Georg-August-Universität Göttingen **Module M.Agr.0180: Mineral Nutrition of Crops Under Different Climate and Environmental Conditions**	6 C 4 WLH

Learning outcome, core skills: Students acquire knowledge of characteristic properties and specialities of nutrient cycles of ecosystems of different climate zones and upon different environmental drivers. Participants develop understanding of important processes and interactions between abiotic condition of locations, processes in soils and in particular on their effects on plant nutrient uptake. They know plant adaptation mechanisms. Students also get knowledge of the use of stable isotopes for the study of the above processes.	**Workload:** Attendance time: 56 h Self-study time: 124 h

Course: Mineral nutrition of crops under different climate and environmental conditions (Lecture) *Contents*: Lectures focus on element dynamics in ecosystems starting with element inputs, their internal turnover processes and dynamics and outputs. In the course of the semester they will cover sub-arctic over temperate to tropical zones and key examples. In each zone a key focus will be on adaptation mechanisms that can be found among wild plants and crops. About one third of the module will address stable isotope methods for studying such subjects.	4 WLH
Examination: Written examination (90 minutes) **Examination requirements:** Knowledge of key characters of nutrient cycles in different climate zones with respect to major problems of soil fertility, plant nutrient supply and other environmental impacts, including anthropogenic management. Second important focus on adaptation mechanisms in plants to cope with nutritional constraints. Basic knowledge in stable isotope tracer methods and natural stable isotope abundance methods for the study of above research subjects.	6 C

Admission requirements: none	**Recommended previous knowledge:** Basics in plant physiology, chemistry and soil science
Language: English	**Person responsible for module:** Prof. Dr. Klaus Dittert
Course frequency: each winter semester	**Duration:**
Number of repeat examinations permitted: twice	**Recommended semester:**
Maximum number of students: 36	

Additional notes and regulations: After successful conclusion of M.Agr.0103 students can not complete M.Agr.0180