name of the module	SP2-11, Major module II – "Advanced topics in plant sciences"
start	Lecture: Mid October; lab project individually
duration	Lecture: Mid October – December, Thursdays 9 – 11 a.m. Lab project: 8 weeks – can be split in 2x 4 weeks in two different labs
location	University of Freiburg, Faculty of Biology
contact person	Thomas Kretsch, Ralf Reski (Eva Decker)
ECTS (regular/max)	21
examination	Written protocol (graded) like a scientific thesis (20 - 30 pages) about at least one of the 4-weeks lab projects; oral examination (45' - 60') with two teachers, one of them responsible for the practical part, the other one for the lecture
graded	Yes; 50% protocol, 50% oral examination
description of content (approx. ½ page)	Lecture – Overview of specialized topics and concepts of plant sciences which haven't been addressed before in Major module I: Biotechnological aspects:
	Glycoprotein production in moss bioreactors
	Response to biotic factors: Controlling symbiotic host cell infection; Signalling during Rhizobia-plant interactions Pathogenic infection process
	 Developmental biology, signal integration and control: Epigenetic adaptation of plant stem cells to environmental signals Auxin transport Light regulation
	 Cross-talk between light- and additional signaling pathways maintenance of cellular homeostasis
	Evolution: Adaptation to land
	Lab project - Individually organized lab projects in one or two of the plant- science labs at the Faculty of Biology of the University of Freiburg to prepare for a Master thesis within modern plant sciences