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## Advanced phytomedicine 761 (BOT 761)

<b>Qualification</b>	Postgraduate
<b>Faculty</b>	<a href="#">Faculty of Natural and Agricultural Sciences</a>
<b>Module credits</b>	10.00
<b>Programmes</b>	<a href="#">BScHons Medicinal Plant Science</a> <a href="#">BScHons Plant Science</a>
<b>Prerequisites</b>	No prerequisites.
<b>Contact time</b>	1 lecture per week, 1 practical per week
<b>Language of tuition</b>	Module is presented in English
<b>Academic organisation</b>	Plant and Soil Sciences
<b>Period of presentation</b>	Semester 2

### Module content

Metabolism and functions of secondary compounds such as tannins, alkaloids, terpenoids, flavonoids and free amino acids. Importance of secondary compounds in the defence mechanisms of plants. Isolation and identification of medicinal bioactive compounds from plants. Their current scope and potential applications in ethnobotany. Strategies to discover new pharmaceuticals from ethnomedicine.

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