### Module

**Food Quality and Safety from Farm to Fork**

### Code

MSLS_FNH-1

### Degree Program

Master of Science in Life Sciences (MSLS)

### ECTS Credits

5

### Workload

150 h: contact 60h, self-study: 90h

### Module Coordinator

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### Lecturers

- Dr. Wolfram Brück (HES-SO Sion)  
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- Dr. Lydie Moreau (HES-SO Sion)  
- Guest Lecturers

### Entry Requirements

Basics in Food Sciences (food processing, food chemistry & analysis, food microbiology) – for candidates with a non-food science background please refer to chapters 2, 3, 6, 9 in *(Campbell-Platt 2009)*

### Learning Outcomes and Competences

After completing the module students will be able to:

- Discuss the key criteria of food quality and safety  
- Analyse food value chains with respect to food quality and safety  
- Suggest measures to meet product specifications  
- Communicate food quality issues to key stakeholders

### Module Content

Major food quality traits such as safety, shelf-life, sensory attributes and nutritional value will be addressed. It will be discussed how these traits are affected during different stages of the food value chain in animal- and plant-based production systems. On the basis of practical food industry examples, measures that allow complying with basic quality characteristics will be elaborated along with optimization strategies. A strong focus will be put on food safety related challenges: Potential hazards and risks, legal regulations, control measures and management strategies will be covered. Practical case study assignments on food safety related aspects will help to apply learned strategies and to translate them into specific settings.

### Teaching / Learning Methods

- Self-study  
- Lectures and expert inputs  
- Teamwork on case studies supported by coaching

### Assessment of Learning Outcome

Consists of:

- Case-study 40% (team assessment)  
- Written exam 60% (individual grade)

### Bibliography


### Language

English

### Last Update

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