## Georg-August-Universität Göttingen Universität Kassel/Witzenhausen Module M.SIA.I02: Management of (sub-)tropical landuse systems

Learning outcome, core skills:	C/Weekly lecture
Enable students to understand the functioning and bio-physical limitations of (subtropical	hours in total:
agro-pastoral land use systems, to argue for the need of interdisciplinary approaches to	Attendance time:
overcome these and to apply current research methods in land use systems analysis.	28 h Self-study
	time: 152 h

## Course: Management of (sub-)tropical landuse systems (Lecture, Block course) Contents: Kassel: Plant-animal interactions, diet selection and nutritional wisdom, impact of grazing on pastures; statistical approaches to measure and cope with short-distance variability in crop growth; measurement techniques for nutrient fluxes in different agroecosystems. Prague: Land-use management: farm and family income in different farming systems, soil conservation technologies for smallholder farming systems, conservation tillage systems, potential use of waste-stream products to enhance soil productivity in tropical peri-urban and rural areas, crop diversity in tropical agricultural systems.

Admission requirements:	Recommended previous knowledge: Knowledge in plant, soil and animal sciences
Language: English	Person responsible for module: Prof. Dr. Andreas Bürkert
Course frequency: WiSe 13/14, einmal in 2 Jahren, alternierend mit Modul I07; Witzenhausen	Duration: 1 Semester[s]
Number of repeat examinations permitted: twice	Recommended semester:
Maximum number of students: 25	

## Additional notes and regulations:

**Examination: Written exam (90 Minuten)** 

## Literature:

Altieri, M. 1995: Agroecology, Westview Press, USA; Martius, C. 2002: Managing Organic Matter in Tropical Soils: Scope and Limitations. Kluwer Academic Publishers; Van Soest, P. 1994: Nutritional ecology of the ruminant. Cornell University Press, London, UK; Provenza, F.D. 1995: Post-ingestive feedback as an elementary determinant of food preference and intake in ruminants. Journal of Range Management, 48: 2-17.