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Preamble

This curriculum provides applicants and students as well as teaching and administrative staff with comprehensive information about the M.Sc. programme „Organic Agriculture and Food Systems“. It contains information on the programme structure, summarises the most important exam regulations.

The information presented reflects the current situation. Titles and contents of compulsory and optional modules are sometimes subject to change. Due to administrative reasons such changes can only be considered in printed materials with delay. For this reason all information is supplied without liability.

If in doubt, please refer to the coordinator of the programme (organicfood@uni-hohenheim.de) to obtain up-to-date information. For up-to-date module descriptions please refer to the web-pages at www.uni-hohenheim.de/modulkatalog. Time schedules and lecture halls of all courses are displayed in the Course Catalogue of the University of Hohenheim, available at the beginning of each semester online on the university's homepage: www.uni-hohenheim.de.

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The Master Programme Organic Agriculture and Food Systems (EUROrganic)

Programme Objectives and Conditions

Consumers are increasingly interested in the quality of their food and the manner in which it is produced. For this reason, more and more food is produced and processed according to the standards of organic farming. These standards ensure high product quality, sound use of natural and human resources, the maintenance of biodiversity, and the implementation of sustainable production systems without synthetic pesticides and fertilizers.

Organic farming is based on a holistic approach. The processing and marketing of organically grown food requires special skills and knowledge. As the market for organic products is a growing sector on a world wide scale, there is need for experts to provide knowledge on organic food chain management which would include primary food production, food technology and quality control. To meet these demands, the University of Hohenheim has developed the M.Sc. Programme "Organic Agriculture and Food Systems". This programme will prepare people of all nationalities for these challenging tasks and offer them a competitive, state-of-the-art training.

Hohenheim is the first university in Europe offering a Master Programme with an emphasis on the management of food systems in the organic sector.

The University of Hohenheim (UHOH) fosters contacts and partnerships with more than 50 universities worldwide as well as many renowned national and international institutions and companies. Students enrolled at Hohenheim are encouraged to take full advantage of this existing network in respect of their studies that opens doors to future opportunities.

Programme Design

To tackle problems in quality control and processing, knowledge of all aspects of the organic food chain is necessary. Therefore, the M.Sc. programme follows a general approach including primary production as well as processing and marketing. Modern teaching methods such as discussion sessions, research seminars, case studies and excursions to organic farms and processing firms are an integral part of the curriculum. The problem-based interdisciplinary 'Project in Organic Agriculture and Food Systems' constitutes a major focus of the course.

The two-year M.Sc. programme "Organic Agriculture and Food Systems" comprises four semesters, during which fifteen thematic modules and the Master Thesis have to be completed. A semester consists of five modules. Grades are based on the European Credit Transfer System (ECTS), which facilitates this kind of international mobility. The language of instruction is English. Students can decide to study the programme as a Double or Single Degree Programme. The programme starts in September (Double Degree) or October (Single Degree) of each year. The maximum number of students admitted to the course is 40.

Double Degree

The Double Degree M.Sc. programme EUR-Organic offers a comprehensive and integrative education in all areas of organic farming, as well as the processing and commercialisation of organic food. The core of EUR-Organic is comprised of areas of specialization that enable the students to profit from the different foci of organic agriculture teaching and research of the partner universities.

None of the partner universities alone can offer such a wide range of elective and compulsory modules on organic agriculture and food systems. Together the partners create an added value for the students in teaching and research, e.g. in the wide range of topics for the master theses. Students are challenged by different thematic approaches throughout the course of their studies: while the Universität Hohenheim (UHOH) focuses primarily on the Food Chain, the University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences, Vienna, Austria, (BOKU) emphasises the systematic approach

of organic farming. At Aarhus University (AU), Denmark, students can focus on either animal health and welfare or plant nutrition and health. Warsaw University of Life Sciences (WULS), Poland, offers a specialised study profile on "Organic Food Processing and Marketing" from the outset. Details of the specialisations at all these universities are described at: <https://typo3-organic.uni-hohenheim.de/79317.html?&L=1>

In order to benefit from this complementary expertise and to get most of the programme it is required that students spend one year at their chosen **home** university and one year at their chosen **host** university.

Single Degree

Students who intend to study the entire programme in Hohenheim will receive a Single Degree. Their first compulsory module will be different (see "modules" below).

During the first year at Hohenheim the compulsory modules cover all aspects of Organic Agriculture and Food Systems from plant and animal production to food processing and socio-economic and socio-cultural aspects.

In the third and fourth semester, students choose an additional five modules at Hohenheim and work on their thesis. The topic of the thesis as well as the supervisor can be chosen from either compulsory or elective modules. It is expected that a thesis will pursue empirical or theoretical questions relating to ongoing research projects. However, suggestions and ideas from students in this matter are actively encouraged. It is also possible to carry out the Master Thesis at one of the various partner universities or research institutions abroad.

Modules

The M.Sc. Programme "Organic Agriculture and Food Systems" is composed of eight compulsory modules and seven elective modules, that is, a total of 15 modules over three semesters. One semester remains for the thesis work. Some modules are offered as blocked courses lasting three and a half weeks (B1 to B5 = winter semester, B6 – B10 = summer). Most compulsory modules are not blocked and thus last the full length of the semester. Blocked modules will usually take place Monday to Friday from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. Non-blocked modules will usually be taught in the morning. This shall enable students to combine blocked and unblocked modules. (Because of the limited number of lecture rooms, this aim can unfortunately not always be kept.) While working out your personal time-table, please be aware of the following facts: the morning is assigned for the personal preparation of the blocked modules too and the block periods B4, B5 and B9, B10 will have a relevant overlapping with the first examination period of the unblocked modules!

Each module corresponds to a workload of 4 SWS (weekly contact hours per semester), which is 56 contact hours per module, and in addition at least the same time for preparation at home, summing up to a total workload of about 140-180 hours for one module. It may consist of different forms of teaching (e.g. seminar, lecture, practical exercises, excursion).

The module titles and identification numbers are listed below. For details about contents, lecturers and methods of instruction refer to the module description site (www.uni-hohenheim.de/modulkatalog).

The first **compulsory module** is one of these two modules:

Sem	Modules	Block	Exam	Professor
1	3405-470 Organic Food Systems and Concepts (<i>single degree</i>)	(WS)	written	Zikeli
1	3405-500 Principles of Organic Food Systems (<i>double degree</i>)	(WS)	written	Zikeli

The other seven **compulsory modules** are:

Sem	Modules	Block	Exam	Professor
1	4201-440 Economics and Environmental Policy	(WS)	written	Grethe
1	4303-440 Social Conditions of Organic and Sustainable Agriculture	(WS)	written	Bellows
1	3405-460 Processing and Quality of Organic Food	(WS)	written	Zikeli
1+2	3405-440 Project in Organic Agriculture and Food Systems	(WS+SS)	written + ICA	Zikeli
2	4202-440 Markets and Marketing of Organic Food	(SS)	written	Becker, T.
2	3401-360 Organic Plant Production	(SS)	oral	Claupein
2	4801-480 Organic Livestock Farming and Products	B 10	written	Valle Zárate

(WS) = Offered unblocked in each winter semester.

(SS) = Offered unblocked in each summer semester.

ICA = In-course-assessment

A maximum of three compulsory modules may be replaced with the corresponding number of electives if knowledge corresponding to content and scope of the modules to be replaced can be proved in the previous study programme which forms the admission requirement for the study programme Organic Agriculture and Food Systems. Permission shall be granted by the examination committee upon application by the student and upon recommendation from the mentor.

At Hohenheim the seven **elective modules** can be chosen from the complete catalogue of the university's master courses, including more than 30 disciplinary and interdisciplinary subjects. Appropriate examples are:

Sem	Modules	Block	Exam	Professor
1/3	3301-440 Soil Fertility and Fertilisation in Organic Farming	(WS)	oral	Müller, T.
1/3	1503-410 Food Technology and Residues	B 1	written	Kohlus
1/3	3405-410 Organic Farming in the Tropics and Subtropics	B 5	written	Zikeli
1/3	3003-410 Food Safety and Quality Chains	B 5 whole day!	oral + ICA	Schöne
1/3	3301-460 Exercises in Plant Nutrition	aft. B5	written	Müller, T.
2	3405-450 Problems and Perspectives of Organic Farming	(SS)	written	Zikeli
2	4303-470 Gender, Nutrition, and Right to Food	(SS)	written + ICA	Bellows
2	3603-420 Crop Protection in Organic Farming	(SS)	written + ICA	Zebitz
2	3603-490 Biological Pest Control	(SS)	written	Zebitz
2	3603-500 Exercises i. Biol. Pest Contr.	B 10	written	Zebitz
2/4	3802-420 Biodiversity, Plant and Animal Genetic Resources	B 8	written	Sauerborn
2/4	4403-550 Postharvest Technology of Food and Bio-Based Products	B 8	written	Müller, J.
3	3802-410 Ecology and Agroecosystems	B 2	written	Sauerborn

Sem	Modules	Block	Exam	Professor
3	4902-420 International Food and Agricultural Trade	B 3	written	Brockmeier
3	4901-430 Rural Development Policies and Institutions	B 3	written	Zeller
3	4301-410 Knowledge and Innovation Management	B 4	oral	Hoffmann
3	4303-490 Ethics of Food and Nutrition Security	(WS)	oral + ICA	Bellows

For the complete catalogue, refer to www.uni-hohenheim.de/modulkatalog.

With the approval of the examination board, study and examinations of up to five of these elective modules/30 ECTS credits can be chosen from other German institutions of higher learning and international universities.

Course Catalogue

The Course Catalogue of the University of Hohenheim is available at the beginning of each semester online at the university's homepage: www.uni-hohenheim.de. By the name of the course (see p. 10), the courses can be located inside the Course Catalogue of the University of Hohenheim. Times and lecture rooms of all courses can be found, and a personal timetable can be worked out. Mind: several non-blocked modules within that catalogue consist of more than one course. All modules, their courses and responsible lecturers are described in the catalogue of course contents.

Course Contents

For the contents of all modules see: www.uni-hohenheim.de/modulkatalog

Credit Point System

With each completed module the students earn 6 credits for the workload associated with each module. The M.Sc. programme has a requirement of 120 credits in total. The examination result is expressed in grade points. The highest score is 4.0. A score of 1.0 is required for passing.

Credits are multiplied with the grade points achieved to derive the number of credit points obtained. In order to calculate the grade point average, the total number of credits collected divides the total number of credit points obtained in all modules.

The credit point system used in the M.Sc. programme is fully compatible with the European Credit Transfer System, ECTS.

	Grade- points and grades		
	grades	grade-points	
<i>excellent performance</i>	<i>very good</i>	A	4,0
		A-	3,7
<i>performance considerably exceeding the above average standard</i>	<i>good</i>	B+	3,3
		B	3,0
		B-	2,7
<i>performance meeting the average standard</i>	<i>medium</i>	C+	2,3
		C	2,0
		C-	1,7
<i>performance meeting minimum criteria</i>	<i>pass</i>	D+	1,3
		D	1,0
<i>performance not meeting minimum criteria</i>	<i>fail</i>	F	0

Study and Examination Plan

Students have to seek advice of one of the mentors of the programme on which elective modules are suitable for their individual profile. During the first three month of study the candidate must have the study and examination plan approved in which all chosen modules are mentioned. This plan has to be signed by a mentor before it is handed in to the examination office. Exchanges of modules need to be approved by the responsible mentor (for mentors see page 9).

Examinations

Performance is examined through continuous assessment. Each module is examined upon completion. The examinations of the blocked modules are held at the end of the respective block period; those for the unblocked modules are held in the two examination periods that follow the lectures. Students will be registered by signature automatically for the compulsory modules offered in the first and second semester. The registration for elective modules will take place at the end of the first semester through filling in an official form. Withdrawal on the first trial of each module's examination is possible up to 7 days before the examination date. The examination will be postponed to the next possible examination period.

The claim for examination expires if:

- a minimum of six modules has not been passed by the end of the second semester at the latest
- an examination of one of the modules has not been passed by the end of the sixth semester at the latest
- in one of the 15 modules an exam has to be repeated more than two times

The claim for examinations does not expire if the candidate cannot be held responsible for the failure to comply with the deadline. The students themselves are responsible for complying with these examination deadlines as well as all other regulations given in the examination regulations. The examination regulations and a leaflet on registration are distributed by the examination office (<https://www.uni-hohenheim.de/pruefung.html?&L=1>).

Please mind that plagiarism, that means the take-over of text or phrases in a written examination (even within a partial performance) without quoting them accordingly, will be marked as attempt of deception and the respective examination performance is to be graded "fail" (F; 0 grade-points). A declaration (<https://agrar.uni-hohenheim.de/plagiare.html?&L=1>) has to be attached to homeworks, presentations, and to the thesis. The final digital text document has to be transferred to the mentoring supervisor.

Exam Repetition

In case of failure the examination office will inform the student via mail. Normally, the letter includes the repetition date. In some cases the date for repetition has not been pointed out at the time of informing the students. Students are responsible themselves to check with the responsible professor or the examination office about dates for repeater exams. Usually repeater exams for blocked modules will be scheduled by the responsible professor within the same semester. Repeater exams in lectures will usually automatically be scheduled for the next examination period.

Master Thesis

The Master Thesis shall show that the candidate is able to work independently on a problem in the field of " Organic Agriculture and Food Systems " within a fixed period of time by applying scientific methods. The exam consists of a written (thesis) and an oral (defence) part. The candidate has to defend the essential arguments, results and methods of the thesis in a colloquium of 30-45 minutes. The written part of the Master Thesis has to be completed within a period of six months. It is usually written during the fourth semester. There might be cases, depending on the chosen modules, for which the third semester is more appropriate. Thesis work includes a literature review, new and original data derived from field work, a

period of writing-up and, finally, a presentation. This work can be carried out either at University of Hohenheim or at one of the partner universities.

Quality Assurance

The quality of courses and modules is evaluated in a two year rotation by the students of all study programmes. The evaluation sheets are distributed and evaluated by the Faculty of Agricultural Sciences and the results are sent back to the lecturers in an **anonymous** format. The lecturers are asked to discuss the results with the students at the end of their courses.

Teaching Staff

Most modules are organised and taught by professors of the University of Hohenheim, who have broad experience in international research. Students also benefit from Hohenheim's active links with academic partners worldwide. Guest speakers from partner universities as well as from research, development and policy institutions cover additional topics thus enriching the curriculum with special fields of expertise.

Mentoring

A personal mentor from the teaching staff is assigned to advice on appropriate profiles and support smooth and goal-oriented study progress. The study and examination plan has to be signed by a mentor before it is handed in to the examination office. Mentors are:

- Prof. Bellows, anne.bellows@uni-hohenheim.de
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- Dr. Gruber (Prof. Claupein), grubersf@uni-hohenheim.de
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- Prof. Müller, T., Torsten.Mueller@uni-hohenheim.de
- Dr. Reiber (Prof. Valle Zárate), C_Reiber@uni-hohenheim.de

Partner Universities

Due to the possibility to obtain a double degree in cooperation with BOKU, WULS, or AU, double degree students have to study abroad in the third and fourth semester at one of these partner universities.

Single degree students may also request to spend the semester at universities within the UHOH's network of partner universities, especially within the other ELLS partners (LIFE, University of Copenhagen, Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences (SLU), Sweden; Wageningen University, Netherlands; Czech University of Agriculture (CUA), Czech Republic or other universities world wide.

Degree

After successful completion of all modules as well as the thesis, the student is awarded the degree "Master of Science" (M.Sc.) in Organic Agriculture and Food Systems either as a single or as a double degree. This degree entitles the student to continue with a Ph.D./doctoral programme if the total grade is above average.

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In the following table all modules offered within the EUROrganic-Master at the University of Hohenheim and the corresponding courses are shown. The modules are sorted by module-code. (SWS = average hours per week per semester)

Module-Code	Name of Module	Sem.	Module obligation	Responsible Professor	Language	Module-Duration	Exam	LV-Code	Courses of the Module	Lecturer(s)	Type	SWS
1503-410	Food Technology and Residues	1	Elective	Kohlus	English	3,5 Weeks (B01)	oral	1503-412 1503-411	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Production-Integrated Environmental Protection in the Food Production Industry ▪ Treatment of Water, Wastewater and Waste in Food Technology 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ N. N. ▪ Dipl.-Ing. Peter Gschwind, Prof. Dr.-Ing. Reinhard Kohlus, PD Dr. Thomas Senn, Prof. Dr. Volker Wulfmeyer 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Lecture with Excursion ▪ Lecture 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 2 ▪ 2
3003-410	Food Safety and Quality Chains	1	Elective	Schöne	English	3,5 Weeks (B05)	oral (70%), incourse assessment of an oral presentation (30%)	3003-411	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Food Safety and Quality Chains 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ PD Dr. Friedrich Schöne 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Lecture 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 4
3301-440	Soil Fertility and Fertilisation in Organic Farming	3	Elective	Müller	English	blocked (n. V.)	oral (75%), seminar presentation with handout (25%)	3301-441	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Soil Fertility and Fertilisation in Organic Farming 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Frau Ursula Berghammer, Prof. Dr. Torsten Müller 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Lecture with Exercise und Seminar 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 4
3301-460	Exercises in Plant Nutrition	3	Elective	Müller	Germ./English	3,5 Weeks (nach B05)	written	3301-461	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Exercises in Plant Nutrition 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Frau Ursula Berghammer, Prof. Dr. Torsten Müller 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Exercise with Excursion 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 4
3401-460	Organic Plant Production	2	Compulsory	Claupein	English	1 Semester	oral	3401-461	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Organic Plant Production 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Prof. Dr. Wilhelm Claupein, Dr.agr. Sabine Gruber 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Lecture with Seminar, Prctical and Excursion 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 4
3405-410	Organic Farming in the Tropics and Sub-tropics	1	Elective	Zikeli	English	3,5 Weeks (B05)	written	3405-411	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Organic Farming in the Tropics and Sub-tropics 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Prof. Dr. Wilhelm Claupein, M. Sc. Inga Häuser, Prof. Dr. Joachim Sauerborn, Prof. Dr. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Lecture with Seminar and Excursion 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 4

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										Anne Valle Zárate, Prof. Dr. Claus Zebitz, Dr. Sabine Zikeli		
3405-450	Problems and Perspectives of Organic Farming	2	Elective	Zikeli	English	1 Semester	written	3405-451	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Problems and Perspectives of Organic Farming 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Dr. Sabine Zikeli 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Lecture with Seminar 	4
3405-460	Processing and Quality of Organic Food	1	Compulsory	Zikeli	English	1 Semester	written	3405-461	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Processing and Quality of Organic Food 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Dr. Sabine Zikeli 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Lecture with Excursion 	4
3405-470	Organic Food Systems and Concepts	1	Compulsory for single degree	Zikeli	English	1 Semester	written	3405-471	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Organic Food Systems and Concepts 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Frau Ursula Berghammer, Prof. Dr. Reiner Döluschitz, M. Sc. Inga Häuser, Dipl.-Ing.sc. agr. Pamela Lavèn, Prof. Dr. Torsten Müller, Prof. Dr. Joachim Sauerborn, Dr. Sabine Zikeli 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Lecture with Seminar and Excursion 	4
3405-490	Project in Organic Agriculture and Food Systems	1	Compulsory	Zikeli	English	2 Semester	written (essay 70%) + presentation (30%)	3405-491	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Project in Organic Agriculture and Food Systems 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Prof. Dr. Tilman Becker, Prof. Dr. Wilhelm Claupein, Prof. Dr. Stephan Dabbert, Dr. Ulfert Focken, Dr.agr. Simone Graeff-Hönniger, Dr.agr. Sabine Gruber, Prof. Dr. Anne Valle Zárate, Prof. Dr. Walter Vetter, Prof. Dr. Claus Zebitz, Dr. Sabine Zikeli, Dipl.-Ing.sc. agr. Alexander Zorn 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Seminar 	4

Module-Code	Name of Module	Sem.	Module obligation	Responsible Professor	Language	Module-Duration	Exam	LV-Code	Courses of the Module	Lecturer(s)	Type	SWS
3405-500	Principles of Organic Food Systems (previously: 3405-480 Start-Up Module EU-ROrganic)	1	Compulsory for double degree	Zikeli	English	1 Semester	k.A.	3405-501	Principles of Organic Food Systems (previously: 3405-480 Start-Up Module EU-ROrganic)	Dr. Sabine Zikeli	E-Learning	4
3603-420	Crop Protection in Organic Farming	2	Elective	Zebitz	English	1 Semester	written (70 %) plus seminar (30 %)	3603-421	Crop Protection in Organic Farming	Prof. Dr. Claus Zebitz	Lecture with Seminar	4
3603-490	Biological Pest Control	2	Elective	Zebitz	English	1 Semester	written	3603-491	Biological Pest Control	Prof. Dr. Claus Zebitz	Lecture	4
3603-500	Exercises in Biological Pest Control	2	Elective	Zebitz	English	3,5 Weeks (B10)	written	3603-501	Exercises in Biological Pest Control	Prof. Dr. Claus Zebitz	Exercise	4
3802-410	Ecology and Agroecosystems	3	Elective	Sauerborn	English	3,5 Weeks (B02)	written	3802-411	Ecology and Agroecosystems	Prof. Dr. Martin Dieterich, M. Sc. Inga Häuser, PD Dr. Konrad Martin, Prof. Dr. Joachim Sauerborn	Lecture with Seminar and Excursion	4
3802-420	Biodiversity, Plant and Animal Genetic Resources	2	Elective	Sauerborn	English	3,5 Weeks (B08)	written	3802-421	Biodiversity, Plant and Animal Genetic Resources	M. Sc. Inga Häuser, PD Dr. Konrad Martin, Prof. Dr. Joachim Sauerborn, Prof. Dr. Karl Schmid, Prof. Dr. Anne Valle Zárate	Lecture with Seminar, Excursion and Lab-exercise	4
4201-440	Economics and Environmental Policy	1	Compulsory	Grethe	English	1 Semester	written exam	4201-441 4201-442	Basic Microeconomics Environmental Policy	Prof. Dr. Harald Grethe Prof. Dr. Christian Lippert	Lecture Lecture	2 2
4202-440	Markets and Marketing of Organic Food	2	Compulsory	Becker	English	1 Semester	written exam (70%) + case study and presentation (30%)	4202-441	Markets and Marketing of Organic Food	Prof. Dr. Tilman Becker, Dr. Jan Niessen	Lecture with Seminar	4

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4301-410	Knowledge and Innovation Management	1	Elective	Hoffmann	English	3,5 Weeks (B04)	written	4301-411	Knowledge and Innovation Management	Dr. Maria Gerster-Bentaya, Prof. Dr. Volker Hoffmann	Lecture with Exercise	4
4303-440	Social Conditions of Organic and Sustainable Agriculture	1	Compulsory	Bellows	English	1 Semester	written	4303-441	Social Conditions of Organic and Sustainable Agriculture	Prof. Dr. Anne Camilla Bellows, Dr. Stefanie Lemke	Lecture with Discussion	4
4303-470	Gender, Nutrition and Right to Food	2	Elective	Bellows	English	1 Semester	written (essay 70%) with in-course assessment (presentation 30%)	4303-471	Gender, Nutrition and Right to Food	Prof. Dr. Anne Camilla Bellows, Dr. Stefanie Lemke	Seminar	4
4403-550	Post-Harvest Technology of Food and Bio-Based Products (formerly: Postharvest Technology and Food Quality 4403-460)	2	Elective	Müller	English	3,5 Weeks (B08)	written	4403-551	Post-Harvest Technology of Food and Bio-Based Products (formerly: Postharvest Technology and Food Quality 4403-461)	Prof. Dr. Reinhold Carle, Prof. Dr. Joachim Müller, Dr. Sybille Neidhart, Prof. Dr. Claus Zebitz	Lecture with Excursion and Practical	4
4801-480	Organic Livestock Farming and Products	2	Compulsory	Valle Zárate	English	3,5 Weeks (B10)	written	4801-481	Organic Livestock Farming and Products	Dr. Pera Herold, PD Dr. Brigitte A. Kaufmann, Prof. Dr. Anne Valle Zárate	Lecture with Seminar and Excursion	4
4901-430	Rural Development Policies and Institutions	2	Elective	Zeller	English	3,5 Weeks (B07)	written	4901-431	Rural Development Policies and Institutions	Dr. Alwin Keil, Prof. Dr. Manfred Zeller	Lecture with Seminar	4
4902-420	International Food and Agricultural Trade	3	Elective	Brockmeier	English	3,5 Weeks (B03)	written	4902-421	International Food and Agricultural Trade	Prof. Dr. Martina Brockmeier	Exercise	4
4903-470	Qualitative Research Methods in Rural Development Studies	4	Elective	Birner	English	3,5 Weeks (B10)	written	4903-471	Qualitative Research Methods in Rural Development Studies	Prof. Dr. Regina Birner, Dr. Alwin Keil, Dr. Jana Rückert-John, Prof. Dr. Manfred Zeller	Lecture with Seminar and Practical	4

Block Periods 2011/2012

	Block	Period
Winter Semester	1	17.10. – 09.11.2011
	2	10.11. – 02.12.2011
	3	05.12. – 11.01.2012
	4	12.01. – 03.02.2012
	5	06.02. – 28.02.2012
Summer Semester	6	02.04. – 26.04.2012
	7	27.04. – 23.05.2012
	8	24.05. – 25.06.2012
	9	26.06. – 19.07.2012
	10	20.07. – 13.08.2012

Important Advice for the Personal Time-Table: Blocked modules will usually take place Monday to Friday from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. Non-blocked modules will usually be taught in the morning. This shall enable students to combine blocked and unblocked modules. (Because of the limited number of lecture rooms, this aim can unfortunately not always be kept.) While working out your personal time-table, please be aware of the following facts: the morning is assigned for the personal preparation of the blocked modules too and the block periods B4, B5 and B9, B10 will have a relevant overlapping with the first examination period of the unblocked modules!

Please register 3 weeks before the respective block at the responsible institute!

Blocked Modules Winter Semester 2011/12

02.09.2011

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Period	1 (17 days)	2 (17 days)	3 (17 days)	4 (17 days)	5 (17 days)	by Arrangement
Study Course	17.10. - 09.11.2011	10.11. - 02.12.2011	05.12. – 22.12.11 9.01. – 11.01.2012	12.01. - 03.02.2012	06.02. - 28.02.2012	
M. Sc. AgEcon	● 4904-460 (Berger) Farm System Modelling	● 4902-410 (Brockmeier) Applied Econometrics	◐ 4903-480 (Birner) Governance, Institut. and Organisat. Development	◐ 4301-410 (Hoffmann) Knowledge and Innovation Management	◐ 4201-420 (Grethe) Advanced Policy Analysis Modelling	
	◐ 4901-420 (Zeller) Poverty and Development Strategies		◐ 4902-420 (Brockmeier) International Food and Agricultural Trade (in 12/13!)	◐ 4904-430 (Berger) Land Use Economics		
M. Sc. AgriTropics	● 4901-420 (Zeller) Poverty and Development Strategies	● 3802-410 (Sauerborn) Ecology and Agroecosystems	● 4403-530 (Müller, J.) Natural Resource (Water and Soil) Management ..	● 3801-420 (Cadisch) Crop Production Systems	● 4801-450 (Valle Zárate) Livestock Production Systems ...	
	○ 4301-430 (Hoffmann) Rural Communication and Extension	○ 4904-450 (Berger) Farm and Project Evaluation	○ 4901-470 (Zeller) Quantitative Methods in Economics	○ 3803-450 (Asch) Crop Production Affecting the Hydrological Cycle	○ 3405-410 (Zikeli) Organic Farming in the Tropics and Subtropics	
	○ 3101-410 (Stahr) Tropical Soils and Land Evaluation	○ 4802-410 (Focken) Intensive Aquacult. Systems	○ 4801-430 (Valle Zárate) Livestock Breeding Programmes ...	○ 3501-440 (Melchinger) Plant Breeding and Seed Science in the T+S	○ 4802-420 (N.N.) Phys. and Ecol. Aspects of Animal Nutrition T+S	
		◐ 3803-440 (Asch) Signalling in Plants under Stress (in 12/13!)	◐ 4902-420 (Brockmeier) International Food and Agricultural Trade (in 12/13!)	○ 4903-490 (Birner) Social Dimensions of Agricultural Development	○ 4903-510 (Birner) Agriculture and Food Security in Fragile Systems	
M. Sc. Crop Sciences		◐ 3803-440 (Asch) Signalling in Plants under Stress (in 12/13!)		◐ 3501-460 (Melchinger) Planning. of Breeding Programmes		◐ 3301-460 (Müller, T.) Exercises in Plant Nutrition (after B5)
M. Sc. EnviroFood	VB● 4402-440 (Jungbluth) Agricultural Production and Residues	● 3202-410 (Fangmeier) Ecotoxicology and Environmental Analytics	● 3103-440 (Streck) Matter Cycling in Agro-Ecosystems	● 4602-460 (Hölzle) Environmental Microbiology, Parasitology ...	◐ 3004-410 (Trempe) Inland Water Ecosystems	
	VB● 1503-410 (Kohlus) Food Technology and Residues	◐ 3802-410 (Sauerborn) Ecology and Agroecosystems	◐ 4403-530 (Müller, J.) Natural Resource (Water and Soil) Management ..	◐ 3202-420 (Fangmeier) Global Change Issues	◐ 3003-410 (Schöne) Food Safety and Quality Chains (February 7-17, 6 hours per day)	◐ 3301-460 (Müller, T.) Exercises in Plant Nutrition (after B5)
	◐ 3202-430 (Fangmeier) Air Pollution and Air Pollution Control		◐ 4902-420 (Brockmeier) International Food and Agricultural Trade (in 12/13!)			
M. Sc. EnvEuro (first year and elective modules of second year)	○ 4402-440 (Jungbluth) Agricultural Production and Residues	○ 3202-410 (Fangmeier) Ecotoxicology and Environmental Analytics	● 3103-440 (Streck) Matter Cycling in Agro-Ecosystems	◐ 3803-450 (Asch) Crop Production Affecting the Hydrological Cycle	◐ 3004-410 (Trempe) Inland Water Ecosystems	
	○ 3202-430 (Fangmeier) Air Pollution and Air Pollution Control	○ 3802-410 (Sauerborn) Ecology and Agroecosystems	○ 4403-530 (Müller, J.) Natural Resource (Water and Soil) Management ..	○ 4602-460 (Hölzle) Environmental Microbiology, Parasitology ...		
	○ 4904-460 (Berger) Farm System Modelling			◐ 3202-420 (Fangmeier) Global Change Issues		
	○ 4901-420 (Zeller) Poverty and Dev. Strategies			◐ 4904-430 (Berger) Land Use Economics		
	○ 3101-410 (Stahr) Trop. Soil and Land Evaluation					

Blocked Modules Summer Semester 2012

02.09.2011

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Study Course	Period	6 (17 days)	7 (17 days)	8 (17 days)	9 (17 days)	10 (17 days)	by Arrangement
		02.04. - 26.04.2012	27.04. - 23.05.2012	24.05. - 25.06.2012	26.06. - 19.07.2012	20.07. - 13.08.2012	
M. Sc. AgEcon			● 4101-410 (Lippert) Environmental and Resource Economics	● 4201-410 (Grethe) Agricultural and Food Policy	◐ 4903-500 (Birner) Policy Processes in Agriculture and Natural Resource Management	○ 4902-430 (Brockmeier) Food and Nutrition Security	
M. Sc. AgriTropics		● 3803-470 (Asch) Interdisciplinary Practical Science Training (Agri-Tropics only!)	○ 4901-430 (Zeller) Rural Development Policy and Institutions	○ 4201-410 (Grethe) Agricultural and Food Policy ○ 3802-420 (Sauerborn) Biodiversity, Plant and Animal Gen. Resources	◐ 4902-420 (Brockmeier) International Food and Agricultural Trade ○ 4403-470 (Müller, J.) Renewable Energy f. Rural Areas	○ 4902-430 (Brockmeier) Food and Nutrition Security	
			○ 3801-430 (Cadisch) Integrated Agricultural Production Systems	○ 4403-550 (Müller, J.) Postharvest Technology of Food and Bio-Based Prod.	○ 4802-430 (Focken) Integration of Aquacult. in Agricult. Farm. Systems	○ 3803-430 (Asch) Ecophysiology of Crops in the T+S	
			○ 4801-410 (Valle Zárate) Genetic Resources and Animal Husbandry Systems	○ 4801-420 (Valle Zárate) Promotion of Livestock ...		○ 4602-450 (Hölzle) Food Safety a. Drinking Water Quality related to Zoonoses in the T+S	
M. Sc. Crop Sciences		○ 4407-430 (Griepentrog) Precision Farming		◐ 3602-460 (Gerhards) Information Technologies and Expert Systems ..		○ 3603-500 (Zebitz) Exercises in Biological Pest Control	
M. Sc. EnviroFood		◐ 3102-440 (Kandeler) Environmental Pollution and Soil Organisms	● 3103-450 (Streck) Spatial Data Analysis with GIS	◐ 3802-420 (Sauerborn) Biodiversity, Plant and Animal Gen. Resources	● 3103-460 (Streck) Environmental Science Project		
				◐ 4403-550 (Müller, J.) Postharvest Technology of Food & Bio-Based Prod.	◐ 4403-470 (Müller, J.) Renewable Energy for Rural Areas		
M. Sc. EnvEuro (first year)		◐ 3102-440 (Kandeler) Environmental Pollution and Soil Organisms	● 3103-450 (Streck) Spatial Data Analysis with GIS	● 3802-420 (Sauerborn) Biodiversity, Plant and Animal Gen. Resources	● 3103-460 (Streck) Environmental Science Project		
				● 4201-410 (Grethe) Agricultural and Food Policy	◐ 4403-470 (Müller, J.) Renewable Energy for Rural Areas		
M. Sc. OrganicFood						● 4801-460 (Valle Zárate) Organic Livestock Farming and Products	
M. Sc. Saiwam (Hohenheim)		● 3101-520 (Stahr) Interdisciplinary Study Project unblocked!	● 3103-450 (Streck) Spatial Data Analys. with GIS	○ 3101-460 (Stahr) Mapping Course ...	● 4802-430 (Focken) Integration of Aquaculture in Agricult. Farming Systems	◐ 4903-470 (Birner) Qualitative Research Methods in Rural Development Studies	
			● 4901-430 (Zeller) Rural Dev. Policy and Instit.				

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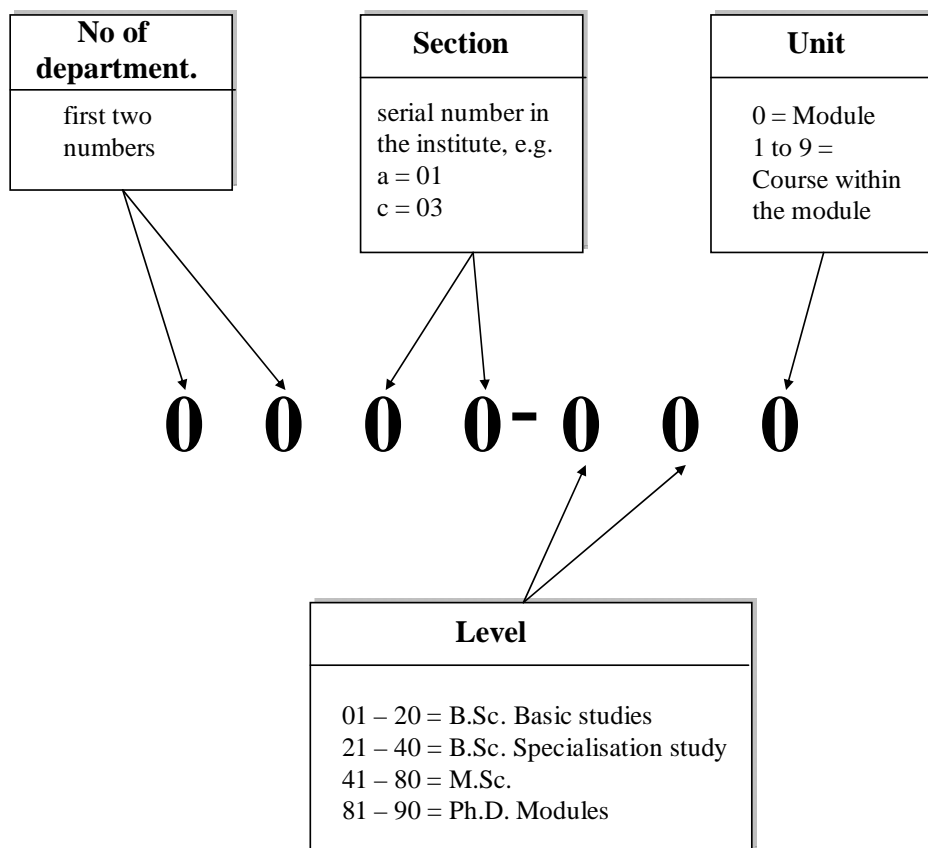
Unblocked Modules taught in English at the Faculty of Agricultural Sciences

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AgEcon	Agri-Tropics	Crop Sciences	EnvEuro	Enviro-Food	Organic-Food	Unblocked Modules in Winter Semester (October - February)
○	○	○	◐	◐	○	1201-410 (Wulfmeyer) Remote Sensing
-	-	-	●	-	-	3005-410 (Fangmeier) Environmental Management in Europe (<i>for EnvEuro only!</i>)
○	○	○		○	○	3101-450 (Stahr) Major Pedological Field Trip (English + German)
○	○	○	○	○	○	3102-420 (Kandeler) Project in Soil Sciences (English + German)
○	○	○	○	○	○	3102-450 (Kandeler) Molecular Soil Ecology
○	○	○		○	○	3301-440 (Müller, T.) Soil Fertility and Fertilisation in Organic Farming
○	○	○	○	○	○	3301-450 (Müller, T.) Fertilisation and Appl. Soil Chemistry in the T+S
○	○	◐		○	○	3302-450 (Neumann) Plant Symbioses for Nutrient Acquisition
○	○	◐		○	○	3302-460 (Ludewig) Plant Quality
○	○	●		○	○	3401-470 (Claupein) Crop Physiology
○	●	○	●	○	○	3402-420 (Piepho) Quantitative Methods in Biosciences
○	○	○		○	○	3405-450 (Zikeli) Problems and Perspectives of Organic Farming (not in WS 11/12!)
○	○	○		○	●	3405-460 (Zikeli) Processing and Quality of Organic Food
○	○	○		○	●	3405-470 (Zikeli) Organic Food Systems and Concepts
○	○	◐		○	○	3501-470 (Melchinger) Selection Theory
		●				3502-440 (Schmid) Methods of Scientific Working for Crop Sciences
○	○	◐		○	○	3502-450 (Schmid) Population and Quantitative Genetics
○	○	◐		○	○	3504-430 (Kruse) Seed Research
○	○	◐		○	○	3601-450 (Vögele) Phytopathology
○	○	◐		○	○	3602-450 (Gerhards) Molecular Aspects of Plant Protection
○	○	◐		○	○	3603-480 (Zebitz) Entomology
○	○	◐		○	○	3603-470 (Zebitz) Ecology of Insects
◐	◐	◐		◐	●	4101-430 (Dabbert) Socioeconomics of Organic Farming (replaced by 4201-440!)
○	○	○	◐	●	●	4201-440 (Grethe) Economics and Environmental Policy
○	○	○		○	●	4303-440 (Bellows) Social Conditions of Organic and Sustainable Agriculture
○	○	○	○	○	○	4303-490 (Bellows) Ethics of Food and Nutrition Security
○	○	○	◐	◐	○	4406-410 (Kranert) Waste Management and Waste Techniques
◐	○	○		○	○	4904-410 (Berger) Agricultural Economics Seminar
AgEcon	Agri-Tropics	Crop Sciences	EnvEuro	Enviro-Food	Organic-Food	Unblocked Modules in Summer Semester (April - July)
-	-	-	◐	-	-	3005-420 (Fangmeier) Climate Change Impacts, Adaptation a. Mitigation (<i>EnvEuro !</i>)
○	○	○	○	○	○	3101-430 (Stahr) Interdisciplinary Advanced Soil Science Project (English + German)
○	○	○	○	○	○	3101-440 (Stahr) Soil Genesis, Classification and Geography (English + German)
○	○	○	○	○	○	3101-450 (Stahr) Major Pedological Field Trip (English + German)
○	○	○	○	○	○	3102-420 (Kandeler) Project in Soil Sciences (English + German)
○	○	○	◐	○	○	3401-450 (Claupein) Conservation Agriculture
○	○	○		○	●	3401-460 (Claupein) Organic Plant Production
○	○	●		○	○	3402-430 (Piepho) Bioinformatics
○	○	○		○	○	3405-450 (Zikeli) Problems and Perspectives of Organic Farming
○	○	○		○	●	3405-490 (Zikeli) Project in Organic Agriculture and Food Systems
○	○	◐		○	○	3501-450 (Melchinger) Breeding Methodology
○	○	○		○	○	3603-420 (Zebitz) Crop Protection in Organic Farming
		○		○	○	3603-490 (Zebitz) Biological Pest Control
○	○	◐		○	○	3703-430 (Wünsche) Crop – Environment Interactions
●	○	○		○	○	4202-420 (Becker, T.) Microeconomics
○	○	○		○	●	4202-440 (Becker, T) Markets and Marketing of Organic Food
◐	○	○		◐	○	4303-470 (Bellows) Gender, Nutrition, and Right to Food
○	○	○		◐	○	4303-480 (Bellows) Global Nutrition
-	●	-	-	-	-	4903-460 (Birner) Methods in Interdisciplinary Collaboration (<i>for AgriTropics only!</i>)

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Explanation of Module Code



Day Hour	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8 - 9					
9 - 10					
10 - 11					
11 - 12					
12 - 13					
13 - 14					
14 - 15					
15 - 16					
16 - 17					
17 - 18					

Lecture Periods

WS 11/12	First day of <u>un</u>-blocked modules:	(41. KW) Monday, 10.10.2011
	First day of blocked modules:	(42. KW) Monday, 17.10.2011
	Last day of <u>un</u>-blocked modules:	(5. KW) Saturday, 04.02.2012
	Last day of blocked modules:	(9. KW) Tuesday, 28.02.2012
SS 12	First day of blocked modules:	(14. KW) Monday, 02.04.2012
	First day of <u>un</u>-blocked modules:	(15. KW) Tuesday, 10.04.2012
	Last day of <u>un</u>-blocked modules:	(29. KW) Saturday, 21.07.2012
	Last day of blocked modules:	(33. KW) Monday, 13.08.2012

Free of lectures: All Saints' Day: 01.11.2011, Christmas holidays: 19.12.2011 – 07.01.2012 (blocks: 23.12.11 – 07.01.12), Easter holidays: 06. – 09.04.2012, Labour Day: 01.05.2012, Ascension Day: 17.05.2012, Pentecost holidays: 29.05.2012 – 02.06.2012 (except excursions), Feast of Corpus Christi: 07.06.2012. The "Dies Academicus" (date not yet known!) will be free of lectures too!

Examination periods in winter semester 2011/12

B.Sc. and M.Sc. period 1: calendar week 6 to 8
B.Sc. and M.Sc.: period 2: calendar week 12 to 14
Deadline for the registration for exams: see notice-board of examination office

Examination periods in summer semester 2012

B.Sc. and M.Sc. period 1: calendar week 30 to 32
B.Sc. and M.Sc.: period 2: calendar week 40 to 41
Deadline for the registration for exams: see notice-board of examination office

A registration form is available at the examination office.

Questions concerning the examination regulations, the study and examination plan, withdrawal or transcripts of records are answered at the examination office and the exact dates of the module examinations are posted at the online notice-board of the examination office at: (<https://www.uni-hohenheim.de/pruefung.html?&L=1>).