

Course Unit	Plant Ecophysiology		Field of study	Biology and Biochemistry	
Bachelor in	Agronomic Engineering		School	School of Agriculture	
Academic Year	2022/2023	Year of study	2	Level	1-2
Type	Semestral	Semester	1	ECTS credits	5.5
Code	9086-307-2102-00-22				
Workload (hours)	148,5	Contact hours	T 30	TP -	PL 30
			TC -	S -	E -
			OT 20	O -	

T - Lectures; TP - Lectures and problem-solving; PL - Problem-solving, project or laboratory; TC - Fieldwork; S - Seminar; E - Placement; OT - Tutorial; O - Other

Name(s) of lecturer(s) Ana Maria Antão Gerales

Learning outcomes and competences

At the end of the course unit the learner is expected to be able to:
Be acquainted with biochemical and physiological processes in plants. Understand water, nutritional and energy relations as well as plant growth and development, response to stresses.

Prerequisites

Before the course unit the learner is expected to be able to:
Have Previous knowledge on Biology, Biochemistry , Chemistry and Physics

Course contents

1. Water relations 2. Transpiration 3. Nutrition 4. Photosynthesis 5. Photorespiration 6. Plant Growth and development 7. Plant Ecophysiology 8. Plant secondary metabolism 9. Plant response to stresses

Course contents (extended version)

1. Water in plants. Main biological functions. Diffusion, mass flow and osmosis.
2. Water potential. Soil-plant-atmosphere system. Water absorption by the plant. Water in xylem.
3. Transpiration. Stomata physiology. Environmental /physiological control of stomata functioning.
4. Physiological/ environmental factors influencing transpiration. Photosynthesis/transpiration ratio
5. Nutrition. Essential mineral elements. Macronutrients and micronutrients. Functions and deficiency.
6. Transport in phloem: structure and transport mechanisms.
7. Photosynthesis. Structure of Photosynthetic system. Regulation of Photosynthetic Process.
8. Plants C3, C4, CAM. RubisCO: Structure and regulation. Photorespiration.
9. Factors affecting photosynthesis : Light, Temperature, CO2 and water availability.
10. Shade/Sun plants. Responses of C3, C4 and CAM plants to light, temperature CO2 and to water amounts
11. Plant Growth and development.
12. Phytohormones: Physiological role. How environment influences phytohormones action.
13. Biological and physiological functions of the plant phytochrome
14. Plant Secondary metabolites: characteristics and functions
15. Physiological stress. Structural and functional mechanisms of plant response to stressors.

Recommended reading

1. AZCÓN-BIETO, J. & TALÓN, M. (2ed.) (2008): Fundamentos de Fisiología Vegetal. Interamericana-McGraw-Hill, Madrid.
2. JAIN, V K (2022) Fundamentals Of Plant Physiology (20th Edition) S. CHAND PUBLISHING
3. RAVEN PH, EVERT RFC & EICHHORN SE (2012). Biology of Plants. 8th ed. , W. H. Freeman and Company. New York
4. TAIZ, L; MURPHY, A. MOLLER IM E ZEIGER E (2021) Fundamentos de Fisiologia Vegetal Artmed Editora

Teaching and learning methods

Theoretical lectures with expositive methods, utilization of audio-visual resources. Laboratorial practical exercises

Assessment methods

1. Alternative 1 - (Regular, Student Worker) (Final)
 - Presentations - 25%
 - Final Written Exam - 75%
2. Alternative 2 - (Regular, Student Worker) (Final)
 - Final Written Exam - 100%
3. Alternative 3 - (Regular, Student Worker) (Supplementary, Special)
 - Final Written Exam - 100%

Language of instruction

Portuguese

Electronic validation

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