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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. program “Organic Agriculture and Food Systems”. It contains information on the program structure, summarizes the most important exam regulations (issued the 12<sup>th</sup> of February 2019 including all changes until July 2020).

The information presented reflects the current situation. Titles and contents of compulsory and optional modules are sometimes subject to change. For administrative reasons, such changes can only be included in printed materials with a delay. For this reason, we do not accept liability for the correctness of the information provided.

If in doubt, please contact the coordinator of the program ([organicfood@uni-hohenheim.de](mailto:organicfood@uni-hohenheim.de)) to obtain up-to-date information. For up-to-date module descriptions please refer to the website at [uni-hohenheim.de/en/module-catalogue](http://uni-hohenheim.de/en/module-catalogue). Time schedules and lecture halls for 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: <https://www.uni-hohenheim.de/en/course-catalog>.

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## **The Master's Program Organic Agriculture and Food Systems (*EUR-Organic*)**

### ***Program 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 worldwide scale, there is a need for experts who 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. Program "Organic Agriculture and Food Systems". This program will prepare students for these challenging tasks and offer them competitive, state-of-the-art training.

Hohenheim is the first university in Europe offering a Master's program 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 that opens doors to future opportunities.

### ***Program Design***

To tackle problems in quality control and processing, knowledge of all aspects of the organic food chain is necessary. Therefore, the M.Sc. program 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. program "Organic Agriculture and Food Systems" comprises four semesters, during which thematic modules and the Master's thesis have to be completed. 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 program as a Double or Single Degree Program. The program starts in September (Double Degree) or October (Single Degree) of each year. A maximum of 30 students can be admitted to the program.

### ***Double Degree***

The Double Degree M.Sc. program EUR-Organic offers a comprehensive and integrative education in all areas of organic farming, as well as the processing and commercialization of organic food. The core of EUR-Organic is comprised of specialization areas 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's thesis. Students are challenged by different thematic approaches throughout the course of their studies: while the University of Hohenheim (UHOH) focuses primarily on the food chain, the University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences, Vienna, Austria, (BOKU) emphasizes 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 specialized study profile on "Organic Food Processing and Marketing" from the outset and ISARA, Lyon, France, (ISARA) is specialized in Agroecology. Details of the specializations at all these universities are described at: [www.eur-organic.eu/en/79317](http://www.eur-organic.eu/en/79317).

In order to benefit from this complementary expertise and to get the most out of the program, students are required to 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 program 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. One elective module can be chosen from the list of all Master’s modules offered by the Faculty of Agriculture.

In the third and fourth semester, students choose additional five modules at Hohenheim and work on their thesis. 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’s thesis at one of the various partner universities or research institutions abroad.

	<b>1st Semester</b> (at UHOH)	<b>2nd Semester</b> (at UHOH)	<b>3rd Semester</b> (UHOH, BOKU, AU, or WULS)	<b>4th Semester</b> (UHOH, BOKU, AU, or WULS)
<b>6 Credits</b>	<b>3090-440</b> (Zikeli) Organic Food Systems and Concepts OR <b>3090-460</b> (Zikeli) Principles of Organic Food Systems	<b>3090-430</b> (Zikeli) Processing and Quality of Organic Food	Elective module	<b>Master Thesis</b> (30 credits)
<b>6 Credits</b>	<b>4902-440</b> (Brockmeier) Economics and Environmental Policy	<b>4202-460</b> (Hess) Markets and Marketing of Quality Food	Elective module	
<b>6 Credits</b>	<b>4302-460</b> (Bieling) Global Agri-food Systems: Conventional, Organic, and Beyond	<b>3401-460</b> (Claupein) Organic Plant Production	Elective module	
<b>6 Credits</b>	<b>4908-480</b> (Chagunda) Organic Livestock Farming and Products	Elective module	Elective module	
<b>6 Credits</b>	<b>3090-450</b> (Zikeli) Project in Organic Agriculture and Food Systems (12 credits)		Elective module	

**Modules**

Each semester consists of 30 credits. At the University of Hohenheim all modules of the program last the full length of the semester. Some elective modules are offered as blocked courses, each including three weeks of instruction, one week of individual preparation, and an exam at the end of week four.

Each module of 6 credits corresponds to a workload of 4 SWS (weekly contact hours per semester), which is 56 contact hours per module. Each module of 7.5 credits corresponds to a workload of 5 SWS (weekly contact hours per semester), which is 70 contact hours per module. In addition, time for preparation at home is needed, summing up to a total workload of about 180 hours for one module of 6 credits and 225 hours for one module of 7.5 credits. Each module may consist of different forms of teaching (e.g. seminar, lecture, practical, excursions).

The module titles and identification numbers are listed below. For details about contents, lecturers, and methods of instruction, refer to the [module description](#) or <https://www.uni-hohenheim.de/en/module-catalogue#Master>. Please register online on the e-learning platform ILIAS (<https://ilias.uni-hohenheim.de/>) for each module, you would like to participate in. The individual ILIAS link of each course is found in the module description.

In WS 20/21 Single and Double Degree students will follow the same eight compulsory modules, listed below.

Sem	Code	Name of Module	Duration	Credits	Professor
1	3090-440	<b>Organic Food Systems and Concepts</b>	1 Semester	6	Zikeli
1	4902-440	<b>Economics and Environmental Policy</b>	1 Semester	6	Brockmeier
1	4302-460	<b>Global Agri-food Systems: Conventional, Organic, and Beyond</b>	1 Semester	6	Bieling
1	4908-450	<b>Organic Livestock Farming and Products</b>	1 Semester	6	Chagunda
1+2	3090-450 <del>3405-490</del>	<b>Project in Organic Agriculture and Food Systems</b>	2 Semester	12	Zikeli
2	3090-430 <del>3405-460</del>	<b>Processing and Quality of Organic Food</b>	1 Semester	6	Zikeli
2	4202-460	<b>Markets and Marketing of Quality Food</b>	1 Semester	6	Hess
2	3401-460	<b>Organic Plant Production</b>	1 Semester	6	Claupein

A maximum of two 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 proven from the previous study program which forms the admission requirement for the degree program Organic Agriculture and Food Systems. Permission shall be granted by the examination committee upon request by the student and upon the mentor's recommendation.

At Hohenheim, the six **elective modules** can be chosen from the complete catalogue of the university's Master's courses, including more than 30 disciplinary and interdisciplinary subjects.

Suggestions for **elective modules**:

Sem	Code	Name of Module	Duration	Credits	Professor
1-4	3000-410	Portfolio-Module (Master) <i>(not graded)(see HohCampus**)</i>	Not defined	1 – 7.5	Kruse, M.
2	3090-420 <del>3405-450</del>	Problems and Perspectives of Organic Farming	1 Semester	6	Zikeli

Sem	Code	Name of Module	Duration	Credits	Professor
2	3603-420	Crop Protection in Organic Farming	1 Semester	6	Petschenka
2	4301-460	Fit for Innovation Support – Concepts, Methods and Skills	1 Semester	6	Knierim
2	4902-420	International Food and Agricultural Trade	1 Semester	6	Brockmeier
2	4903-470	Qualitative Research Methods in Rural Development Studies	1 Semester	6	Birner
3	3003-410	Food Safety and Quality Chains ( <i>not in WS 20/21</i> )	In March	6	Schöne
3	3409-440	Soil Fertility and Fertilisation in Organic Farming	1 Semester	6	Müller, T.
3	3402-420	Quantitative Methods in Biosciences	1 Semester	6	Piepho
3	3090-410	Organic Farming in the Tropics and Subtropics	1 Semester	6	Zikeli
3	4301-410	Knowledge and Innovation Management	1 Semester	6	Knierim
3	4301-420	Inter- and Transdisciplinary Research Approaches in Bioeconomics	1 Semester	6	Knierim
3	4301-470	Agricultural Knowledge Systems and Advisory Services	1 Semester	6	Knierim
3	4302-420*	Ethical Reflection on Food and Agriculture	1 Semester	6	Bieling
3	4901-470*	Quantitative Methods in Economics	Second half of semester	6	Zeller
3	4903-500	Policy Processes in Agriculture and Natural Resource Management	1 Semester	6	Birner
3	4906-410*	Ecology and Agroecosystems	1 Semester	6	Graß
3	4908-460	Hot Topics and Advanced Methods in Animal Genetics and Breeding	1 Semester	6	Chagunda
4	4302-400	Gender, Nutrition and Right to Food ( <i>every second year.; 2022, 2024, ...</i> )	Block 4, SS	7.5	Lemke

\* Number of places is limited. Please register for participation on ILIAS

\*\*[https://hohcampus.verw.uni-hohenheim.de:443/qisserver/pages/startFlow.xhtml?\\_flowId=detailView-flow&unitId=5584&periodId=248](https://hohcampus.verw.uni-hohenheim.de:443/qisserver/pages/startFlow.xhtml?_flowId=detailView-flow&unitId=5584&periodId=248)

For the complete catalog, refer to <https://www.uni-hohenheim.de/en/module-catalogue#Master>.

On request to the examination board and with the approval of an academic counsellor or the program coordinator, modules can be chosen from other programs of the University of Hohenheim or other universities. With compulsory, semi-elective, and elective modules together, at least 90 credits have to be reached.

**Module Descriptions** For the contents of all modules: <https://www.uni-hohenheim.de/en/module-catalogue#Master>

**Individual Timetable** The Course Catalog of the University of Hohenheim contains information on times, lecturers, and lecture rooms of all courses and is available at the beginning of each semester online on the University's homepage: [www.uni-hohenheim.de](http://www.uni-hohenheim.de). It is linked to the modules listed in the HohCampus Study Planner. A tool to compose an individual timetable is available, too. Please note: many modules often consist of more than one course. See also the explanation of the module code on page 19.

**Semester Duration and Lecture Times** A semester usually lasts 14 weeks (winter as well as summer semester). The lectures usually begin 15 minutes after the defined start time indicated in the course catalogue (c.t.=lat.: cum tempore = "with time"). Therefore, a lecture with a defined start time at 9 c.t. starts at 9:15. If a lecture starts on time at 9:00, there will be an indication 9 s.t. (lat.: sine tempore = "without time").

**Credit Point System** With each completed module, the students earn credits for the workload associated with each module. The M.Sc. program has a requirement of 120 credits in total. The credit point system used in the M.Sc. program is fully compatible with the European Credit Transfer System, ECTS.

**Modules with Limited Number of Participants** Some modules can accept only a limited number of participants due to space constraints or supervision regulations. It is necessary to register for the module in advance. See also: <https://www.uni-hohenheim.de/en/registration-for-modules>. If there is a limited number of participants, this will be stated under the "comments" ("Anmerkungen") section of the module description. Please check before lectures start, whether the modules you have chosen have a limited number of participants or not. ([uni-hohenheim.de/en/module-catalogue](http://uni-hohenheim.de/en/module-catalogue) <https://www.uni-hohenheim.de/en/module-catalogue#Master>). Each module is set up as a course on the e-learning platform ILIAS (<https://ilias.uni-hohenheim.de/>). You have to register there and see how the spots are allocated on ILIAS. In general, the following applies: Students for whom the respective module is compulsory or the last module that needs to be completed to finish a degree program, must always be admitted. If you have not yet enrolled by the end of the registration period and do not yet have access to ILIAS, please contact the degree program coordinator. She will register you for the module.

For blocked modules with a limited number of participants in block period 1, the registration starts at least two weeks before the start of the lecture period and ends eight days before the lecture period. For all other modules with a limited number of participants, the registration period starts at least one week before the start of the lecture period and ends at the end of the first week after the start of the lecture period.

Please note: the ILIAS registration is only for participation and NOT a registration for the examination!

**Marks and Grades** The examination result is expressed in grades and marks. The highest score is 1.0 [grade A]. A score of 4.0 [grade D] is required for passing. The end score is calculated as a weighted average score according to the credits achieved in all modules and the thesis.

<b>Marks and Grades</b>			
		<i>grades</i>	<i>mark</i>
<i>excellent performance</i>	<i>very good</i>	A	1.0
		A-	1.3
<i>performance considerably exceeding the above average standard</i>	<i>good</i>	B+	1.7
		B	2.0
		B-	2.3
	<i>medium</i>	C+	2.7



<i>performance meeting the average standard</i>		C	3.0
		C-	3.3
<i>performance meeting minimum criteria</i>	<i>pass</i>	D+	3.7
		D	4.0
<i>performance not meeting minimum criteria</i>	<i>fail</i>	F	5.0

### **Registering for Examinations**

Students have to register for the examinations of each semester at the examination office per *HohCampus* during the time period announced at the examination office. When you have to register for an examination depends on whether it is a blocked or a non-blocked module. More information on examination periods and dates, deadlines for registration, withdrawal, and re-sits is given at the homepage of the examination office: [www.uni-hohenheim.de/en/examination](http://www.uni-hohenheim.de/en/examination)

### **Examinations**

Each module is completed with an examination. 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. Withdrawal from a registered module examination is possible until 7 days before the examination date. The right to be admitted to an examination expires if:

- the examination of any module has been failed for the third time
- not all module examinations have been passed by the end of the seventh semester at the latest.
- the Master's Thesis has not been registered by the beginning of the seventh semester at the latest.

The right to be admitted to an examination does not expire if the candidate cannot be held responsible for the failure to comply with the deadline. The students are responsible for complying with these examination deadlines as well as all other regulations given in the examination regulations. The examination regulations are distributed by the Examinations Office.

An exchange of completed modules (elective and additional modules) on request is possible once in your studies (usually shortly before finishing). Please note that plagiarism, that means copying text or phrases in a written examination (even as part of a partial performance) without quoting them accordingly, will be marked as a cheating attempt and the respective examination performance is to be graded "fail" (F; mark 5.0). A declaration (<https://agrar.uni-hohenheim.de/en/plagiat>) 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**

If an exam is failed, the Examinations Office will inform the student via mail. Students are responsible for checking with the responsible professor or the Examinations Office about dates for resit exams and registration deadlines. Usually resit exams for blocked modules will be scheduled by the responsible professor within the same semester. Resit exams in lectures will usually automatically be scheduled for the next examination period. Students are not obliged to take a re-exam in the next possible examination period, but can choose to take it in one of the later examination periods, if they wish.

### **Master's Thesis**

The Master's thesis is intended to 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 (defense) 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's thesis has

to be completed within a period of six months. It is usually written during the fourth semester. Depending on the chosen topic, there might be cases where 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.

There are several possibilities for finding the right reviewer and the right topic. Sometimes you can find them from the homepage of the department or institute, or you can talk directly to a professor.

It is recommended to register the Master's thesis at the beginning of the fourth semester but it has to be registered at the latest at the beginning of the seventh semester. Otherwise it is graded "fail" (F; mark 5.0).

**Evaluation of Modules** The quality of courses and modules is evaluated every year by the students of all study programs. 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.

**Academic calendar at UHOH** In the winter semester (WS) courses usually begin in week 42 and end in week 6 or 7 of the new year. In the summer semester (SS) courses usually begin the first Monday in April and end in week 30, 31, or 32. For unblocked modules the lecture period of each semester is followed by an examination period of three weeks. The last block period of each semester overlaps with this examination period for the unblocked modules.

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

**Academic Counselling** Academic counsellors are assigned to advise on appropriate profiles and to support smooth and focused study progress. Elective modules that are suitable for the individual profile can be discussed with them. If a student wants to select modules offered by a faculty other than the Faculty of Agricultural Sciences, they have to be approved by the academic counsellor or the course coordinator beforehand.

Academic counsellors are:

- Dr. Zikeli, head of program and Center for Organic Farming
- Prof. Lippert, Institute for Production Theory and Resource Economics
- Prof. Müller, Institute of Fertilization and Soil Matter Dynamics
- Dr. Reiber, Institute of Animal Breeding and Husbandry in the Tropics and Subtropics

**Partner Universities** Due to the possibility to obtain a double degree in cooperation with BOKU, ISARA, 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 at the other ELLS partners (LIFE, University of Copenhagen, Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences (SLU), Sweden; Wageningen University, Netherlands; Czech University of Life Sciences (CZU), Czech Republic, or other universities worldwide.

**Modules offered for - incoming students** The modules offered for incoming students for which Hohenheim is the host university are listed below.

The modules of the profiles are suggestions. All modules of the Faculty of Agricultural Sciences are available at <https://www.uni-hohenheim.de/en/course-catalog>

**Profile: Socioeconomics and Organic Agriculture** (winter term)

Sem	Code	Modules	Duration	Credits	Professor
3	3409-440	Soil Fertility and Fertilisation in Organic Farming	1 Semester	6	Müller, T.
3	3090-410	Organic Farming in the Tropics and Subtropics	1 Semester	6	Zikeli
3	4902-440	Economics and Environmental Policy	1 Semester	6	Brockmeier
3	4301-410	Knowledge and Innovation Management	1 Semester	6	Knierim
3	4302-460	Global Agri-food Systems: Conventional, Organic, and Beyond	1 Semester	6	Bieling

**Profile: Organic Farming in the Trop. and Subtrop.** (winter term)

Sem	Code	Modules	Duration	Credits	Professor
3	3409-440	Soil Fertility and Fertilisation in Organic Farming	1 Semester	6	Müller, T.
3	3409-480	Fertilisation and Soil Fertility Management in the Tropics and Subtropics	1 semester e-learning	6	Müller, T.
3	3090-410	Organic Farming in the Tropics and Subtropics	1 Semester	6	Zikeli
3	4301-410	Knowledge and Innovation Management	1 Semester	6	Knierim
3	4302-460	Global Agri-food Systems: Conventional, Organic, and Beyond	1 Semester	6	Bieling
3	4905-420	Crop Production Systems	1 Semester	6	Cadisch
3	4906-410*	Ecology and Agroecosystems	1 Semester	6	Graß
3	4908-440	Livestock Production Systems and Development	1 Semester	6	Chagunda
3	4909-410	Physiological and Ecological Aspects of Livestock Nutrition in the Tropics	1 Semester	6	Dickhöfer

\* Number of places is limited. Please register for participation on ILIAS

**Profile: Organic Crop Production** (winter term)

Sem	Code	Modules	Duration	Credits	Professor
3	3409-440	Soil Fertility and Fertilisation in Organic Farming	1 Semester	6	Müller, T.
3	3409-480	Fertilisation and Soil Fertility Management in the Tropics and Subtropics	1 semester e-learning	6	Müller, T.
3	<del>3302-460</del> 3408-460	Plant Quality	1 Semester	6	Ludewig

Sem	Code	Modules	Duration	Credits	Professor
3	3402-420	Quantitative Methods in Biosciences	1 Semester	6	Piepho
3	3504-460*	Seed Testing	1 Semester	6	Kruse
3	3603-480	Entomology	1 Semester	6	Petschenk a
3	4906-410*	Ecology and Agroeco- systems	1 Semester	6	Graß

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**Profile: Socioeconomics and Organic Agriculture** (summer term)

Sem	Code	Modules	Duration	Credits	Professor
2	4101-410	Environmental and Re- source Economics	1 Semester	6	Lippert
2	4201-410 <del>4902-410</del>	Agricultural and Food Policy	1 Semester	6	Wieck
2	4202-460	Markets and Marketing of Quality Food	1 Semester	6	Hess
2	4903-470	Qualitative Research Methods in Rural Devel- opment Studies	1 Semester	6	Birner
2	4903-510	Agriculture and Food Security in Crisis-Af- fected Regions	1 Semester	6	Birner
2	4903-450	Innovations in Agricul- ture	1 Semester	6	Birner

**Profile: Organic Farming in the Trop. and Subtrop.** (summer term)

Sem	Code	Modules	Duration	Credits	Professor
2	4403-550	Post-Harvest Technol- ogy of Food and Bio- Based Products	SS, Block 2	7.5	Müller, J.
2	4403-470	Renewable Energy for Rural Areas	SS, Block 3	7.5	Müller, J.
2	4905-430	Integrated Agricultural Production Systems	SS, Block 2	7.5	Cadisch
2	4905-470	Biodiversity and Genetic Resources	SS, Block 2	7.5	Rasche
2	4907-420	Ecophysiology of Crops In the Trop. and Subtrop.	SS, Block 2	7.5	Asch
2	4908-420	Promotion of Livestock in Tropical Environments	SS, Block 4	7.5	Chagunda
2	4909-420	Quantitative Methods in Animal Nutrition and Vegetation Sciences	SS, Block 3	7.5	Dickhöfer

**Profile: Organic Crop Production** (summer term)

Sem	Code	Modules	Duration	Credits	Professor
2	3401-460	Organic Plant Production	1 Semester	6	Claupein
2	3090-420 <del>3405-450</del>	Problems and Perspec- tives of Organic Farming	1 Semester	6	Zikeli

Sem	Code	Modules	Duration	Credits	Professor
2	3501-450	Breeding Methodology	1 Semester	6	Würschum
2	3603-420	Crop Protection in Organic Farming	1 Semester	6	Petschena

**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 program if the total grade is above average.

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# MSc-Studien- und Prüfungsplan | MSc Study and Examination Plan

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Studiengang / Study Program: \_\_\_\_\_

*Dieser Plan dient als Diskussionsgrundlage für ein Beratungsgespräch und ist danach für Ihre Unterlagen bestimmt. Geben Sie bei jedem Modul Modulerkennung, Modulname, Credits und Verbindlichkeit an. (P=Pflicht-, WP=Wahlpflicht-, W=Wahl-, Z=Zusatzmodul). Es wird dringend empfohlen, in einem Semester entweder nur geblockte oder ungeblockte Module zu belegen. **Bitte achten Sie selbst darauf, bis zum Ende Ihres Studiums die für Ihren Studiengang erforderliche Anzahl von Wahlpflichtmodulen abzulegen.** | This document serves as a basis for an advising session. Keep it with your own study documents afterwards. Fill in the name, code, and credits of all modules and specify for each module if it is a compulsory (C), semi-elective (S), elective (E), or an additional (A) module for you. It is strongly recommended NOT to mix blocked and unblocked modules within one semester. **It is your own responsibility to complete the minimum amount of semi-elective modules required for your degree program by the end of your studies.***

1st Semester WS / SS: .....	Verbindlichkeit   Bindingness	Credits	2nd Semester: WS / SS: .....	Verbindlichkeit   Bindingness	Credits	3rd Semester: WS / SS: .....	Verbindlichkeit   Bindingness	Credits	4th Semester: WS / SS: .....	Verbindlichkeit   Bindingness	Credits
<b>Σ Semester Credits</b>	X		X	X		X	X		X	X	

# Geblockte Module der Fakultät Agrarwissenschaften für das Wintersemester 2020/21

10.08.2020

## Blocked Modules in Winter Semester 2020/21

● = Pflicht/Compulsory   ◐ = Wahlpflicht/Semi-elective   ○ = Wahl/Elective

Blockperiode / Period	Block 1 (7.5 credits!)	Block 2 (7.5 credits!)	Block 3 (7.5 credits!)	Block 4 (7.5 credits!)	März-Block/ March Block
Studiengang / Study Course	02.11. - 27.11.2020	30.11. - 22.12.2020/ 07.01. – 08.01.2021	11.01. – 05.02.2021	08.02. - 05.03.2021	i.d.R 08.03.-31.03.2021
<b>B.Sc. Agrarwissenschaften</b>					
<b>M.Sc. Agrarwissenschaften</b> Pflanzen- und Tierwissensch.					○ 4611-420 (Kube) Das bakt. Genom, exemplarisch von der Kultur zur funktion. Analyse
<b>M.Sc. Agrarwissenschaften</b> Tierwissenschaften					◐ 4601-480 (Rodehutsord) Futtermitteltechnologie und -analytik
<b>M.Sc. Agrarwissenschaften</b> Bodenwissenschaften					
<b>M.Sc. EnviroFood</b>					
<b>M.Sc. Landscape Ecology</b>	● 3201-560 (Schurr) Landscape Ecology	● 3201-570 (Schurr) Commu- nity and Evolutionary Ecology	● 3201-580 (Schurr) Conserva- tion Biology	● 3202-440 (Schweiger) Plant Ecology	○ 3201-420 (Schurr) Methods in Landscape and Plant Ecology (7.5 credits!)
<b>M.Sc EnvEuro Ecosystems and Biodiversity (package 2)</b>	◐ 3201-560 (Schurr) Landscape Ecology	◐ 3201-570 (Schurr) Community and Evolutionary Ecology	◐ 3201-580 (Schurr) Conserva- tion Biology	◐ 3202-440 (Schweiger) Plant Ecology	◐ 3201-420 (Schurr) Methods in Landscape and Plant Ecology (7.5 credits!)
<b>M.Sc. Crop Sciences</b> (3.Sem., blocked semester package)	○ 3000-410 (Kruse, M.) Portfolio Module (Master)	○ 2601-410 (Schaller) Pflanze- Pathogen Interaktionen (ganztägig, 5 Plätze für CS)	○ 2602-500 (Schulze) Regula- torische Prinzipien pflanzlicher Signaltransduktionswege (ganztägig, 5 Plätze für CS)	○ 2203-410 (Steidle) Chemi- sche Signale bei Tieren (Zeiten n.V., 3 Plätze für CS)	○ 3103-410 (Priesack) Plant and Crop Modeling (6 credits)
<b>Sonstige M.Sc./Other M.Sc.</b>					○ 1301-410 (Fox) Spring School "Extreme Environments" (7.5 credits!)
					○ 4909-430 (Focken) Experi- mental Aquaculture (8.3-19.3.at Bremerhaven) (6 credits)

Anmeldemodalitäten für Teilnahme siehe HohCampus: [Modulbeschreibungen anzeigen](#)/ Check HohCampus for how to register for participation: [View module handbooks](#)

# Blocked Modules in Summer Semester 2021

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● = Pflicht/Compulsory    ◐ = Wahlpflicht/Semi-elective    ○ = Wahl/Elective

Studiengang / Study Course	Blockperiode / Period	Block 1 (7,5 credits)	Block 2 (7,5 credits)	Block 3 (7,5 credits)	Block 4 (7,5 credits)	By arrangement (7,5 credits)
	12.04. - 07.05.2021	10.05. - 21.05.2021 + 31.05. - 11.06.2021	14.06. - 09.07.2021	12.07. - 06.08.2021		
M.Sc. Agrarwissenschaften Bodenwissenschaften	◐ 3103-450 (Streck) Spatial Data Analysis with GIS	◐ 3102-440 (Kandeler) Environmental Pollution and Soil Organisms	◐ 3101-570 (Herrmann) Boden- und veg.kundl. Geländeübung / Field Course Soils + Vegetation	● 3101-430 (Herrmann) Inte- griertes bodenwissenschaftli- ches. Projekt für Fortgeschrit- tene	◐ 3102-420 (Kandeler) Bodenwissenschaftliches Expe- riment/Project in Soil Sciences (Engl.+ Ger.)	
	2021, 2023, ...: ● 3101-460 Herrmann) Soils of the World - Formation, Clas- sification, and ..	2022, 2024, ...: ◐ 3101-580 (Rennert) Bo- denschutz, Bo- denbewertung, - sanierung	◐ 3201-620 (Schmieder) Vege- tation and Soils of Centr. Europe			○ 3101-420 (Herrmann) Interna- tionale standortkundliche Gelän- deübung / International Field Course Site Evaluation (Engl.+Ger.) (September 2022, 2024, ..)
M.Sc. Agrarwissenschaften	○ 3602-410 (Gerhards) Integrierter Pflanzenschutz mit Übungen	○ 4605-500 (Beyer) Biologische Sicherheit und Gen- technikrecht	◐ 7301-410(Rosenkranz) Bienen	○ 4604-420 (Steffl) Seminar zu klinischen Fallstudien der Spez. Anatomie und Phys. d. Nutztiere		
Tierwissenschaften: Profil Ernährung und Futtermittel	◐ 4603-420 (Seifert) Futtermit- telmikrobiologie	○ 7301-400 (Rosenkranz) Sozi- ale Insekten (10 Plätze f. Fak. A)		◐ 4601-450 (Rodehutsord.) Spezielle Ernährung der Wieder- käufer		
Tierwissenschaften: Profil Genomik und Züchtung		◐ 4607-510 (Bennewitz) Zuchtplanung und Zuchtpraxis i. d. Nutztierwissenschaften	◐ 4608-420 (Hasselmann) Molekulare Evolution und Popu- lationsgenetik			
Tierwissenschaften: Profil Gesundheit und Verhalten	◐ 4606-490 (Stefanski) Verhaltensbiologie	◐ 4606-420 (Stefanski) Immunologie und Infektionsbio- logie	◐ 4604-410 (Huber) Leistungsas- soziierte Stoffwechselstörungen bei landwirtschaftlichen Nutztieren	◐ 4605-490 (Hölzle) Spezielle Tierhygiene		
M.Sc. AgriTropics	● 4907-440 (Asch) Interdiscipl. Practical Science Training ( <b>Dou- ble cohort!</b> )	○ 4905-470 (Rasche) Biodiversity and Genetic Re- sources	○ 4909-420 (Dickhöfer) Quanti- tative Meth. in Animal Nutrition + Vegetation Sciences			
Livestock		○ 4908-480 (Chagunda) Animal Breeding for Sustainable Devel- opment		○ 4908-420 (Chagunda) Prom- otion of Livestock in Trop. Envi- ronments		
Crops		○ 4905-430 (Cadisch) Integrated Agricultural Production Systems	○ 4907-430 (Asch) Crop Production Affecting the Hy- drological Cycle			
		○ 4907-420 (Asch) Ecophysiology of Crops in the Tropics and Subtropics				
Engineering		○ 4403-550 (Müller, J.) Postharvest Technology of Food and Bio-Based Products	○ 4403-470 (Müller, J.) Renewable Energy for Rural Ar- eas	○ 4403-410 (Müller, J.) Irrigation and Drainage Technology		
Social Sciences				2022, 2024, 2026, ...: ○ 4302-400 (Lemke) Gender, Nutrition, and Right to Food		



<b>M.Sc. Crop Sciences</b> (blocked semester packages)	○ <b>2601-430</b> (Schaller) Entwicklungsbiologie der Pflanzen (5 Plätze für CS)	○ <b>1101-410</b> (Kügler) Applied Mathematics for the Life Sciences II (5 Plätze für CS)	Sofern Zulassung möglich: ggf. Kombination der beiden Virologie-Module 2402-410 und 2402-420 in Block 3 und 4	○ <b>2202-400</b> (Mackenstedt) Pathogens, Parasites and their Hosts, Ecology, Molec. Interactions a. Evolution (8 Pl. UHOH)	
		○ <b>4605-500</b> (Beyer) Biologische Sicherheit und Gentechnikrecht			
		○ <b>4905-430</b> (Cadisch) Integr. Agricultural Production Systems	○ <b>4907-430</b> (Asch) Crop Prod. Affecting the Hydrological Cycle		
		○ <b>4907-420</b> (Asch) Ecophysiology of Crops in the T+S			
<b>M.Sc. EnviroFood</b>	● <b>3103-450</b> (Streck) Spatial Data Analysis with GIS	● <b>3102-440</b> (Kandeler) Environmental Pollution and Soil Organisms	● <b>4302-470</b> (Bieling) Landscape Change, Resilience, and Ecosystem Services	<b>2022, 2024, 2026, ...:</b> ○ <b>4302-400</b> (Lemke) Gender, Nutrition, and Right to Food	
		● <b>4905-470</b> (Rasche) Biodiversity and Genetic Resources			
		● <b>4403-550</b> (Müller, J.) Postharvest Technology of Food and Bio-Based Products	● <b>4403-470</b> (Müller, J.) Renewable Energy for Rural Areas	● <b>4403-410</b> (Müller, J.) Irrigation and Drainage Technology	
<b>M.Sc. EnvEuro</b> Environmental Management	● <b>3103-450</b> (Streck) Spatial Data Analysis with GIS	● <b>4905-430</b> (Cadisch) Integrated Agricultural Production Systems	● <b>4403-470</b> (Müller, J.) Renewable Energy for Rural Areas	○ <b>3201-600</b> (Schurr) Intensive Course Landscape Ecology	● <b>3301-480</b> (Müller, T.) Fertilisation and Soil Fertility Management in the T. and S.
		● <b>4905-470</b> (Rasche) Biodiversity and Genetic Resources	● <b>4302-470</b> (Bieling) Landscape Change, Resilience, and Ecosystem Services	● <b>4403-410</b> (Müller, J.) Irrigation and Drainage Technology	
Soil Resources and Land Use	● <b>3103-450</b> (Streck) Spatial Data Analysis with GIS	● <b>3201-620</b> (Schmieder) Vegetation and Soils of Centr. Europe	○ <b>4907-430</b> (Asch) Crop Production Affecting the Hydrological Cycle		● <b>3301-480</b> (Müller, T.) Fertilisation and Soil Fertility Management in the T. and S.
		● <b>3102-440</b> (Kandeler) Environmental Pollution and Soil Organisms	● <b>3101-570</b> (Herrmann) Field Course Soils and Vegetation	● <b>4403-410</b> (Müller, J.) Irrigation and Drainage Technology	● <b>3102-420</b> (Kandeler) Bodenwissenschaftl. Experiment/Project in Soil Sciences (Engl.+ Ger.)
Ecosystems and Biodiversity	● <b>3201-590</b> (Schurr) Combining Ecological Models and Data	● <b>3201-620</b> (Schmieder) Vegetation and Soils of Centr. Europe	● <b>3101-570</b> (Herrmann) Field Course Soils and Vegetation	○ <b>2202-400</b> (Mackenstedt) Pathogens, Parasites and their Hosts, Ecology, Molec. Interactions a. Evolution (8 Pl. UHOH)	○ <b>3101-420</b> (Herrmann) International Field Course Site Evaluation (Engl.+Ger.) (September <b>2022, 2024, 2026, ...</b> )
		● <b>4905-470</b> (Rasche) Biodiversity and Genetic Resources	● <b>4302-470</b> (Bieling) Landscape Change, Resilience, and Ecosystem Services	● <b>3201-600</b> (Schurr) Intensive Course Landscape Ecology	
<b>M.Sc. Landscape Ecology</b>	● <b>3201-590</b> (Schurr) Combining Ecological Models and Data	● <b>3201-620</b> (Schmieder) Vegetation and Soils of Centr. Europe	● <b>3101-570</b> (Herrmann) Field Course Soils and Vegetation	● <b>3201-600</b> (Schurr) Intensive Course Landscape Ecology	○ <b>3101-420</b> (Herrmann) Internationale standortkundliche Geländeübung / International Field Course Site Evaluation (Engl.+Ger.) (September <b>2022, 2024, 2026, ...</b> )
	● <b>3103-450</b> (Streck) Spatial Data Analysis with GIS	● <b>4905-470</b> (Rasche) Biodiversity and Genetic Resources	● <b>4403-470</b> (Müller, J.) Renewable Energy for Rural Areas		
	● <b>3101-460</b> (Herrmann) Soils of the World - Formation, Classification, and ... ( <b>2021, 2023,...</b> )	● <b>4906-430</b> (Graß) Field Course Agroecology and Biodiversity	● <b>4302-470</b> (Bieling) Landscape Change, Resilience, and Ecosystem Services		
			● <b>4906-440</b> (Graß) Agroecology and Biotic Resource Conservation		

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# Module code

Each module and each course is designated by a specific code. The first four digits represent the respective institute and the department or study field (i.e. of the responsible person / course instructor). The next three digits correlate to the type of module and the term, as well as the courses.

**11** 00-00 0 = institute number (31 – 49 in the Faculty of Agriculture)

00 **01**-00 0 = department within the institute (01 - 99 possible)

00 00-**01** 0 = module designation:

-**01** 0 - **20** 0 basic modules for Bachelor's students

-**21** 0 - **40** 0 specialization study modules for Bachelor's students

-**41** 0 - **80** 0 modules for Master's students

-**81** 0 - **90** 0 modules for PhD students

0000-01 **1** = course 1 of a module (1 - 9 courses possible)

For example: 3090-440 Organic Food Systems and Concepts

3090: Number of the institute (309: Centre for Organic Agriculture)

440: The 4 indicates that it is a module on Master's level (lower numbers indicate Bachelor's level. Note: Bachelor's modules cannot be chosen as elective modules!)

0 indicates that it is the module name. 1, 2 or 3 as last digit indicate that it is a teaching sub-unit within a module (tutorial, exercises, lectures, etc.)

# Lecture Periods

<b>WS 20/20</b>	<b>First day of <u>un</u>-blocked modules:</b>	(45. KW) Monday, 02 Nov 2020
	<b>First day of blocked modules:</b>	(45. KW) Monday, 02 Nov 2020
	<b>Last day of <u>un</u>-blocked modules:</b>	(6. KW) Saturday, 13 Feb 2021
	<b>Last day of blocked modules:</b>	(9. KW) Friday, 05 Mar 2021
<b>SS 21</b>	<b>First day of blocked modules:</b>	(15. KW) Monday, 12 Apr 2021
	<b>First day of <u>un</u>-blocked modules:</b>	(15. KW) Monday, 12 Apr 2021
	<b>Last day of <u>un</u>-blocked modules:</b>	(29. KW) Saturday, 24 Jul 2021
	<b>Last day of blocked modules:</b>	(31. KW) Friday, 06 Aug 2021

**No lectures:** All Saints' Day: Fri, 01 Nov 2020, Christmas holidays: Mo, 23 Dec 2020 – Mo, 06 Jan 2021, Easter: Fri, 02 Apr. – Mon, 05 Apr 2021, International Labor Day: Sa, 01 May 2021, Ascension: Thurs, 13 May 2021, Pentecost: Tues, 25 May 2021 – Sat, 29 May 2021 (excursions might take place during that week!), Corpus Christi: Thurs, 03 June 2021.

See also: <https://www.uni-hohenheim.de/en/semesterdates>

**Examination periods in winter semester 2020/21 and summer semester 2021 were not known at the time of publishing this curriculum. You may plan on:**

<b>Wintersemester Period 1:</b>	calendar week 7 to 9
<b>Wintersemester Period 2:</b>	calendar week 13 to 14
<b>Summer Semester Period 1:</b>	calendar week 30 to 32
<b>Summer Semester Period 2:</b>	calendar week 39 to 41

**Deadline for the registration for exams:** is set by the Examinations Office

Questions concerning the examination regulations, the study and examination plan, withdrawal, or transcripts of records are answered at the Examinations Office and the exact dates of the module examinations are posted on the online notice-board of the Examinations Office at: (<https://www.uni-hohenheim.de/en/examination>)