Georg-August-Universität Göttingen

Universität Kassel/Witzenhausen

Module M.SIA.I07: International land use systems research - an interdisciplinary study tour

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Learning outcome, core skills:

To gain multi- and interdisciplinary insight into (international) approaches towards opportunities and challenges of agro-silvo-pastoral production systems, sustainable resource use and agricultural development interventions

To familiarize participants with theoretical and practical questions of field research in an international context

C/Weekly lecture hours in total: Attendance time: 119 h Self-study

time: 61 h

8.5 WLH

Course: International land use systems research - an interdisciplinary study tour (Lecture, Seminar, Excursion)

Contents:

Through the combination of one semester of preparatory impulse lectures and student seminars and the 12-14 day excursion to a (sub)tropical country, this module provides participants with interdisciplinary insights into the bio-physical and socio-economic components of agro-silvo-pastoral systems in the global context. The small- to large-size farm enterprises, processing plants and marketing organisations to be visited during the excursion exemplify the opportunities and challenges of agricultural activities in their specific context, whereby particular attention is paid to aspects of sustainability and environmental safety.

The excursion targets regions where the two universities conduct research programmes, and also includes visits to partner universities and (inter)national research institutions. This will allow the MSc students to gain a first impression of how field research is organized and carried out in (sub)tropical countries. Up-to-date research approaches are presented to the participants and questions targeting the sustainable use of natural resources as well as questions of development cooperation are discussed in an international and interdisciplinary context.

Examination: Mündliche Prüfung (ca. 20 Minuten, Gewichtung: 50%) und Präsentation, Referat oder Korreferat (ca. 20 Minuten) mit schriftlicher Ausarbeitung (max. 4 Seiten) (Gewichtung: 50%)

Examination prerequisites:

Protokoll (Tagesbericht) max. 2 Seiten

Admission requirements: none	Recommended previous knowledge: Study focus on international agriculture and development policy
Language: English	Person responsible for module: Prof. Dr. Eva Schlecht
Course frequency: WiSe, einmal in 2 Jahren, alternierend mit Modul I02; Witzenhausen	Duration: 1 Semester[s]

Number of repeat examinations permitted: twice	Recommended semester:
Maximum number of students: 25	
Additional notes and regulations: Literature:	
Specific general and scientific articles dealing with the excursion country, distributed in the course.	