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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 Agricultural Sciences, major "Transformation Management for Sustainable Agri-Food Systems". It contains information on the program structure and summarizes the most important exam regulations (issued the 23<sup>rd</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> of July 2024).

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 ([transformation@uni-hohenheim.de](mailto:transformation@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](https://uni-hohenheim.de/en/module-catalogue). Time schedules and lecture halls for all courses are displayed in the Course Catalog of the University of Hohenheim, available at the beginning of each semester online on the University's homepage: [uni-hohenheim.de/en/course-catalog](https://uni-hohenheim.de/en/course-catalog)

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# The Master's Program "Transformation Management for Sustainable Agri-Food Systems"

## 1 PROGRAM AND QUALIFICATION OBJECTIVES

Actors in the agricultural and food sector are facing major challenges today: On the one hand, the sector must be made fit for the future and adapt to societal changes such as climate change, biodiversity loss, digitalization, or a shortage of skilled workers. On the other hand, societal sustainability goals such as the 2°C target or the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) require the sector to make a positive contribution to sustainability transformation and minimize its negative impacts. In order to initiate and implement these transformation processes, the agri-food sector needs professionals who not only know and understand the challenges of this sustainability transformation, but who can also think strategically and future-oriented and mediate between different societal actors and conflicting goals. The major "Transformation Management for Sustainable Agri-Food Systems" provides students with the skills to shape and accompany these societal transformation processes at various levels.

### QUALIFICATION OBJECTIVES

The qualification goals of the major are based on the competency model for education for sustainable development by [Wiek, Withycombe & Redman \(2011\)](#) and include qualification goals in five different categories needed for problem- and solution-oriented education for sustainability.

Upon completion of the major, students will have acquired the following competences:

#### SYSTEMIC THINKING:

- The ability to think critically and in a systemic networked manner to view sustainability challenges in the agri-food sector from a systemic perspective.
- Understand the long-term consequences and potential trade-offs of decisions.

#### ANTICIPATORY SKILLS:

- Ability to envision a desirable future agricultural and food system and anticipate the consequences of current decisions.

#### NORMATIVE SKILLS:

- A differentiated understanding of current societal debates about food and agriculture and the ability to incorporate these into decision-making processes.
- A differentiated understanding of the latest scientific knowledge on sustainability in agricultural and food systems.
- Ability to evaluate the scientific basis of arguments and discussions.

#### STRATEGIC SKILLS:

- Knowledge of the latest theories on sustainability transformations and understanding of social and institutional change processes.
- Ability to manage and organize transformation processes in the agricultural and food system.

#### INTERPERSONAL SKILLS:

- The ability to communicate across disciplines and with partners in other sectors, e.g., policy makers, businesses, civil society organizations, or the general public.
- Ability to work effectively in diverse teams, recognizing, and mediating between different perspectives and values.



## 2 ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

To be eligible for admission, students must have successfully completed a Bachelor's degree program in agricultural sciences, environmental sciences or geography, or related subjects (including agricultural biology and biobased products and bioenergy). Please refer to the admission regulations for the Agricultural Sciences degree program for a list of acceptable Bachelor's degrees. Additionally, applicants must demonstrate English language proficiency at the level of 90 points on the "Internet Based TOEFL", as outlined in the admission regulations. Students who have not previously completed an agricultural degree program must take at least two of three agricultural modules from the elective module catalog.

The major is particularly suited to students with good communication and negotiation skills, enthusiasm for designing change processes, and a keen interest in the practical implementation of sustainability concepts.

## 3 DEGREE AND CAREER PERSPECTIVES

After successful completion of all modules as well as the thesis, the student is awarded the degree "Master of Science" (M.Sc.). This degree entitles to continuing with a Ph.D./doctoral program if the total grade is above average.

Graduates of the major "Transformation Management for Sustainable Agri-Food-Systems" in the Master's program "Agricultural Sciences" are able to cooperate with a variety of partners with different backgrounds and accompany complex transformation processes on different levels. They therefore gain professional perspectives in a wide range of organizations and institutions. Typical employers of graduates include private companies, public institutions, and non-governmental organizations. They engage in projects aimed at advancing existing structures, working methods, products, and markets, particularly in the field of food production, through intensive measures towards sustainability, both in Germany and abroad. Possible areas of work include:

- Sustainability management in companies and organizations,
- Preparation of expert reports with a focus on sustainability,
- Support of transformation processes for administrative institutions in the agricultural and environmental sector,
- Scientific work in public research institutions in the agricultural and environmental sector.

## 4 MODULES

### 4.1 What is a Module?

A module is a teaching unit and can consist of several courses (lecture, seminar, excursion, practical exercises ...). Modules at the University of Hohenheim correspond to 6 ECTS credits (unblocked modules) or 7.5 ECTS credits (blocked modules). A few modules with higher workload correspond to 12 or even 15 credits. (See also chapter 4.2)

A detailed description on the content and structure of each module is found in the Module catalogue [uni-hohenheim.de/modulkatalog#Master](https://uni-hohenheim.de/modulkatalog#Master)

## 4.2 Modules and associated workload

Students earn ECTS-Credits for the workload associated with each module (1 ECTS-Credit = 30 h workload). A module of 6 credits corresponds to a workload of 4 SWS (4 weekly semester hours / 56 total contact hours). A module of 7.5 credits corresponds to a workload of 5 SWS (5 weekly semester hours / 70 total contact hours). In addition, each credit requires preparation time, 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.

The M.Sc. program has a requirement of 120 credits in total (90 credits from course work, 30 credits for the Master's thesis).

## 4.3 Modules per semester

A typical semester consists of 30 credits, and is either composed of 5 unblocked modules, (6 credits each) or 4 blocked modules (7.5 credits each). Typically, the modules are completed in the first three semesters, followed by the Master's thesis in the fourth semester. However, the examinations regulations allow a certain degree of flexibility. For details, refer to [uni-hohenheim.de/en/examination](https://uni-hohenheim.de/en/examination).

## 4.4 Blocked and unblocked modules

The University of Hohenheim offers two different types of modules: unblocked modules and blocked modules. Unblocked modules correspond to a workload of 6 credits and blocked modules to a workload of 7.5 credits.

### 4.4.1 Unblocked Modules

Unblocked modules are based on 4 contact hours per week for the whole semester period. They end with an exam at the end of the semester.

### 4.4.2 Blocked Modules

Blocked Modules are composed of 3 weeks of daily instruction (usually 5 hours per day) followed by one week of individual preparation, ending with a final exam at the end of the 4th week. Blocked modules correspond to a higher workload than unblocked modules, and are therefore worth 7.5 credits. However, mixing blocked and unblocked modules in one semester it is not recommended, as lectures and lesson follow-up may overlap significantly.

## 4.5 Module Categories

Each Master's program consists of compulsory and elective modules; some study programs also include semi-elective modules. The credits of each module correspond to the workload and not to the category, i.e. an elective module with 6 credits has the equal weight as a compulsory module with regard to the final average grade.

### 4.5.1 Compulsory Modules

... are the modules providing the core knowledge of the study program. Those modules have to be completed to obtain the M.Sc. degree.

### 4.5.2 Semi-elective Modules

... are modules covering a wider range of content related to the aim of the study program. In some programs, a defined minimum number of modules out of a pool of semi-elective modules must be chosen

and completed. The Master's program in Transformation Management for Sustainable Agri-Food Systems requires students to complete at least two semi-elective modules.

#### 4.5.3 Elective modules

... are modules chosen by the individual students, according to their interests. They are the modules outside of a program's compulsory modules, which contribute to the final total of 90 ECTS credits required for the achievement of an M.Sc. degree. They can be chosen from all Master's modules offered by the Faculty of Agricultural Sciences of the University of Hohenheim. On request, subject-related Master's modules offered from other faculties or other universities can also be chosen.

Note: Bachelor's modules cannot be chosen as elective modules.

#### 4.5.4 Additional modules

... are modules taken out of individual interest beyond the 90 ECTS coursework credits required for the completion of the degree. Credits from additional modules will not be included in the calculation for your final average grade. But, on request to the examinations office, they can be shown on your final transcript.

There are two special cases of elective modules, which are worth highlighting:

#### 4.5.5 Portfolio Module (3000-410)

You can gain up to 7.5 credits (not graded) for extra-curricular activities like internships, participation in conferences, trainings or summer schools, language courses (max. 3 credits), writing research papers, courses on statistical programs or similar activities. These credits can replace an elective module. The detailed explanation is found in the module catalog under module code 3000-410.

#### 4.5.6 English for Scientific Purposes (3000-420)

This module consists of four English courses of C1 level at the language center Hohenheim. You can choose from several courses and workshops and they can stretch over several semesters.

After completing the four courses/workshops you must write an exam to obtain the UniCert III certificate. This module counts as an elective module and is the only way language courses can be recognized for your studies apart from the portfolio module. The detailed explanation is found in the module catalog under module code 3000-420

### 4.6 Certificate program for courses in Artificial Intelligence and Data Science in Hohenheim (AIDAHO)

The program is designed for students of all faculties: [aidaho.uni-hohenheim.de/en/home](https://aidaho.uni-hohenheim.de/en/home). The aim of AIDAHO is to increase the expertise of its participants in the fields of Artificial Intelligence (AI), Data Science and Scientific Computing. Students can enroll in the certificate in addition to their main course of study. The AIDAHO courses can be taken in any order.

How to achieve the certificate

To successfully complete the program, students must pass at least five AIDAHO modules (30 ECTS).

- There are **three mandatory basic modules** that all participants must complete. The courses of these modules teach basic programming skills and statistic methods.

- In the **two semi-elective specialization modules** students can either deepen their methodological skills or choose to work on data projects in application seminars.

The following sections cover additional information about the basic and specialization modules. A complete list of all courses of all faculties in the AIDAHO program can be found here: [aidaho.uni-hohenheim.de/en/courses](https://aidaho.uni-hohenheim.de/en/courses)

The basic modules contain three courses which all participants of the AIDAHO program have to pass:

Sem	Code	Name of Module	Duration	Credits	Professor
1 or 2	5000-300 (B.Sc.-level!)	Tools for AI & Data Science (no elective module, only additional for M.Sc.) *(AIDAHO-Basic)	1 Semester	6	Krupitzer/ Vogelgesang
2	4407-480	Introduction to Machine Learning with Python*(AIDAHO-Basic)	1 Semester	7.5	Stein
1/3	5107-410	Introduction to Applied Data Science*(AIDAHO-Basic)	1 Semester	6	Dimpf

In the specializing part students enroll in two modules. At least one of them has to be an application course. Modules of this curriculum that apply to the AIDAHO certificate as a specialization module \*(AIDAHO specialization) or application course \*(AIDAHO application) are marked. All these modules can be integrated into the Master's degree at the same time in accordance with the program-specific regulations.

Passed project works, seminar papers or theses, in which a substantial part was the quantitative data analysis or working with machine learning/artificial intelligence, can be credited as an "application course".

Questions about the AIDAHO certificate should be directed to [aidaho@uni-hohenheim.de](mailto:aidaho@uni-hohenheim.de)

#### 4.7 Modules with limited numbers 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 such modules in advance. See also: [uni-hohenheim.de/en/registration-for-modules](https://uni-hohenheim.de/en/registration-for-modules) .

If the number of participants is limited, 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](https://uni-hohenheim.de/en/module-catalogue)). Each module is set up as a course on the e-learning platform ILIAS ([ilias.uni-hohenheim.de](https://ilias.uni-hohenheim.de)). You have to register there and see how the spots for each course are allocated. Further instructions and information, e.g. how to contact the relevant lecturer or to join the waiting list are also available there. Generally, students for whom the respective module is compulsory or the last module that needs to be completed to finish a degree program will 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 responsible lecturer by e-mail and ask for registration.

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.



## 4.8 Module codes

Each module and each course has a specific code. Example: 4902-440 Economics and Environmental Policy.

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 correspond to the type of module and the term, as well as the course.

**4902-440** = institute number (490 Institute of Agricultural Sciences in the Tropics "Hans Ruthenberg Institute")

**0002-000** = department within the institute (2 corresponds to the 2<sup>nd</sup> letter in the alphabet: B -> department 490b International Agricultural Trade and Food Security)

**0000-440** = module designation:  
01 - 40 modules for Bachelor's students  
**41 - 80 modules for Master's students**  
81 - 90 modules for doctoral candidates

**0000-011** = course 1 of a module (1 - 9 courses possible)

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

The module 4902-440 Economics and Environmental Policy consist of four courses:

- 4902-441 Basic Microeconomics
- 4902-442 Environmental Policy
- 4902-443 Exercises to Basic Microeconomics
- 4902-444 Exercises to Environmental Policy

Note: It is important to check for the times and venues of all courses that belong to a module!

## 4.9 Individual Timetable

The Master's programs at the University of Hohenheim offer a high variety of different modules that can be chosen as elective modules. This allows for a personalized study profile with different specializations as well as for the creation of individual timetables depending on the choice of courses.

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: [uni-hohenheim.de/en/course-catalog](http://uni-hohenheim.de/en/course-catalog). It is linked to the modules listed in the HohCampus Study Planner. A tool to compose a virtual individual timetable is also available on HohCampus: [hohcampus.uni-hohenheim.de/en/hohcampus-help-schedule](http://hohcampus.uni-hohenheim.de/en/hohcampus-help-schedule). Please note: many modules consist of more than one course e.g. a lecture and a seminar (see above, module code explanation).

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").

## 4.10 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 on paper or sent as online links by email and evaluated by the Faculty of Agricultural Sciences. 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. This feedback is important for the Faculty to be able to continuously improve the study experience for our students.

## 5 EXAMINATIONS

Each module is completed with an examination. To be eligible for an exam, students must register for it on HohCampus during the designated registration periods. These periods are published on the examinations office website and in HohCampus. During the registration process, students have the option to choose whether the module should be categorized as semi-elective, elective, or additional (refer to chapter 2.5 Module Categories for more details). It is important to note that students are allowed to change the designation of modules (e.g., from additional to elective or vice-versa) **only once** throughout their entire study period. Consequently, most students opt to request this change shortly before completing their degree, as they will have access to the most information and can make better-informed decisions based on their completed modules.

In every semester there are two designated examination periods and students can choose in which period they want to write the exam. 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. The first examination period starts directly after the end of the lecture period, the second examination period takes place shortly before the lecture period of the next semester starts. 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.

Please note that plagiarism — 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 (available at: [agrar.uni-hohenheim.de/en/plagiarism](http://agrar.uni-hohenheim.de/en/plagiarism)) has to be attached to homework, presentations, and to the Master's thesis.

### 5.1 Registering for Examinations

Students must register for the examinations of each semester at the examination office using HohCampus. The registration must take place during the time period announced at the examination office. When you must 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 ([uni-hohenheim.de/en/examination](http://uni-hohenheim.de/en/examination)).

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

## 5.2 Exam Repetition

If an exam is failed, the Examinations Office will inform the student via post. Students are responsible for checking in HohCampus or with the responsible professor about dates for resit exams and registration deadlines. Resit exams for blocked modules will usually be scheduled by the responsible professor within the same semester. Resit exams in unblocked modules will usually 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.

## 6 MARKS AND GRADES

### 6.1 Credit Point System at the University of Hohenheim

With each completed module, 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.

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.

	Marks and Grades		
	grades		score
excellent performance	very good	A	1.0
	good	A-	1.3
performance considerably exceeding the above average standard	good	B+	1.7
		B	2.0
		B-	2.3
performance meeting the average standard	medium	C+	2.7
		C	3.0
		C-	3.3
performance meeting minimum criteria	pass	D+	3.7
		D	4.0
performance not meeting minimum criteria	fail	F	5.0

The final score is calculated as an average score weighted according to the credits achieved in all modules and the thesis.

The final, weighted average of received scores results in a final grade for the Master's degree according to the table below:

between 1,0 and 1,5 = very good (A)

between 1,6 and 2,5 = good (B)

between 2,6 and 3,5 = medium (C)

between 3,6 and 4,0 = pass (D)

Additional and non-graded modules will not be included in the calculation of the final average grade.

## 7 SEMESTER STRUCTURE

The academic year at the University of Hohenheim is structured into two semesters, a winter semester (October until March) and a summer semester (April until September). The lecture period of each semester usually lasts 14 weeks (winter as well as summer semester).

Winter semester (WS) courses usually begin in the middle of October and end in February of the following year. Summer semester (SS) courses begin the first Monday in April and by end of July / beginning of August. 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.

(See here [uni-hohenheim.de/en/semester-dates](https://uni-hohenheim.de/en/semester-dates) and also back side of this brochure for important semester dates)

## 8 PROGRAM DESIGN

The two-year / 4-semester M.Sc. program "Transformation Management for Sustainable Agri-Food Systems" comprises 3 compulsory modules totaling 18 ECTS credits. Additionally, a minimum of 12 ECTS credits must be selected from a semi-elective catalog of 10 modules. Students can choose elective modules for further individual specialization, amounting to at least 60 credits, from the complete range of modules offered in the Master's degree programs of the Faculty of Agricultural Sciences. Furthermore, up to 15 credits can be chosen from the modules offered in the doctoral study programs of the Faculty of Agricultural Sciences. From the numerous possible elective modules, thematic profiles are recommended to the students, which prepare them particularly well for certain activities or occupational fields. However, other modules and module combinations can also be selected, provided that the course schedule allows this. The Master's thesis carries 30 credits, and the third semester is designated as a mobility window.

The program follows a modular course structure. A typical semester consists of five modules. In the first semester, students complete the three compulsory modules and the two semi-elective modules. In the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> semester they select 60 ECTS from elective modules. During the fourth semester they work on their thesis. Upon application, examinations taken at other universities can be recognized if the request is submitted within the first three months of the first semester in Hohenheim (deadlines: 31 December or 30 June).

As an elective module, the one-semester or half-semester internship module "Transformation Internship" with 30 or 15 ECTS credit points can also be taken either in the summer semester or in the winter semester. In addition to the 6-month or 3-month internship period (6 months can be divided into 2 positions of 3 months each), the student is required to write a seminar paper, which is presented in 3 online seminar sessions (start-mid-end). The seminar part is graded while the internship part is ungraded. For the full-semester-internship the seminar part counts towards the Master's final grade with 12 credit points, and for the half-semester-internship the seminar part counts with 6 credit points. The module is offered in the summer and winter semesters and is open only to students in this major. Students are ultimately responsible for finding internship placements, thus the module has no limit on participants.

This program structure ensures a solid education in Transformation Management for Sustainable Agri-Food Systems but also allows students to get trained according to their own career aspirations.

1 <sup>st</sup> Semester	2 <sup>nd</sup> Semester	3 <sup>rd</sup> Semester	4 <sup>th</sup> Semester
<b>4302-500</b> Transformation Studies in Agri-Food Systems	30 credits in elective modules <i>either</i>	Elective Module	Master's Thesis
<b>4303-410</b> Analyzing Sustainability in Agri-Food Systems	blocked 4 x 7.5 credits <i>or</i>	Elective Module	
<b>4303-420</b> Communicating Sustainability in Agri-Food Systems	not blocked 5 x 6 credits <i>or</i>	Elective Module	
Semi-elective Module	Internship 1 x 30 credits <i>or</i>	Elective Module	
Semi-elective Module	Internship 15 credits + 2 x 7.5 credits	Elective Module	

## 8.1 Compulsory Modules

These are the modules providing the core knowledge of the study program. Those modules have to be completed to obtain the M.Sc. degree.

The compulsory modules are:

Sem	Code	Name of Module	Duration	Credits	Professor
1	4302-500	Transformation Studies in Agri-Food Systems	1 Semester	6	Bieling
1	4303-410	Analyzing Sustainability in Agri-Food Systems	1 Semester	6	Seufert
1	4303-420	Communicating Sustainability in Agri-Food Systems	1 Semester	6	Seufert

## 8.2 Semi-elective modules

These are modules covering a wider range of content related to the aim of the study program.

In the Transformation Management for Sustainable Agri-Food Systems program at least two modules must be chosen of the following lists of **semi-elective modules**. Depending on their academic background students must choose from one of the two following lists.

**Students without an agricultural background** must select at least two of these agricultural semi-elective modules:

Sem	Code	Name of Module	Duration	Credits	Professor
1	3080-440	Agricultural Production and Residues	1 Semester	6	Gallmann
1	3403-430	Agricultural Production of Biobased Resources	1 Semester	6	Lewandowski
1	4908-440	Livestock Production Systems and Development	1 Semester	6	Roesel
1	4908-450	Organic Livestock Farming and Products	1 Semester	6	Roesel



**Students with an agricultural or equivalent background** have to choose at least two semi-elective modules from this list:

Sem	Code	Name of Module	Duration	Credits	Professor
1	3202-420	Global Change Issues *	1 Semester	6	Schweiger
1	4301-410	Knowledge and Innovation Management	1 Semester	6	Knierim
1	4303-480	Enacting Local Transformation in the Agri-Food System *	1 Semester	6	Seufert
1	4901-470	Quantitative Methods in Economics * (AIDAHO specialization)	1 Semester	6	Zeller
1	4902-430	Food and Nutrition Security	1 Semester	6	Boysen-Urban
1	4902-440	Economics and Environmental Policy	1 Semester	6	Boysen-Urban
1	4903-500	Policy Processes in Agriculture and Natural Resource Management	1 Semester	6	Birner
1	4903-520	Governance of Sustainable Agri-Food Systems	1 Semester	6	Birner
1	4904-430	Land Use Economics	2 <sup>nd</sup> half of the semester	6	Berger
1	4906-410	Ecology and Agroecosystems *	1 Semester	6	Grass

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### 8.3 Elective Modules

Further **elective modules** have to be chosen to complete the required 90 credits of course work. Elective modules can be chosen from the thematic profiles below or from the modules of other Master's programs offered by the Faculty of Agricultural Sciences at the University of Hohenheim. On request to the examination board and with the approval of an academic counsellor or the program coordinator, modules can be also chosen from other faculties of the University of Hohenheim or other universities.

### 8.4 Suggestions for Thematic Profiles in Transformation Management for Sustainable Agri-Food Systems

From the numerous possible elective modules, the following thematic profiles are recommended to the students, which prepare them particularly well for certain activities or occupational fields. However, other modules and module combinations can also be selected, provided that the course schedule allows this.

#### 8.4.1 Profile Agroecology and Environment

Sem	Code	Name of Module	Duration	Credits	Professor
2/3	4303-450	Transformation Internship – Practical Part (18 of 30 credits)	1 Semester	18	Seufert
2/3	4303-460	Transformation Internship - Accompanying Seminar (12 of 30 credits)	1 Semester	12	Seufert
2/3	4303-500	Transformation Internship – Practical Part (9 of 15 credits)	½ Semester	9	Seufert
2/3	4303-510	Transformation Internship - Accompanying Seminar (6 of 15 credits)	½ Semester	6	Seufert

Sem	Code	Name of Module	Duration	Credits	Professor
2	4303-430	Exploring Regional Transformations through Utopias *	Excursion in May, partly blocked	7.5	Seufert
2	3103-450	Spatial Data Analysis with GIS * <small>*(AIDAHO application)</small>	Block 1	7.5	Streck
2	3201-590	Combining Ecological Models and Data <small>*(AIDAHO application)</small>	Block 1	7.5	Schurr
2	3201-620	Vegetation and Soils of Central Europe *	Block 2	7.5	Schmieder
2	4905-470	Biodiversity and Genetic Resources *	Block 2	7.5	Martin
2	4906-430	Field Course Agroecology and Biodiversity *	Block 2	7.5	Graß
2	4302-470	Landscape Change, Resilience, and Ecosystem Services *	Block 3	7.5	Bieling
2	4906-440	Agroecology and Biotic Resource Conservation *	Block 3	7.5	Graß
2	3202-460	Plant Ecology of Cultural Landscapes *	2 weeks in August	7.5	Schweiger
3	3201-610	Project in Landscape Ecology *	1 Semester	6	Schurr
3	3103-410	Plant and Crop Modeling <small>*(AIDAHO application)</small>	blocked in March	6	Priesack
1-4	3000-410	Portfolio-Module (Master) <i>(not graded, see <a href="#">module catalog</a>)</i>	Not defined	1 – 7.5	Kruse, M.

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Fields of activity for the profile „Agroecology and Environment“:

- Specialist in governmental and non-governmental organizations,
- Project management / consulting,
- Research in the field of agroecology and environment

Occupational fields for the profile „Agroecology and Environment“:

- Governmental organizations and authorities dealing with agroecology and environment at international or national (e.g. European Commission; BMEL,) as well as sub-national scale (e.g. MLR Baden Württemberg, Regierungspräsidien / Landratsämter)
- Non-governmental organisations dealing with agroecology and environment both in Germany, Europe or elsewhere (e.g. NABU, Misereor)

#### 8.4.2 Profile Diversified Farming Systems

Sem	Code	Name of Module	Duration	Credits	Professor
2/3	4303-450	Transformation Internship – Practical Part (18 of 30 credits)	1 Semester	18	Seufert
2/3	4303-460	Transformation Internship - Accompanying Seminar (12 of 30 credits)	1 Semester	12	Seufert
2/3	4303-500	Transformation Internship – Practical Part (9 of 15 credits)	½ Semester	9	Seufert
2/3	4303-510	Transformation Internship - Accompanying Seminar (6 of 15 credits)	½ Semester	6	Seufert
2	4303-430	Exploring Regional Transformations through Utopias *	Excursion in May, partly blocked	7.5	Seufert

Sem	Code	Name of Module	Duration	Credits	Professor
2	3090-420	Problems and Perspectives of Organic Farming	1 Semester	6	Zikeli
2	3090-430	Processing and Quality of Organic Food	1 Semester	6	Zikeli
2	3090-470	Organic Plant Production	1 Semester	6	Zikeli
2	3603-420	Crop Protection in Organic Farming	1 Semester	6	Petschenka
2	4404-520	Precision Farming	1 Semester	6	Böttinger
2	4903-510	Innovations for Sustainable Agri-Food Systems	1 Semester	6	Birner
2	4302-460	Global Agri-food Systems: Conventional, Organic, and Beyond	1 Semester	6	Bieling
3	4302-420	Ethical Reflection on Food and Agriculture *	1 Semester	6	Bieling
1-4	3000-410	Portfolio-Module (Master) ( <i>not graded, see module catalog</i> )	Not defined	1 – 7.5	Kruse, M.

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Fields of activity for the profile „Diversified Farming Systems “:

- Specialist in governmental and non-governmental organizations,
- Project management / consulting,
- Research in the field of diversified farming systems

Occupational fields for the profile „Diversified Farming Systems “:

- Governmental and non-governmental organizations dealing with diversification of farming systems (e.g. European Commission; BMEL, MLR Baden Württemberg)
- Non-governmental organizations or associations working in the field of diversified farming systems (e.g. Bund für Naturschutz, Bioland)

#### 8.4.3 Profile Tropics and Subtropics

Sem	Code	Name of Module	Duration	Credits	Professor
2/3	4303-450	Transformation Internship – Practical Part (18 of 30 credits)	1 Semester	18	Seufert
2/3	4303-460	Transformation Internship - Accompanying Seminar (12 of 30 credits)	1 Semester	12	Seufert
2/3	4303-500	Transformation Internship – Practical Part (9 of 15 credits)	½ Semester	9	Seufert
2/3	4303-510	Transformation Internship - Accompanying Seminar (6 of 15 credits)	½ Semester	6	Seufert
2	4905-430	Integrated Agricultural Production Systems	Block 2	7.5	Kroschel
2	4403-550	Post-Harvest Technology of Food and Bio-Based Products	Block 2	7.5	Müller, J.
2	4403-470	Renewable Energy for Rural Areas	Block 3	7.5	Müller, J.
2	4908-420	Promotion of Livestock in Tropical Environments	Block 4	7.5	Roesel
3	4907-410	Natural Resource Use and Conservation in the Tropics and Subtropics	1 Semester	6	Asch
3	4905-420	Crop Production Systems	1 Semester	6	Kroschel
3	3090-410	Organic Farming in the Tropics and Subtropics	1 Semester	6	Zikeli
3	4301-470	Agricultural Knowledge Systems and Advisory Services	1 Semester	6	Knierim
1-4	3000-410	Portfolio-Module (Master) ( <i>not graded, see <a href="#">module catalog</a></i> )	Not defined	1 – 7.5	Kruse, M.

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Fields of activity for the profile „Tropics and Subtropics“:

- Specialist in the field of agriculture in the tropics and subtropics,
- Project management / consulting in development cooperation,
- Research in the field of rural development in the Tropics and Subtropics.

Occupational fields for the profile „Tropics and Subtropics“:

- Governmental and non-governmental organizations dealing with agriculture in the tropics and subtropics (e.g. GIZ, Welthungerhilfe),
- International and national agricultural research centres (CGIAR centers such as CIAT, IFPRI or departmental research),
- Consulting companies such as GFA Consulting group or Unique Land Use,
- International organizations such as FAO, World Bank, World Food Programme,
- Companies of the agricultural industry.

#### 8.4.4 Profile Rural Development

Sem	Code	Name of Module	Duration	Credits	Professor
2/3	4303-450	Transformation Internship – Practical Part (18 of 30 credits)	1 Semester	18	Seufert
2/3	4303-460	Transformation Internship - Accompanying Seminar (12 of 30 credits)	1 Semester	12	Seufert
2/3	4303-500	Transformation Internship – Practical Part (9 of 15 credits)	½ Semester	9	Seufert
2/3	4303-510	Transformation Internship - Accompanying Seminar (6 of 15 credits)	½ Semester	6	Seufert
2	4303-430	Exploring Regional Transformations through Utopias *	Excursion in May, partly blocked	7.5	Seufert
2	4901-430	Rural Development Policies and Institutions	1 Semester	6	Zeller
2	4903-470	Qualitative Research Methods in Rural Development Studies	1 Semester	6	Birner
2	5210-440	Globalization and History	1 Semester	6	Lehmann-Hasemeyer
3	4301-470	Agricultural Knowledge Systems and Advisory Services	1 Semester	6	Knierim
3	4907-410	Natural Resource Use and Conservation in the Tropics and Subtropics	1 Semester	6	Asch
3	4201-470	Policies for Sustainability Transitions	1 Semester	6	Wieck
3	4901-420	Poverty and Development Strategies	1 Semester	6	Zeller
1-4	3000-410	Portfolio-Module (Master) (not graded, see <a href="#">module catalog</a> )	Not defined	1 – 7.5	Kruse, M.

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Fields of activity for the profile „Rural Development“:

- Specialist in governmental and non-governmental organizations,
- Project management / consulting in development cooperation,
- Research in the field of rural development.

Occupational fields for the profile „Rural Development“:

- Governmental and non-governmental organizations dealing with rural development (e.g. European Commission; BMEL, MLR Baden Württemberg)
- Authorities on a sub-national level such as the Ministry for Rural Areas (MLR) in Baden-Württemberg, regional councils (Regierungspräsidien / Landratsämter)
- International organizations such as IFAD, FAO, World Bank, European Investment Bank
- Teaching and research institutions (e.g. Thünen Institute; JRC Seville)

#### 8.4.5 Profile Consumers and Food Value Chains

Sem	Code	Name of Module	Duration	Credits	Professor
2/3	4303-450	Transformation Internship – Practical Part (18 of 30 credits)	1 Semester	18	Seufert
2/3	4303-460	Transformation Internship - Accompanying Seminar (12 of 30 credits)	1 Semester	12	Seufert
2/3	4303-500	Transformation Internship – Practical Part (9 of 15 credits)	½ Semester	9	Seufert
2/3	4303-510	Transformation Internship - Accompanying Seminar (6 of 15 credits)	½ Semester	6	Seufert
2	4203-460	Sustainability Marketing & Marketing Consulting	1 Semester	6	Weinrich
2	4302-460	Global Agri-food Systems: Conventional, Organic, and Beyond	1 Semester	6	Bieling
2	4201-410	Agricultural and Food Policy	1 Semester	6	Wieck
2	4902-420	International Food and Agricultural Trade	1 Semester	6	Boysen-Urban
3	3090-440	Organic Food Systems and Concepts	1 Semester	6	Zikeli
3	4302-420*	Ethical Reflection on Food and Agriculture	1 Semester	6	Bieling
1-4	3000-410	Portfolio-Module (Master) ( <i>not graded, see <a href="#">module catalog</a></i> )	Not defined	1 – 7.5	Kruse, M.

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Fields of activity for the profile „Consumers and Food Value Chains“:

- Consulting along the agro-food value chain,
- Research and development,
- Public relations and press.

Occupational fields for the profile „Consumers and Food Value Chains“:

- Governmental and non-governmental organizations dealing with food policy (e.g. European Commission; BMEL, consumer protection centres; FoodWatch),
- Activities in the food industry and in cooperatives and associations,
- Authorities on a sub-national level such as the Ministry for Rural Areas (MLR) in Baden-Württemberg or consultant activities e.g. in regional councils (Regierungspräsidien / Landratsämter).

## 9 MASTER'S THESIS

The Master's thesis shows that the candidate is able to work independently on a problem in the field of "Transformation Management for Sustainable Agri-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 written



part of the Master's thesis has to be completed within a period of six months and accounts for 30 credits. It is usually written during the fourth semester. Thesis work includes a literature review, new and original data derived from field work, a period of writing-up and, finally, a presentation. The candidate has to defend the essential arguments, results, and methods of the thesis in a colloquium of 30-45 minutes. The thesis can be carried out either at the University of Hohenheim or at one of the various 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.

The Master's thesis has to be registered at the latest at the start of the seventh semester. Otherwise, it is graded "fail" (F; mark 5.0).

More information on the Master thesis can be found under the following website:

[uni-hohenheim.de/en/aw-msc-pa-en#jfmulticontent\\_c412188-5](https://uni-hohenheim.de/en/aw-msc-pa-en#jfmulticontent_c412188-5)

## 10 TEACHING STAFF

The professors of the University of Hohenheim 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 research, development, and policy institutions cover additional topics, enriching the curriculum with special fields of expertise.

## 11 ACADEMIC COUNSELLING

Academic counsellors advise students on their choice of modules to design their individual study profile and to support smooth and focused study progress. If a student wants to select modules offered by a faculty other than the Faculty of Agricultural Sciences, they must be approved by the academic counsellor or the program coordinator beforehand. Students can contact these counsellors at any time and ask for an appointment.

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## 12 STUDY ABROAD

Students are encouraged to spend one semester in the second year at a partner university abroad, to gain additional experience and further strengthen their individual profile. Our credit point system is intended to facilitate the mutual acceptance of courses attended at different universities. Assessment is based on the European Credit Transfer System (ECTS), which facilitates this kind of international mobility. Particularly, the third semester is suitable for integrated study abroad. Students will preferably spend this time at one of the partner universities of the Euro League for Life Sciences (ELLS): [euroleague-study.org/en/universities](https://euroleague-study.org/en/universities)

On the basis of an agreement on quality standards, the members of the Euro League for Life Sciences have agreed to mutually recognize study achievements. Students may also request to spend the semester at universities other than those of the ELLS network.

For more information consult the website of the Office of International Affairs ([uni-hohenheim.de/en/office-of-international-affairs](https://uni-hohenheim.de/en/office-of-international-affairs)).

Coursework and examinations that have been completed during the program at a university abroad can be recognized as compulsory, semi-elective, or elective modules as part of this degree program. The examination regulations define the conditions of recognition. How you must proceed for recognition is explained in detail on the pages of the examination office for this study program under the header "Recognition".

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# 16 BLOCKED MODULES OF THE FACULTY OF AGRICULTURAL SCIENCES IN WINTER SEMESTER 2024/25

Blockperiode / Period  Studiengang / Study Course	Block 1 (7.5 credits!) 14.10. - 08.11.2024	Block 2 (7.5 credits!) 11.11. - 06.12.2024	Block 3 (7.5 credits!) 09.12. – 20.12.2024 + 07.01. – 17.01.2025	Block 4 (7.5 credits!) 20.01. - 14.02.2025	März-Block/ March Block i.d.R. 24.02.-19.03.2025
M.Sc. Agrarwissenschaften Pflanzen- und Tierwissensch.			○ 7301-420 (Ernst) Aktuelle Themen zur Biologie der Honigbienen ( <i>hybride Lehre</i> )		○ 4611-440 (Kube) The Bacterial Genome, from Culture to Functional Reconstruction (7.5 credits)
M.Sc. Agrarwissenschaften Tierwissenschaften					● 4601-480 (Rodehutschord) Futtermitteltechnologie und - analytik (6 credits) ○ 4605-510 (Hölzle) Wissensch. Fragestellungen d. Umwelt- und Tierhygiene (6 credits) (n.V.)
M.Sc. Agrarbiologie (nur die Module der Fakultät A)					● 4611-440 (Kube) The Bacterial Genome, from Culture to Func- tional Reconstruction (7.5 credits)
M.Sc. EnviroFood					● 3103-410 (Priesack) Plant and Crop Modeling (6 credits)
M.Sc. Landscape Ecology	● 3201-560 (Schurr) Landscape Ecology	● 3201-570 (Schurr) Community and Evolutionary Ecology	● 3201-580 (Dieterich) Conservation Biology	● 3201 (Schweiger) Plant Ecology	○ 3201-420 (Schurr) Methods in Landscape and Plant Ecology (7.5 credits!) ( <i>time sched- ule individually arrangeable</i> )
M.Sc. EnvEuro Ecosystems and Biodiversity (Alternative 2)	● 3201-560 (Schurr) Landscape Ecology	● 3201-570 (Schurr) Community and Evolutionary Ecology	● 3201-580 (Dieterich) Conservation Biology	● 3202-440 (Schweiger) Plant Ecology	● 3201-420 (Schurr) Methods in Landscape and Plant Ecology (7.5 credits!) ( <i>individually arrangeable time schedule</i> )
M.Sc. Crop Sciences					○ 3103-410 (Priesack) Plant and Crop Modeling (6 credits) ○ 4611-440 (Kube) The Bacterial Genome, from Culture to Func- tional Reconstruction (7.5 credits)

Check HohCampus for how to register for participation: View [module handbooks](#)

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# 17 BLOCKED MODULES OF THE FACULTY OF AGRICULTURAL SCIENCES IN SUMMER SEMESTER 2025

Blockperiode / Period	Block 1 (7.5 credits) 01.04. - 25.04.2025	Block 2 (7.5 credits) 28.04. - 23.05.2025	Block 3 (7.5 credits) 26.05. - 06.06.2025+ 16.06. - 27.06.2025	Block 4 (7.5 credits) 30.06. - 25.07.2025	By arrangement (7,5 credits)
Studiengang / Study Course					
<b>M.Sc. Agrarwissenschaften</b> Bodenwissenschaften	<b>◼ 3103-450</b> (Streck) Spatial Data Analysis with GIS <b>◼ 3102-460</b> (Kandeler) Molec. Bodenökol. /Molecular Soil Ecology <b>◼ 3101-460</b> (Herrmann) Soils of the World - Formation, Classification, and Land Evaluation ( <i>only offered in odd years</i> )	<b>◼ 3102-440</b> (Kandeler) Environmental Pollution and Soil Organisms <b>◼ 3201-620</b> (Schmieder) Vegetation and Soils of Centr. Europe	<b>◼ 3101-570</b> (Herrmann) Boden- und veg.kundl. Geländeübung / Field Course Soils + Vegetation	<b>● 3101-430</b> (Herrmann) Integriertes bodenwissen-schaftliches. Projekt für Fortgeschrittene ○ <b>3201-430</b> (Schmieder) Ecology of Alpine Vegetation ( <i>only offered in odd years</i> ) ○ <b>3103-460</b> Env. Science Proj.	<b>◼ 3102-420</b> (Kandeler) Bodenwissenschaftliches Experiment/Project in Soil Sciences (Engl.+ Ger.) ○ <b>3101-420</b> (Herrmann) Internationale standortkundliche Geländeübung (Engl.+Ger.) (September 2025)
<b>M.Sc. Agrarwissenschaften</b> und <b>MSc. NawaRo</b>	○ <b>3602-410</b> (Gerhards) Integrierter Pflanzenschutz mit Übungen ( <i>Präsenz Ithinger Hof</i> ) ○ <b>4605-500</b> (Hölzle) Biologische Sicherheit und Gentechnikrecht (taught in German!)	○ <b>7301-400</b> (Ernst) Soziale Insekten ( <i>10 Plätze f. Fak. A</i> )	<b>◼ 7301-430</b> (Traynor) Honey bee research and beekeeping techniques		○ <b>4407-480</b> (Stein) Introduction to Machine Learning in Python ( <i>E-Learning</i> ) ( <i>unblocked</i> ) ○ <b>4408-480</b> (Kruse, A.) Der Business Design Prozess - Von der Idee zum Produkt ( <i>6 credits</i> )
<b>M.Sc. Agrarwissenschaften</b> Animal Science	<b>◼ 4603-470</b> (Seifert) Feed-stuff Microbiology ○ <b>4605-500</b> (Hölzle) Biologische Sicherheit und Gentechnikrecht (taught in German!) <b>◼ 4606-450</b> (Stefanski) Animal Behavior	<del><b>◼ 4601-490</b> (Rodehutsord) Tracer-based Methods in Animal Nutrition (<i>not 2025</i>)</del> <b>◼ 4607-520</b> (Bennewitz) Animal Breeding Methods: From Theory to Practice <b>◼ 4606-460</b> (Stefanski) Immunology and Infection Biology	<b>◼ 4603-440</b> (Seifert) Interaktionen Mikrobiom-Nutztier/ Microbiom-Animal Interaction (Engl.+ Ger.) <b>◼ 4608-450</b> (Hasseltmann) Molecular Evolution and Population Genetic <b>◼ 4604-430 410</b> (Huber) Physiological Limitations of Animal Performance	<del><b>◼ 4601-430</b> (Rodehutsord) Ruminant Nutrition (<i>not 2025</i>)</del> <b>◼ 4605-470</b> (Hölzle) Animal Hygiene and Welfare ○ <b>4604-420</b> (Steffl) Seminar zu klinischen Fallstudien der Spez.Anatomie und Phys. d. Nutztiere (taught in German!) <b>◼ 4908-420</b> (Roesel) Promotion of Livestock in Trop. Environments	○ <b>4605-510</b> (Hölzle) Research Questions of Environmental and Animal Hygiene ( <i>6 credits</i> ) ○ <b>4606-570</b> (Stefanski) Research Meth. and Scientific Developments in Behavioral Physiology ( <i>6 credits</i> )
<b>M.Sc. Agrarbiologie</b> (nur die Module der Fakultät A)	<b>◼ 4603-470</b> (Seifert) Feedstuff Microbiology <b>◼ 4613-420</b> (Camarinha Silva) Microbiome in Animals and Humans <b>◼ 3601-410</b> (Vögele) Molecular Phytopathology <b>◼ 3102-460</b> (Kandeler) Molec. Bodenökol. /Molecular Soil Ecology ○ <b>4605-500</b> (Hölzle) Biologische Sicherheit und Gentechnikrecht (taught in German!)	<b>◼ 4906-430</b> (Graß) Field Course Agroecology and Biodiversity <b>◼ 3102-440</b> (Kandeler) Environmental Pollution and Soil Organisms	<b>◼ 4603-440</b> (Seifert) Mikrobiom-Animal Interaction (Engl.+ Ger.) <b>◼ 4608-450</b> (Hasseltmann) Molecular Evolution and Population Genetic <b>◼ 4604-430 410</b> (Huber) Physiological Limitations of Animal Performance <b>◼ 3408-420</b> (Ludewig) Genetische und molekulare Regulation der pflanzlichen Nährstoffaufnahme	<b>◼ 4907-420</b> (Asch) Ecophysiology of Crops in the T+S <b>◼ 4605-500</b> (Hölzle) Biologische Sicherheit und Gentechnikrecht <b>◼ 3411-430</b> (Schmöckel) Von Genen und Genregulation zu Transgenen und editierten Genomen	
<b>M.Sc. Crop Sciences</b> (option for a blocked semester)	○ <b>3601-410</b> (Vögele) Molecular Phytopathology ○ <b>4605-500</b> (Hölzle) Biologische Sicherheit und Gentechnikrecht	○ <b>4905-430</b> (Asch.) Integr. Agricultural Production Systems ○ <b>4905-470</b> (Martin) Biodiversity and Genetic Resources ○ <b>1509-510</b> (Schaum) Industry 4.0 Technologies	○ <b>4907-430</b> (Asch) Crop Prod. Affecting the Hydrological Cycle ○ <b>3504-470</b> (Nagel) Applied Seed Physiology	○ <b>1916-400</b> (Mackenstedt) Pathogens, Parasites and their Hosts, ... ( <i>8 Pl. UHOH</i> ) ○ <b>4907-420</b> (Asch) Ecophysiology of Crops in the T+S	

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<b>M.Sc. AgriTropics</b>	● <b>4907-440</b> (Asch) Interdiscipl. Practical Science Training	○ <b>4905-470</b> (Martin) Biodiversity and Genetic Resources			
Livestock		○ <b>4908-480</b> (Roesel) Animal Breeding for Sustainable Development		○ <b>4908-420</b> (Roesel) Promotion of Livestock in Trop. Environments	
Crops		○ <b>4905-430</b> (Asch) Integrated Agricultural Production Systems	○ <b>4907-430</b> (Asch) Crop Prod. Affecting the Hydrological Cycle	○ <b>4907-420</b> (Asch) Ecophysiology of Crops in the Tropics and Subtropics	
Engineering		○ <b>4403-550</b> (Müller, J.) Post-harvest Technology of Food and Bio-Based Products	○ <b>4403-470</b> (Müller, J.) Renewable Energy for Rural Areas		○ <b>4407-480</b> (Stein) Introduction to Machine Learning in Python ( <i>E-Learning</i> ) (unblocked)
<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>4905-470</b> (Martin) Biodiversity and Genetic Resources ♣ <b>4403-550</b> (Müller, J.) Postharvest Technology of Food and Bio-Based Products	<del>♣ <b>4302-470</b> (Bieling) Landscape Change, Resilience, and Ecosystem Services (not 2025)</del> ♣ <b>4403-470</b> (Müller, J.) Renewable Energy for Rural Areas	○ <b>3201-430</b> (Schmieder) Ecology of Alpine Vegetation ( <i>only offered in odd years</i> ) ○ <b>3201-600</b> (Schurr) Intensive Course Landscape Ecology ♣ <b>3103-460</b> (Streck) Environmental Science Project	♣ <b>3409-480</b> (Müller, T.) Fertilisation and Soil Fertility Management in the T. and S.
<b>M.Sc. EnvEuro</b> Environmental Management	● <b>3103-450</b> (Streck) Spatial Data Analysis with GIS	♣ <b>4905-430</b> (Asch) Integrated Agricultural Production Systems ○ <b>4905-470</b> (Martin) Biodiversity and Genetic Resources	♣ <b>4403-470</b> (Müller, J.) Renewable Energy for Rural Areas	○ <b>3201-600</b> (Schurr) Intensive Course Landscape Ecology ♣ <b>3103-460</b> (Streck) Environmental Science Project	○ <b>3409-480</b> (Müller, T.) Fertilisation and Soil Fertility Management in the T. and S.
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>3102-440</b> (Kandeler) Environmental Pollution and Soil Organisms	○ <b>4907-430</b> (Asch) Crop Prod. Affecting the Hydrological Cycle ♣ <b>3101-570</b> (Herrmann) Field Course Soils and Vegetation	○ <b>3201-430</b> (Schmieder) Ecology of Alpine Vegetation ( <i>only offered in odd years</i> ) ○ <b>3103-460</b> (Streck) Environmental Science Project	♣ <b>3409-480</b> (Müller, T.) Fertilisation and Soil Fertility Management in the T. and S. ♣ <b>3102-420</b> (Kandeler) Project in Soil Sciences (Engl.+Ger.) ○ <b>3202-460</b> (Schweiger) Plant Ecology of Cultural Landscapes
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>4905-470</b> (Martin) Biodiversity and Genetic Resources	○ <b>3101-570</b> (Herrmann) Field Course Soils and Vegetation ♣ <b>4906-440</b> (Graß) Agroecology and Biotic Resource Conservat.	○ <b>1916-400</b> (Mackenstedt) Pathogens, Parasites and their Hosts, Ecology, Molec. Interactions a. Evolution ( <i>8 Pl. UHOH</i> ) ♣ <b>3201-600</b> (Schurr) Intensive Course Landscape Ecology	○ <b>3101-420</b> (Herrmann) International Field Course Site Evaluation (September 2025) ♣ <b>3202-460</b> (Schweiger) Plant Ecology of Cultural Landscapes
<b>M.Sc. Landscape Ecology</b>	♣ <b>3201-590</b> (Schurr) Combining Ecological Models and Data ♣ <b>3103-450</b> (Streck) Spatial Data Analysis with GIS ♣ <b>3102-460</b> (Kandeler) Molekulare Bodenökologie / Molecular Soil Ecology ♣ <b>3101-460</b> (Herrmann) Soils of the World - Formation, ... ( <i>only offered in odd years</i> )	♣ <b>3201-620</b> (Schmieder) Vegetation and Soils of Centr. Europe ♣ <b>4905-470</b> (Martin) Biodiversity and Genetic Resources ♣ <b>4906-430</b> (Graß) Field Course Agroecology and Biodiversity ○ <b>3102-440</b> (Kandeler) Environmental Pollution and Soil Organisms	♣ <b>3101-570</b> (Herrmann) Field Course Soils and Vegetation ♣ <b>4403-470</b> (Müller, J.) Renewable Energy for Rural Areas <del>♣ <b>4302-470</b> (Bieling) Landscape Change, Resilience, and Ecosystem Services (not 2025)</del> ♣ <b>4906-440</b> (Graß) Agroecology and Biotic Resource Conservation	● <b>3201-600</b> (Schurr) Intensive Course Landscape Ecology	○ <b>3101-420</b> (Herrmann) International Field Course Site Evaluation (September 2025) ♣ <b>3202-460</b> (Schweiger) Plant Ecology of Cultural Landscapes



## Lecture Periods at UHOH

<b>WS 24/25</b>	<b>First day of <u>un</u>blocked modules:</b>	(42. KW) Monday, 14 Oct 2024
	<b>First day of blocked modules:</b>	(42. KW) Monday, 14 Oct 2024
	<b>Last day of unblocked modules:</b>	(5. KW) Saturday, 01 Feb 2025
	<b>Last day of blocked modules:</b>	(7. KW) Friday, 14 Feb 2025
<b>SS 25</b>	<b>First day of <u>un</u>blocked modules:</b>	(14. KW) Tuesday, 1 April 2025
	<b>First day of blocked modules:</b>	(14. KW) Tuesday, 1 April 2025
	<b>Last day of unblocked modules:</b>	(28. KW) Saturday, 12 July 2025
	<b>Last day of blocked modules:</b>	(30. KW) Friday, 25 July 2025

**No lectures:** All Saints' Day: Fr, 01 Nov 2024,  
Christmas holidays: Mon, 23 Dec 2024 – Mon 06 Jan 2025,  
Easter: Fri, 18 Apr – Mon, 21 Apr 2025,  
International Labor Day: Thurs, 01 May 2025,  
Ascension: Thurs, 29 May 2025,  
Pentecost: Tues, 10 June 2025 – Sat, 14 Jun 2025 (excursions might take place during that week!),  
Corpus Christi: Thurs, 19 Jun 2025.

### **Examination periods for the winter semester 2024/25:**

1<sup>st</sup> examination period: Mon, 03 Feb – Fr, 21 Feb 2025

2<sup>nd</sup> examination period: Mon, 03 Feb – until 7 days before the second date

### **Examination periods for the summer semester 2025:**

1<sup>st</sup> examination period: not yet defined

2<sup>nd</sup> examination period: not yet defined

**See also:** [www.uni-hohenheim.de/en/semester-dates](http://www.uni-hohenheim.de/en/semester-dates)