

Subject name	Plant virology	
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General information	Teaching period	summer semester
	ECTS credits	6
	Lectures total	10
	Lab practicals	20
Objective and general description	The objective of the course is to familiarize with the specificity of plant viruses in terms of their structure, transmission and detection with special respect to means of elimination and avoidance.	
Lectures 10 × 1 hour	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Structure of viruses and viroids. Classification system and taxonomy. 2. Description of the most important families and species of viruses. 3. Model of replication and movement of virus particles. 4. Symptomatology. 5. Vectors and means of transmission. 6. Virus detection and identification: biological and serological assays. 7. Application of electron microscopy techniques in plant virology. 8. Molecular methods in plant virus detection. 9. Virus variability and evolution. Ecology and epidemiology. 10. Resistance to virus infections. Economic importance of virus diseases and control strategies. 	
Laboratories 20 hours	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Detection of viruses: symptomatology and biological test - part I: mechanical transmission. (3 h); 2. Biological test - part II: results. Stability of viruses in sap (TIP, DEP, LIV). Separation of viruses from mixtures using biological means (in plant) and TIP - thermal inactivation point - part I, performance. (3 h) 3. Separation of viruses - part II: results and interpretation. Serological detection - DAS ELISA performance - part I. (4 h) 4. DAS ELISA performance - part II - results and interpretation. (3 h); 5. Transmission electron microscopy - plant tissue preparation for virus observation. (2 h) 5. Molecular methods: RT-PCR for virus detection. (2 + 3 h) 	

References

Khan J.W., Dijkstra J. 2006. Handbook of plant virology.