Module | Current Topics in Applied Agricultural and Forest Research
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Code | MSLS_AF-25
Degree Program | Master of Science in Life Sciences (MSLS)
ECTS Credits | 5
Workload | 150 h: Contact 24 h; Self-study 126 h
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Entry Requirements | Students must have either specified their own Master’s thesis project (together with their principal advisor) or have identified a suitable topic and an advisor for the purpose of the module.
Learning Outcomes and Competences | After completing the module students will be able to:  
• present current topics in agricultural and forestry research within their own field of specialization;  
• discuss current topics of research with colleagues from other sub-fields of the environmental (agricultural or forest) disciplines;  
• give an overview of important topics that are currently on the research agendas in Switzerland and other countries.
Module Content | The module covers selected examples of recently concluded or on-going research projects (e.g. at HAFL, WSL, Agroscope research stations, universities, CGIAR centers and other institutions in Switzerland or abroad).  
The content of the self-study is fixed in accordance with the student’s principal advisor and can be adapted to cover recent developments and publications in the agricultural and forest sciences.
Teaching / Learning Methods | • Seminars with presentations by students  
• Discussion of current research topics  
• Individual student’s paper (or other deliverable) on a specific example in the field of applied agricultural or forest research
Assessment of Learning Outcome | 1) Seminar presentation and discussion (30%)  
2) Individual report, review paper or additional exam by the principal advisor (70%)
Bibliography | Key references include:  
Agrarforschung Schweiz (German/French/English, latest volume), https://www.agrarforschungschweiz.ch/  
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| **Comments** | Duration 1 semester: 1-3 days final seminar  
The following sequences are compulsory for students: Participation at the final seminar for one full day. For details on compulsory sequences, please refer to the detailed schedule of the module, which will be uploaded on Moodle 4 weeks before the start of the module. |
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