Module Name			Module Code			
Molecular Plant Nutrition			agrigAEF011-01a			
Module Coordinator						
Prof. Dr. Karl H. Mühling						
Organizer	Organizer					
Institute of Plant Nutrition and Soil Science – Plant Nutrition						
Faculty						
Faculty of Agricultural a	Faculty of Agricultural and Nutritional Sciences					
Examination Office						
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ECTS Credits		6				
Evaluation		graded				
Duration		1 semester				
Frequency		Only in winter semester				
Workload per ECTS Credit		30 hours				
Total Workload		180 hours				
Contact Time		60 hours				
Independent Study		120 hours				
Teaching Language		English				
Recommended Requirements						
Advanced understanding of plant nutrition and physiology (according to modules "Biochemistry and Proteomics"(agricAEF003-01a).						
Module Courses						
Course Type	Course Name		Compulsory/Optional	sws		
Lecture	Molecular Plant Nutrition		optional	2		
Seminar	Nutritional aspects in molecular plant nutrition		optional	1		
Exercise	Nutritional aspects in molecular plant nutrition		optional	1		

Examination(s)		
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Examination Name	Type of Examination	Evaluation	Compulsory / Optional	Weighting			
Oral: Molecular Plant Nutrition	Oral	Graded	Optional	100			
Further Information on the Examination(s)							
Regular visits of lecture, seminar and exercises are necessary.							
Course Content							
The students gain an overview of the key nutritional and molecular signal pathways in plant metabolism. They have molecular knowledge of the function of carrier and channel proteins and their importance in nutrient acquisition and efficiency. They have practical experience in biochemical and molecular techniques in plant nutrition.							
Learning Outcome							
<ul> <li>Nutrient acquisition and uptake by plants</li> <li>Plant membranes and functions</li> <li>General ion transport across membranes</li> <li>Specific molecule and ion uptake (water, plant nutrients)</li> <li>Molecular regulation and adaptation of specific transporters</li> <li>Molecular background on symbiontic N-fixation</li> <li>Molecular background on mycorrhiza</li> </ul>							
Reading List							
Plant Biochemistry (Heldt, Elsevier Academic Press) Essential Cell Biology (Alberts et al., Taylor & Francis Group) Biochemistry & Molecular Biology of Plants (Buchanan et al., American Society of Plant Biologists) Marschner's Mineral Nutrition of Higher Plants (Marschner, Academic Press) Handbook of Plant Nutrition (Barker et al., Marcel Dekker Ltd.) Nutrient Acquisition by Plants (Bassiri, Springer) Additional Information							