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X = can be completed at any time, no fixed periods and in some cases no fixed years

( ) = can be completed either in the first or second year of MSc studies

Master's Programme in Integrative Plant Sciences (IPS) degree structure 2023–2026 and a 2-years' model study schedule

The degree structure 2023–2026 and a two-years' model study schedule for the students, who start in the autumn 2025 (in an odd year)

MSc degree in Integrative Plant Sciences (IPS), 120 cr

	A two-years' model schedule for 2025–2026 + 2026–2027*									
	2025 – 2026 First year					2026 – 2027* Second year* (*a tentative model, changes possible)				
	I	II	III	IV	summer	I	II	III	IV	summer
IPS-100 Integrative Plant Sciences, Advanced studies, 100 cr										
Joint studies in the Master's Programme, 60 cr										
IPS-001 Personal Study Plan (PSP), 0 cr (1/I)	0									
IPS-113 Advanced Plant Physiology, 5 cr (1/I)	5									
IPS-002 Plants in a Changing World, 5 cr (1/I)	5									
IPS-003 Design & Planning of Biological Experiments, 5 cr (1/II)		5								
IPS-004a Master's Thesis Seminar, 5 cr (1/I-IV)	x	x	x	x						
IPS-004b Master's Thesis Seminar part 2, 5 cr (2/I-IV)						x	x	x	x	
IPS-005 Literature Examination, 5 cr (1-2/I-IV)				x	x	x	x	x	x	
IPS-006 Master's Thesis, 30 cr (2/I-IV)				x	x	x	x	x	x	
VIIKB-001 Maturity Essay, 0 cr (2/IV)									0	
Alternative modules, 40 cr (choose 2 x 20 cr)										
IPS-300 Plant Molecular Biology, 20 cr										
IPS-122 Plant Biotechnology and Molecular Biology, 5 cr (1/II)		5								
IPS-123 Laboratory Course in Plant Biotechnology, 5 cr (1/III-IV)			2,5	2,5						
IPS-111 Plant Developmental Biology, 5 cr (1 or 2/II, EVEN years)							5			
IPS-121 Plant Biochemistry, 5 cr (1 or 2/II, ODD years)		5								
IPS-400 Plants, Genomes and Future Environments, 20 cr										
IPS-125 Plant Genetics and Environmental Responses, 5 cr (1/IV)				5						
AGRI-285 Translational Plant Biology, 5 cr (1/III)			5							
Alternative, choose 10 cr:										
FOR-279 Forest Tree Genomics, Evolution and Adaptation, 5 cr (1 or 2/III, ODD years)								5		
IPS-124 Laboratory Course in Plant Molecular Biology and Biochemistry, 5 cr (1/IV)				5						
IPS-008 Advanced Training in a Research Group, 5 cr (1 or 2/I-IV)				x	x	x	x	x	x	
EEB-003 Statistical methods in Ecology, 5 cr (1 or 2/III)			(5)					(5)		
IPS-500 Plant and Fungal Diversity, 20 cr										
Alternative, choose 20 cr										
IPS-173 Mapping Plant Distributions, 5 cr (1-2/IV and summer)				(2.5)	(2.5)				(2.5)	(2.5)
IPS-153 Flora of Subarctic Europe, 5 cr (web) (1 or 2/I-IV)	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	
IPS-171 Boreal Bryophytes and Lichens, 5 cr (web or at museum) (1 or 2/I-IV)	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	
IPS-174 Temperate and Tropical Flora, 5 cr (web) (1 or 2/I-IV)	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	
IPS-177 Fennoscandian Flora, 5 cr (web) (1 or 2/I-IV)	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	
IPS-178 Threatened Vascular Plants of Finland, 5 cr (web) (1 or 2/I-IV)	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	
EKOL4311 Tropical Plant Families, 5 op (web + botanical garden) (1 or 2/I-IV)	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	
IPS-181 Field Course on Botany I, 5 cr (any field course) (1 or 2/I, IV, summer)				x	x	x			x	x
IPS-182 Field Course on Botany II, 5 cr (any field course) (1 or 2/I, IV, summer)				x	x	x			x	x
IPS-600 Changing Vegetation, 20 cr										
Alternative, choose 20 cr										
IPS-183 Vegetation Analysis, 5 cr (web) (1 or 2/I-IV)	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	
IPS-181 Field Course on Botany I, 5 cr (any field course) (1 or 2/I, IV, summer)				x	x	x			x	x
IPS-182 Field Course on Botany II, 5 cr (any field course) (1 or 2/I, IV, summer)				x	x	x			x	x
IPS-010 Learning by Doing in Scientific Natural History Collections, 5-10 cr (1 or 2/I-IV)				x	x	x	x	x	x	
EEB-301 Fundamentals of Conservation Biology, 5 cr (web) (1 or 2/I-IV)	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	
ECGS-907 Urban Biodiversity, 5 cr (1 or 2/III-IV)			(2,5)	(2,5)				(2,5)	(2,5)	
ECGS-903 Urban Ecosystem Ecology, 5 cr (1 or 2/III-IV)			(2,5)	(2,5)				(2,5)	(2,5)	
AGRI-247 Tropical Plants of Economic Importance, 3 cr (web) (1 or 2/I-IV)	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	
AGRI-247B Tropical Plants of Economic Importance, 2 cr (contact sessions) (1 or 2/II)		(2)					(2)			
EEB-003 Statistical methods in Ecology, 5 cr (1/III)			5							
Optional modules, 0-20 cr (examples)										
*Modules from your own MSc programme or from other degree programmes. Please note that you don't have to take any **optional study modules** in your Master's Degree, if you don't want, but instead, you can take individual **optional study units** in the Other studies section in order to get 120 credits in your Master's Degree.*										
AGRI-230 Plant Breeding, 15 cr (*see the course list below)										
AGRI-250 Plant Pathology, 15 cr (*see the course list below)										
VIIKB-200 Study Module Taken at Other University, 15-45 cr										
VIIKB-201 Studies Completed in a Foreign University , 15-45 cr										
or any other optional module from IPS or from other degree programmes										
Other studies in MSc degree, 0-20 cr (examples)										
Study units from your own MSc programme or from other MSc programmes.										
Career orientation and professional skills studies (examples, recommended)										
IPS-008 Advanced Training in a Research Group, 5-10 cr (1 or 2/I-IV)				x	x	x	x	x	x	
IPS-009 Practical Training, 5-10 cr (1 or 2/I-IV)				x	x	x	x	x	x	
IPS-011 Project Work, 1-5 cr (1 or 2/I-IV)				x	x	x	x	x	x	

IPS-012 Plant Biology Journal Club, 1-5 cr (1 or 2/I-IV)	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	
IPS-013 Symposia and Seminars, 1-5 cr (1 or 2/I-IV)	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	
IPS-014 Learning by Teaching, 2-5 cr (1 or 2/I-IV)	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	
VIIKB-002 Tutoring , 5 cr (1/IV and 2/orientation week)				5		0				
VIIKB-005 Demanding Participation in Administrative Bodies and Student Organisations, 2-5 cr (1 or 2	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	
Other optional studies (examples)										
VIIKB-003 Orientation Week, 1 cr (1/orientation week)	1									
MAT12001 Basics of Statistics and R I, 5 cr (MOOC) (1 or 2/I-IV)	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	
LSI31008 Elements of Bioinformatics, 5 cr (1-2/I-II)	(2,5)	(2,5)				(2,5)	(2,5)			
SUST-001 Sustainability course, 3 cr (web) (1 or 2/I-II or III-IV)	(1,5)	(1,5)	(1,5)	(1,5)		(1,5)	(1,5)	(1,5)	(1,5)	
PED590 Towards better well-being and studying, 3 cr (web) (1/II)		3								
KK-ENG501 Academic Writing 1: Principles and Practice (MSc Students) (CEFR C1), 2 cr (1/I-II)	1	1								
KK-ENG502 Academic Writing 2: Process and Feedback (MSc Students) (CEFR C1), 2 cr (2/I)						2				
Biodiversity Education Network -online courses										
Courses from the MSc Programme in Agricultural Sciences/Plant Production Sciences										
Courses from the MSc Programme in Forest Sciences/Forest Ecology and Management										
Courses from the MSc Programme in Ecology and Evolutionary Biology										
or any other optional study units from IPS or from other MSc programmes										
**Course list of optional modules (examples):*										
AGRI-230 Plant Breeding 15 cr:										
AGRI-232 Crop Breeding and Genetic Resources, 5 cr (1 or 2/I, ODD years)	5									
FOR-278 Forest Tree Breeding and Genetic Resources, 5 cr (1 or 2/III, EVEN years)			5							
Alternative, choose 5 cr										
IPS-125 Plant Genetics and Environmental Responses, 5 cr (1/IV)				5						
AGRI-285 Translational Plant Biology, 5 cr (1/III)			5							
AGRI-250 Plant Pathology 15 cr:										
AGRI-251 Fungal Plant Pathogens, 5 cr (1 or 2/I, ODD years)	5									
AGRI-252 Plant Pathogenic Bacteria, 5 cr (1 or 2/III, EVEN years)			5							
AGRI-253 Plant Virology, 5 cr (1 or 2/III, ODD years)								5		

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MSc degree in Integrative Plant Sciences (IPS), study track for Biology teachers, 120 cr

IPS-101 Integrative Plant Sciences, study track for Biology teachers, Advanced studies, 60 cr

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Joint studies in the Master's Programme, 60 cr										
IPS-001 Personal Study Plan (PSP), 0 cr (1/I)	0									
IPS-113 Advanced Plant Physiology, 5 cr (1 or 2/I)	(5)					(5)				
IPS-002 Plants in a Changing World, 5 cr (1/I)	5									
IPS-003 Design & Planning of Biological Experiments, 5 cr (1/II)		5								
IPS-004b Master's Thesis Seminar part 2, 5 cr (2/I-IV)						x	x	x	x	
IPS-006 Master's Thesis, 30 cr (2/I-IV)				x	x	x	x	x	x	
VIIKB-001 Maturity Essay, 0 cr (2/IV)									0	
Alternative, choose 10 cr										
Choose two courses with IPS codes from the modules IPS-300, IPS-400, IPS-500 and IPS-600										
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