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Weed science 413 (OKW 413)

Qualification	Undergraduate
Faculty	Faculty of Natural and Agricultural Sciences
Module credits	15.00
Programmes	BScAgric Applied Plant and Soil Sciences BScAgric Plant Pathology
Prerequisites	PLG 251
Contact time	fortnightly practicals, 2 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Separate classes for Afrikaans and English
Academic organisation	Plant and Soil Sciences
Period of presentation	Semester 2

Module content

Identification of important weeds of crops, gardens and recreational areas.

Identification of alien invasive and indigenous encroaching species. Impacts of weeds on desirable vegetation. Interference between crop and weed species through allelopathy and competition phenomena. Role of weeds in plant-biodiversity and crop production potential. Weeds in annual and perennial crop situations. Weed biology and ecology. Mechanical, cultural, biological and chemical weed management practices. Integrated weed management. Herbicide formulations and application techniques. Modes of action of herbicides, and their behaviour and fate in the environment.

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