

Quality evaluation of plant products Educational subject description sheet

Basic information

Field of study

Course Offer for exchange students - second cycle studies, including uniform master studies (MA programmes)

Speciality

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Organizational unit

Course Offer for exchange students

Study level

second cycle studies, including uniform master studies (MA programmes)

Study form

full-time studies

Education profile

General academic

Didactic cycle

2024/25

Subject code

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Lecture languages

english

Mandatory

Elective subjects

Block

Major subjects

Disciplines

Agriculture and horticulture

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Period Winter semester	Examination Pass with grade	Number of ECTS points
	Activities and hours Laboratory exercises: 30	3

Goals

Code Presentation of chosen methods used for quality evaluation of plant products, including microscopic a analytical methods, with special regard to modern instrumental techniques of determination of plant biologically active substances, as well as sensory analysis of plant products.	
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Entry requirements

Basic knowledge in botany and chemistry.

Subject's learning outcomes

Code	Outcomes in terms of	Effects	Examination methods
Knowled	Knowledge - Student knows and understands:		
W1	methods of quality evaluation of plant products		Report
W2	physicochemical traits of some phytochemicals, useful for their determination in plant products		Report
Skills - S	Student can:		
U1	detect/determine some biologically active compounds in plant products		Assessment of work in the laboratory
U2	use the scientific literature for choosing proper methods of quality evaluation of plant products, finding data useful for interpretation of the results of analyses		Report
Social competences - Student is ready to:			
K1	understand the importance of quality evaluation of plant products for the safety and health of the consumer		Report, Assessment of work in the laboratory

Study content

No.	Course content	Subject's learning outcomes	Activities
1.	Quality parameters of vegetables and seasonings. Factors affecting the quality of plant products. Principles of microscopic evaluation of plant materials; anatomical diagnostic traits of plants. Characteristics of chosen groups of biologically active plant constituents and methods of their determination (incl. spectrophotometry and chromatography). Characteristics of the methods of sensory evaluation of plant products.	W1, W2, K1	Laboratory exercises
2.	Microscopic evaluation of powdered plant raw materials (e.g. spices). Checking the presence of some groups of biologically active compounds in plant raw materials. Determination of some biologically active compounds in vegetables and herbs with chemical and instrumental methods. Sensory evaluation of plant materials/products: difference tests, scaling methods.	W1, W2, U1, U2, K1	Laboratory exercises

Course advanced

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Activities	Methods of conducting classes	
Laboratory exercises Presentation, Analysis of source materials, Interpreting the results, Laboratory (e. learning by experiment, Observation, Display		

Activities	Examination method	Percentage
Laboratory exercises	Assessment of work in the laboratory	60%
Laboratory exercises	Report	40%

Activities	Credit conditions	
Laboratory exercises	Student work during the laboratory exercised will be evaluated. Student must submit a report on a given topic, based on the scientific literature.	

Literature

Obligatory

- 1. Ali A.H. 2022. High-Performance Liquid Chromatography (HPLC): A review. Ann. Adv. Chem. 6: 010-020. doi: 10.29328/journal.aac.1001026.
- 2. Kemp S.E., Hollowood T., Hort J. 2009. Sensory Evaluation: A practical handbook. Wiley-Blackwell. doi: 10.1002/9781118688076.
- 3. Scientific papers recommended at the lectures.

Optional

- 1. Kowalska T., Sajewicz M. 2022. Thin-Layer Chromatography (TLC) in the screening of botanicals its versatile potential and selected applications. Molecules 27: 6607. doi: 10.3390/ molecules27196607.
- 2. Modupalli N. et al. 2021. Emerging non-destructive methods for quality and safety monitoring of spices. Trends Food Sci. Technol. 108: 133–147. doi: 10.1016/j.tifs.2020.12.021.
- 3. van Asselt E.D., Banach J.L., van der Fels-Klerx H.J. 2018. Prioritization of chemical hazards in spices and herbs for European monitoring programs. Food Control 83: 7-17. doi: 10.1016/j.foodcont.2016.12.023.
- 4. Xu Y., Zhang J., Wang Y. 2023. Recent trends of multi-source and non-destructive information for quality authentication of herbs and spices. Food Chem. 398: 133939. doi: 10.1016/j.foodchem.2022.133939.
- 5. Other scientific papers concerning the subject of the course.

Calculation of ECTS points

Activity form	Activity hours*
Laboratory exercises	30
Preparing a report	30
Preparation for the test	15
Student workload	Hours 75
Number of ECTS points	ECTS 3

^{*} hour means 45 minutes