

# University of Pretoria Yearbook 2022

## Plant ecophysiology 356 (BOT 356)

<b>Qualification</b>	Undergraduate
<b>Faculty</b>	Faculty of Natural and Agricultural Sciences
<b>Module credits</b>	18.00
<b>NQF Level</b>	07
<b>Programmes</b>	BSc (Biochemistry)
	BSc (Biotechnology)
	BSc (Chemistry)
	BSc (Ecology)
	BSc (Entomology)
	BSc (Genetics)
	BSc (Geography and Environmental Science)
	BSc (Human Physiology)
	BSc (Microbiology)
	BSc (Plant Science)
	BSc (Zoology)
	BScAgric (Applied Plant and Soil Sciences)
	BScAgric (Plant Pathology)
<b>Service modules</b>	Faculty of Education
<b>Prerequisites</b>	BOT 161
<b>Contact time</b>	1 practical per week, 2 lectures per week
<b>Language of tuition</b>	Module is presented in English
<b>Department</b>	Department of Plant and Soil Sciences
<b>Period of presentation</b>	Semester 1

## Module content

Introduction to plant ecophysiology and plants response to environmental stress. Understanding how various biotic and abiotic factors affect plant metabolic processes, including photosynthesis and respiration. Emphasis is placed on the efficiency of the mechanisms whereby C3-, C4 and CAM-plants bind CO<sub>2</sub> and how they are impacted by the environment. To understand the functioning of plants in diverse environments, the relevant structural properties of plants, the impact of soil composition, water flow in the soil-plant air continuum and long distance transport of assimilates will be discussed. Students will research a topic relevant to plant ecophysiology and present this in the form of an oral presentation. Students will conduct a practical project to study the effects of environmental factors on C3 and C4 plant growth and physiology. Students will present the report in a written format according to the guidelines of a relevant scientific journal. Relevant readings will be used to highlight the alignment of the module with the Sustainable Development Goals, with emphasis placed on climate action.

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