Course Specifications
Valid as from the academic year 2016-2017

Applied Plant Breeding (I700174)

Course

Lecturers in academic year 2018-2019
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Course offerings and teaching methods in academic year 2018-2019
A (semester 2)
Dutch
excursion
lecture
seminar: coached exercises
9.0 h
24.0 h
3.0 h

Offered in the following programmes in 2018-2019

| Master of Science in Bioscience Engineering Technology: Agriculture and Horticulture (main subject Horticulture) | 3 | A |
| Master of Science in Bioscience Engineering Technology: Agriculture and Horticulture (main subject Plant and Animal Production) | 3 | A |
| Master of Science in Bioscience Engineering Technology: Agriculture and Horticulture (main subject Tropical Plant Production) | 3 | A |

Dutch

Keywords
Agriculture, genetics, selection systems and methods, flower morphology

Position of the course
The genetic improvement of crops is since the domestication of plants one of the most important yield determining factors in plant production and is seen as one of the key element to ensure food security worldwide. Masters in biosciences: agriculture and horticulture must have knowledge of plant breeding and the basic techniques to develop a new variety.

Contents
1 Biodiversity and gene centres of crop
2 Flower morphology, apomixis, incompatibility and male sterility
3 Breeding criteria and development of breeding program
4 Selection systems in relation to pollination modes
5 Hybrid -, polyploidy- and mutation breeding
6 Genetic identification techniques and marker assistent breeding

Initial competences
This course build on some final competences of plant morphology and anatomy, plant physiology, crop husbandry, data processing and genetics

Final competences
1 To be able to develop a breeding sytem and to determine clear breeding goals based on crop characteristics
2 To gain knowledge about the varietal background and - multiplication
3 To be able to design field experiments for plant breeding purposes
4 To be able to deal with the complexity of breeding systems

(Approved)
Access to this course unit via a credit contract is determined after successful competences assessment.

This course unit cannot be taken via an exam contract.

Teaching methods:
- Excursion, lecture, seminar: coached exercises

Extra information on the teaching methods:
- Excursion, lectures, seminars: coached exercises
- Course is illustrated with up-to-date slides
- Excursions: visits to plant breeding and biotech companies
- Exercises: theoretical exercises

Learning materials and price:
- Syllabus is available

References:
- Scientific literature, research results, trade journals, specialized websites

Course content-related study coaching:
- Possibilities to ask questions on a regular base
- Study progress tests during practicum

Evaluation methods:
- End-of-term evaluation and continuous assessment

Examination methods in case of periodic evaluation during the first examination period:
- Oral examination

Examination methods in case of periodic evaluation during the second examination period:
- Oral examination

Examination methods in case of permanent evaluation:
- Report

Possibilities of retake in case of permanent evaluation:
- Examination during the second examination period is possible

Extra information on the examination methods:
- Theory: written examination with open questions
- Exercises: permanent evaluation, reports

Calculation of the examination mark:
- Theory: 70 %
- Exercises: 30 %