knowledge in Organic Chemistry, Entomology, Molecular Biology, Microbiology, and Mycology)

Learning Outcomes:

- gain a comprehensive overview of the theoretical background and practical approaches of modern, sustainable plant protection;
- will be able to work in the field of plant protection in agri- and horticulture, in agrochemical and biotechnological industry, for regulation authorities, and in in plant health service.

Module Content:

- General aspects and history of plant protection
- Past, present, and future of the major classes of pesticides used for chemical control of plant diseases (Fungicides, Herbicides, Insecticides, acaricides, and nematicides)
- Impact of agriculture on biodiversity and insect decline
- Screening for new plant-protective compounds
- Invertebrates (beneficial insects and other arthropods, entomopathogenic nematodes)
- Biotechnological approaches Semiochemicals (pheromones and allelochemicals)
- Entomopathogenic bacteria, viruses, and fungi
- Precision Agriculture approaches
- RNAi approaches
- Tools for genome editing
- GMO's
- Restoring biodiversity in agricultural landscapes

Forms of Instruction:	Contact hours	Preparation and follow-up work
Lecture	36	72
Seminar	24	48
Practical training		
Exercises		
Excursion		
Total:	180	

Prerequitistes for Examination: None

Module Examination:

• Form(s) of assessment: Oral examination

Components of final grade: Oral examination (100 %)

Form of module retake examination: Oral examination

MP-234-EN	MP-234-EN Crop Abiotic Stresses	6 CP	
IVIF-234-LIV	Crop Abiotic Stresses		
Optional Module	Agricultural Sciences, Nutritional Sciences, and Environmental Management / Department of Agronomy and Plant Breeding I		
	Offered for the first time: SS 2022	14. Sem.;	
	Intake capacity: 30		

Module Coordinator: Chair of Agronomy and Crop Physiology

Applies to the Study Programmes: Profil, Master (1.-4.); Profil englisch, Master (1.-4.);

Prerequisites for Participation: None

Learning Outcomes:

The students

- are able to understand the cause of abiotic stresses occurring in crops production;
- know how to design experiments to evaluate the performance of different genotypes under specific stress conditions;
- know how to monitor plant physiological parameters including photosynthesis, leaf spectral reflectance and development;
- are able to conduct physiological and biochemical analyses on plant samples in the lab;
- are able to perform statistical analyses on the data from screening experiments to understand the effects of treatment, genotype and treatment by genotype interaction;
- know how to design scientific posters and write reports for presenting research results.

Module Content:

- Responses to abiotic stressesIn of rice and maize
- different types of abiotic stresses (drought, submergence, salinity, iron toxicity and cold)
- screening experiments under the stress conditions
- phenotyping devices to evaluate the performance of plants under optimal and stress conditions
- physiological and biochemical analyses

Forms of Instruction:	Contact hours	Preparation and follow-up work
Lecture		
Seminar	10	20
Practical training	30	60
Exercises	20	40
Excursion		
Total: 180		180

Prerequitistes for Examination: Attendance rate of the practical activities must be more than 90%.

Module Examination:

- Form(s) of assessment: Poster with presentation (max. 10 minutes) and seminar paper (8-12 pages)
- Components of final grade: Poster with presentation (50 %), seminar paper (50 %)
- Form of module retake examination: Revision of the seminar paper

MP-235-EN	MP-235-EN Practical Genome Sequencing and Bioinformatics	6 CP	
WII -233-EIV	Practical Genome Sequencing and Bioinformatics		
Optional Module	Agricultural Sciences, Nutritional Sciences, and Environmental Management / Department of Agronomy and Plant Breeding I		
	Offered for the first time: SS 2022	14. Sem.;	
	Intake capacity: 30		

Module Coordinator: Chair of Plant Breeding

Applies to the Study Programmes: Profil, Master (1.-4.); Profil englisch, Master (1.-4.);

Prerequisites for Participation: Biotechnology and Genomics (MK-016-EN)

Learning Outcomes:

The students

- are familiar with practical experimental techniques related to genome sequencing and genomic data analysis;
- know how to extract plant DNA samples and check DNA quality using standard molecular biology techniques;
- know the principles for generating DNA libraries suitable for high-throughput DANN sequencing;
- know how analyse resulting genomic data using bioinformatics methodologies;
- are familiar with the Linux operating system and high performance computing necessary for bioinformatics analysis:
- know the principles of scientific record keeping and lab reporting based on the experiments performed.

Module Content:

- DNA extraction
- DNA quantification using RT-PCR
- Library preparation
- High-throughput DNA sequencing
- Bioinformatics analysis of sequencing data
- Molecular biology quality control techniques (PCR, gel electrophoresis, etc)
- Production of lab books and practical reports

Forms of Instruction:	Contact hours	Preparation and follow-up work
Lecture	10	20
Seminar		
Practical training	50	100
Exercises		
Excursion		
Total:	180	

Prerequitistes for Examination: Participation in laboratory classes

Module Examination:

- Form(s) of assessment: Seminar paper (3000 words minimum) and lab book (4 to 6 experiments)
- Components of final grade: Seminar paper (60 %), lab book (40 %)
- Form of module retake examination: Revision of seminar paper and lab book

MP-236-EN	MP-236-EN Quantitative Genetics	6 CP	
IVIF-230-LIV	Quantitative Genetics		
Optional Module	Agricultural Sciences, Nutritional Sciences, and Environmental Management / Department of Agronomy and Plant Breeding II		
	Offered for the first time: SS 2022	14. Sem.;	
	Intake capacity: not limited		

Module Coordinator: Chair of Biometry and Population Genetics

Applies to the Study Programmes: Profil englisch, Master (1.-4.); Profil, Master (1.-4.);

Prerequisites for Participation: None

Learning Outcomes:

The students

- know quantitative genetic models to decompose the genotypic value;
- understand the basics of quantitative inheritance and genome-wide prediction;
- understand models of selection theory;
- can estimate the expected response to selection.

Module Content:

- Additive, dominance, and epistasic effects
- Performance prediction of selection candidates
- Estimation of variance components and heritability
- Direct selection, indirect selection, multistage selection, index selection

Forms of Instruction:	Contact hours	Preparation and follow-up work
Lecture	30	60
Seminar		
Practical training	30	60
Exercises		
Excursion		
Total:	180	

Prerequitistes for Examination: None

Module Examination:

- Form(s) of assessment: Assignments (4) or written examination
- Components of final grade: Assignments (100 %) or written examination (100%)
- Form of module retake examination: Written examination

MP-240-EN	MP-240-EN Statistical Learning	6 CP	
IVIF-240-LIV	Statistical Learning		
Optional Module	Agricultural Sciences, Nutritional Sciences, and Environmental Management / Department of Agronomy and Plant Breeding II		
	Offered for the first time: SS 2023		
	Intake capacity: not limited		

Module Coordinator: Chair of Biometry and Population Genetics

Applies to the Study Programmes: Profil, Master (2.-4.); Profil englisch, Master (2.-4.);

Prerequisites for Participation: Aplied Statistics (MK-002 or MK-002-EN)

Learning Outcomes:

The Students

- know important methods of statistical learning;
- understand their mathematical and probability theoretical basics;
- can apply statistical learning methods to data sets.

Module Content:

- Prediction models for qualitative variates
- Prediction models for quantitative variates
- Model selection
- Resampling methods

Forms of Instruction:	Contact hours	Preparation and follow-up work
Lecture	30	60
Seminar		
Practical training	30	60
Exercises		
Excursion		
Total:	180	

Prerequitistes for Examination: None

Module Examination:

- Form(s) of assessment: Assignments (4) or written examination
- Components of final grade: Assignments (100 %) or written examination (100%)
- Form of module retake examination: Written examination

MP-246-EN	MP-246-EN Transition to a Sustainable Bioeconomy	6 CP	
1VII -2-40-EIV	Transition to a Sustainable Bioeconomy		
Optional Module	Agricultural Sciences, Nutritional Sciences, and Environmental Management / Department of Agronomy and Plant Breeding I		
	Offered for the first time: WS 2022/23		
	Intake capacity: not limited		

Module Coordinator:

Applies to the Study Programmes: Profil, Master (1.-4.); Profil englisch, Master (1.-4.);

Prerequisites for Participation: None

Learning Outcomes:

The students

- have knowledge of origin and evolution of the Bioeconomy;
- have insight into genetic and environmental factors influencing primary production in agricultural crops;
- have an overview of Knowledge base for biobased value chains;
- have an appreciation of Bioeconomy strategies and Policies.

Module Content:

- History and development of bioeconomy: Policies and progress in different countries
- Overview of crop types: annual v perennial, C3 v C4
- Biomass yield: potential, attainable and actual with crop modelling
- Biomass utilisation cascades: actual and potential
- Recent projects running in different countries
- Sustainability criteria, life cycle assessment

Forms of Instruction:	Contact hours	Preparation and follow-up work
Lecture	20	
Seminar	10	
Practical training	4	
Exercises		
Excursion	12	
Total:	46	

Prerequitistes for Examination:

Module Examination:

- Form(s) of assessment:
- Components of final grade:
- Form of module retake examination:

MP-248-EN	MP-248-EN Fruit Breeding	6 CP	
IVIT -240-LIV	Fruit Breeding		
Optional Module	Agricultural Sciences, Nutritional Sciences, and Environmental Management / Department of Agronomy and Plant Breeding II		
	Offered for the first time: WS 2022/23		
	Intake capacity: 30		

Module Coordinator: Chair of Biometry and Population Genetics

Applies to the Study Programmes: Profil, Master (1.-4.); Profil englisch, Master (1.-4.);

Prerequisites for Participation: None

Learning Outcomes:

The students

- have insight into the objectives and peculiarities of fruit breeding;
- have knowledge on the origin, evolution and domestication of the most important European fruit species;
- have broad application knowledge of processes of species specific breeding programs.

Module Content:

- History, economic significance and methods of fruit breeding
- Plant variety protection and marketing of plant material
- Phylogenetic origin of important fruit species
- The use of genetic resources for fruit breeding
- State of the art fruit breeding technologies
- Fruit breeding explained with selected examples

Forms of Instruction:	Contact hours	Preparation and follow-up work
Lecture	36	72
Seminar	6	12
Practical training	6	12
Exercises	4	8
Excursion	8	16
Total:	180	

Prerequitistes for Examination: Written assignement (protocol and questionnaire, 4 pages within 2 weeks)

Module Examination:

• Form(s) of assessment: Written examination

• Components of final grade: Written examination (100 %)

• Form of module retake examination: Written examination

THM-01-EN	THM-01-EN Pharmaceutical Basics	6 CP
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	Fachbereich/Institut	
Core Module / Optional Module	Offered for the first time: WS 2017/18	1./3. Sem.;
	Intake capacity: 16	

Module Coordinator: ...

Applies to the Study Programmes: Profil Insect Biotechnology and Bioresources, Master (1./3.);

Prerequisites for Participation: None

Learning Outcomes:

The students

- have a basic knowledge in different dosage forms (solid, liquid, semi-solid)
- can name properties, characterization and testing of dosage forms
- can describe the requirements for medicinal product test according to Pharmacopeia
- have an overview of rules and guidelines in the pharmaceutical industry
- can name excipients and packing materials
- apply to Pharmacopeia und pharmaceutical terms
- can interpret laws, Rich lines and standards
- designate the fundamentals of quality management

Module Content:

- Fundamentals of drug morphology
- Pharmacopeia and other standard work
- Drug forms by Pharmacopeia
- Excipients and active ingredients
- Preparations of medical forms
- Testing of the pharmaceutical quality
- Fundamentals of quality management
- Legal framework: DIN ISO, GMP-guideline
- Cycle of quality control
- Quality assurance program
- Lab: making and testing of several dosage forms

Forms of Instruction:	Contact hours	Preparation and follow-up work
Lecture	40	40
Seminar	20	10
Practical training	40	30
Exercises		
Excursion		
Total: 180		180

Prerequitistes for Examination: None

Module Examination:

• Form(s) of assessment: Written examination

Components of final grade: Written examination (100 %)
 Form of module retake examination: Written examination

THM-02-EN	THM-02-EN Quality Management	- 6 СР	
32 2	Quality Management		
Core Module/ Optional Module	THM / Institute of Bioprocess Engineering and Pharmaceutical Technology		
	Offered for the first time: SS 2019	2./4. Sem.;	
	Intake capacity: 30		

Module Coordinator: Chair of Pharmaceutical Technology

Applies to the Study Programmes: Profil Insect Biotechnology and Bioresources, Master (2./4.);

Prerequisites for Participation: None

Learning Outcomes:

The students

- can safely deal with the concepts and definitions of quality management
- understand the meaning and importance of quality management
- can perform and analyze risk assessments
- know how to identify critical process steps
- can accompany qualifications and validations in companies
- can develop steps for risk reduction

Module Content:

- Basic concepts for risk and quality management
- Quality management systems (DIN ISO)
- · Strategies for handling and managing risks in manufacturing companies
- Risk assessment by FMEA, HACCP, Kepner-Tregoe, FTA
- Quality-related strategies (TQM, EFQM, TPM, KVP)
- Further qualification and validation phases
- Internal / external quality audits
- certification

Forms of Instruction:	Contact hours	Preparation and follow-up work
Lecture		
Seminar	45	90
Practical training		
Exercises	15	30
Excursion		
Total:	180	

Prerequitistes for Examination: None

Module Examination:

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

THM-04-EN	THM-04-EN Selected Chapters of Pharmaceutical & Industrial Biotechnology	6 CP
	Selected Chapters of Pharmaceutical & Industrial Biotechnology	
Core Module / Optional Module	THM / Institute of Bioprocess Engineering and Pharmaceutical Technology	
	Offered for the first time: SS 2019	2./4. Sem.;
	Intake capacity: 15	

Module Coordinator: Chair of of Bioprocess Engineering

Applies to the Study Programmes: Profil Insect Biotechnology and Bioresources, Master (2./4.);

Prerequisites for Participation: None

Learning Outcomes:

The students

- have an overview of currently discussed relevant topics in science and industry in the field of biotechnology
- know how to research and present current relevant publications and discuss them within the context of the lecture, classification of potential industrial and social relevance

Module Content:

- currently important topics in pharmaceutical and industrial biotechnology
- literature research and presentation of currently relevant topics in pharmaceutical and industrial biotechnology based on publications

Forms of Instruction:	Contact hours	Preparation and follow-up work	
Lecture	15	15	
Seminar	30	120	
Practical training			
Exercises			
Excursion			
Total:	180		

Prerequitistes for Examination: None

Module Examination:

- Form(s) of assessment: Written examination or seminar paper and presentation
- Components of final grade: Written examination (100 %) or seminar paper (50 %), presentation (50 %)
- Form of module retake examination: Written examination or revision of the seminar paper