

University of Pretoria Yearbook 2018

Principles and practices 351 (HSC 351)

Qualification	Undergraduate
Faculty	Faculty of Natural and Agricultural Sciences
Module credits	14.00
Programmes	BScAgric Applied Plant and Soil Sciences BScAgric Plant Pathology
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	2 lectures per week, fortnightly practicals
Language of tuition	Separate classes for Afrikaans and English
Department	Department of 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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