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Biodiversity and agriculture: a transdisciplinary perspective (3BL2281)

Filières concernées	Nombre d'heures	Validation	Crédits ECTS
Master en biologie	Cours: 28 pg	Voir ci-dessous	3

ph=période hebdomadaire, pg=période globale, j=jour, dj=demi-jour, h=heure, min=minute

Période d'enseignement:

- Semestre Printemps

Equipe enseignante

Prof. A. Aebi

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Objectives : The objective of this course is to mobilize different disciplines to describe biological, agronomical and social aspects of a transition towards a pesticide-free agriculture.

Content: We will work on real case-studies. Students will have to choose a Swiss crop known to be « dependent » on pesticides or producing food that happens to be contaminated by pesticide residues. They will have to write a literature review on the pathogens and pests affecting the crop and list all the alternatives to pesticides available in Switzerland. Students will summarize their findings by mobilizing the theoretical framework of Integrated pest management. From a social science point of view, students will be given the opportunity to confront their findings with agronomists. The data gathered during the course will be summarized in a fact sheet mobilizing the Actor-Network-Theory, highlighting the social context and the role of actors (human and non-human). Given that the course will be given by videoconferences (unless presential courses are allowed in the second half of the semester) guidance sessions to help student in their projects will be favored.

Forme de l'évaluation

CA graded during the semester

Retake evaluation at next exam session to be organised with the professor (not in Pidex)

Evaluation mode: Control continu noté. Students will be evaluated on their active participation to the course and on the quality of their fact sheets (one factsheet per group).

Deadline for the submission of the factsheet: 11th of June 2021

Failures and resubmissions. If the first essay fails to fulfil our success criteria, an improved version (second attempt) will be asked for the 23rd of August 2021. Note that the obtained grade will be inserted in IS-Academia at the following exam session.

Evaluation criteria: Autonomy, rigor and creativity in the research; Punctuality in the submission of exercises and fact-sheet; Mobilization of the theoretical background discusses during the semester

Pré-requis

none

Forme de l'enseignement

Course, homework in groups