Discipline	Genetics
Title of the course	Plant Breeding
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Duration	6 ECTS
Date start	September
Date end	December
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Mode of delivery	in-class face-to-face, seminars, flipped classroom
	(30 hours; researchers and breeders for at least 10h)
	Distance-based self study and project study (10 + 12 hours)
	Company visiting (16 hours)
Level	Master
ECTScredit points	58 h in-class
	122h personal work including distance-based,
•	personal project preparation
Language	English
Description <sup>1</sup>	Students will be able to
Description	- integrate theoretical and practical knowledge in a design
	study for a breeding program;
	integrate genotyping and phenotyping methods - connect
	breeding methods, techniques and breeding goals depending
	on species;
	- parental choice, breeding strategy, population genetics,
	selection methods, traits of interest that are crucial for
	successful practical breeding;
	<ul> <li>integrate legal rules and variety development, breeder's</li> </ul>
	rights and patents
	– integrate advanced statistics and bioinformatics
	The project will be the set up of a breeding program for a
	specific crop (student choice) and specific goals (breeding for
	resistance to pathogens, tolerance to abiotic stresses, for fruit
	quality, for biomolecules production)
Content	- Principles of selection and genetic gain, response to
	selection
	- Germplasm resources, collecting, analysing, classifying
	-International rules on germplasm resources



## **Plant Breeding**

	<ul> <li>Population improvement and cultivar development (breeding for lines, hybrids, clones, populations)</li> <li>Highthrough-put phenotyping</li> <li>Breeding strategies and methods including molecular breeding (MAS, genomic selection) and biotechnologies</li> <li>Multiple traits selection</li> <li>Genotype by environment interaction</li> <li>Protecting varieties and intellectual property</li> <li>Plant Breeding international network and organization Focus will be done on crop breeding but also on local species such as pine, grapevine, fruit trees, strawberries, tomato, sunflower breeding.</li> </ul>
Methods	Lectures, seminars, project containing data study, visits
Assessmentprocedures	Assessment will be done by : essay and group presentation of personal project Quality of the proposal, quality of the report and quality of presentation will be taken into account.
Prerequisites	<ul> <li>First year of Master in Biological science</li> <li>Quantitative and population genetics and evolution basis needed or genetics, genomics basis needed</li> <li>Statistics and R</li> </ul>
Other information	Due to personal project and company visiting, the number of students could be limited in this Teaching Unit.

Please note that the number of places available may be limited for certain classes.

