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Principles and practices 351 (HSC 351)

Qualification Undergraduate

Faculty [Faculty of Natural and Agricultural Sciences](#)

Module credits 14.00

Programmes [BScAgric Agricultural Economics and Agribusiness Management](#)

[BScAgric Applied Plant and Soil Sciences](#)

[BScAgric Plant Pathology](#)

Prerequisites No prerequisites.

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 1

Module content

The organised nursery industry in South Africa. Principles: seed production; seed germination; rooting of cuttings; budding and grafting; propagation using specialised organs; micro propagation (tissue culturing). Practices: Greenhouse construction, lighting in the nursery; cooling and heating; soil-based and soil-less growing media; container types; irrigation and fertilisation; growth manipulation; pest and disease management. Management, economic and marketing aspects of a typical nursery operation. Students will get hands-on experience and will visit nurseries.

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