

Module Title: Advanced scientific writing and communication

Module ID/Code: NPW-007 [780800070]

1. Content and intended learning outcomes

Learning content:

Learning I. For all students that participate in this 'frame module':

- Lectures to teach literature search, scientific reading, "dos and don'ts" in scientific presentation and proposal
- writing
- II. Specific for individual project groups:
- Introductory lectures into research topic (e.g. 'recent advances in plant nutrition'), short overview of recent developments in the field
- Presentation of a high profile orginal research paper by each student with short own critical points on the paper followed by a public discussion of paper and presentation
- Development of a research proposal based on the presented research paper
- Peer review panel on individual research proposal by students ('Übungen' in subgroups with supervisor)
- Public defense of research proposal and public defense of peer review (i.e. each student has three presentations: orginal paper and grant proposal on 'own paper' and review of another students grant proposal)

Learning outcomes

After a successful completion of the course, the students...

- obtain an overview of a specific research field.
- learn and apply softskills on literature search, scientific reading, presentation and proposal writing.
- peer review of a grant proposal.
- communicate and discuss findings and evaluations with colleagues/other students.
- develop own grant proposal.

2. Prerequisites

obligatory	
recommended	Module "Scientific communication"
Maximum number	
of students	

3. Study program allocation

Study program	Compulsory/ Elective	Semester	
M.Sc. Crop Sciences	С	3.	

4. Teaching and learning methodes

Type of	Interval	Topic	Language of	Group	sws	Workle	oad [h]
course			instruction	size		Contact	Self-
						time	study
L	during the semester	Recent advances in (e.g. Plant Nutrition)	English	24	0,5	8,0	22,0
SG*	during the semester	Reading of article and writing of proposal	English	6	1,0	15,0	45,0
PS*	during the semester	Peer Review Panel (proposal)	English	6	1,0	15,0	45,0
S*	during the semester	Presentation and discussion of research papers	English	24	1,0	15,0	15,0
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5. Course cycle	6. Workload [h]	7. Duration	8. Credits (ECTS)
WS/SS	180	1	6,0



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9. Requirements for the rewarding of credits (ECTS)

Types of Assessment	Prerequisites for admission to the Assessment	Graded yes/no	Language (exam)	Weighting factor
Presentation [780800079]		graded	English	60%
Project work [780800078]	Presence in: > 3 lectures, one review panel and all but two student presentations	not graded	English	20%
Presentation [780800077]		graded	English	20%

Academic Achievements

10. Module coordination

Module coordinator

Prof. Dr. Gabriel Schaaf

Teaching person

NN; NN; Prof. Dr. Gabriel Schaaf; NN; Prof. Dr. Mathias Becker

Institute/ Department

Agrar-, Forst- und Ernährungswissenschaften

11. Further information

This module includes project groups from all research groups associated with the M.Sc. Crop Sciences