

Master in Life Sciences

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Module title	Advanced Sensory Techniques
Code	F5
Degree Programme	Master of Science in Life Sciences
Group	Food
Workload	3 ECTS (90 student working hours: 42 contact lessons = 32 h; self-study = 58 h)
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Entry requirements	<p>Bachelor of Science in Life Sciences, basic sensory and statistical competences</p> <p><u>Sensory competences:</u> the student should be familiar with basic sensory techniques (Discriminative analysis such as triangular test and two-out-of-five, Quantitative Descriptive Analysis, consumer acceptance and preference test) and basic physiology of human perception.</p> <p><u>Statistical competences:</u> the student should be able to manage data e.g. with R software for descriptive analysis (Analysis of Variance, Chi-square test, Regression) and have basic knowledge of multivariate analysis (such as Principal Component Analysis and Clustering). It is recommended to attend the CC courses D1 (“Handling and Visualising Data”).</p> <p>As preparation for the block week, students are required to read papers available on Moodle 4 weeks before the beginning of the course.</p>
Learning outcomes and competences	<p>After completing the module, students will be able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conduct a sensory case study from the initial question to the conclusion • Manage a sensory tasting session (give instructions to panellists, train panellists and validate performance, explain the sensory procedure, manage sample presentation), • Select the appropriate sensory technique from a wide range of tests depending the objective of the study, • Apply common and advanced sensory techniques to beverages and others food products, • Manage statistical tools to process sensory data, • Illustrate the results with appropriate graphic representations, • Interpret the results and conclude, • Consider consumer expectations in terms of external information (e.g. packaging, medal) and marketing design, • Provide concrete recommendations based on sensory results in an industrial view.
Module contents	The module focusses on sensory aspects of food with two mains thematic: consumer acceptance/preference and descriptive analysis included new sensory methods. The aim is to give an advanced level to food science master students to manage sensory

	<p>tests in connection with research and marketing questions taking the needs of the industry into account.</p> <p>Sensory analysis in industrial context</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Industry example: Use of consumer & sensory methods along the development process <p>Neuroscience of tasting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How the brain makes sense of food sensory dimensions <p>Consumer perception</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hedonic testing: application of qualitative and quantitative test methods in order to collect consumer acceptance data and consumer insights, taking the adequate number of consumers as well as target groups into account. • Correlation of data: identification of relevant analytical attributes (from sensory analysis and instrumental evaluations) in the context of consumer preference. What are the sensory cues and drivers of liking? Segmentation of consumers, based on their sensory preference or consumer insights. • Internal and external preference mapping <p>Improvement of panel performance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Manage sensory panel: recruitment, training for Quantitative Descriptive Analysis and evaluation of panel performance • Validate panel performance <p>Innovative sensory evaluation techniques</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • History and origin of developing new and faster sensory methods • For each new method: principle and sensory test, application, statistical analysis, pros and cons <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Verbal-based methods: Flash profile and Check-All-That-Apply – Similarity-based methods: Free sorting and Napping / Projective mapping – Reference-based methods: Polarized Sensory Positioning and Pivot profile <p>Statistical data management</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Statistical methods to analyze sensory / consumer data • Statistical methods to correlate sensory / consumer data with marketing or instrumental data (chemistry, production parameters or other)
Teaching / learning methods	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Previous self-study is mandatory – reading referenced papers • Lectures with practical examples • Sensory exercises (as panellist and as “panel leader”) • Practical data analysis • Final case-study • Active participation in the module is requested
Assessment of learning outcome	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Case study (40%): the grade of case study included the practical part, data analysis, interpretation and oral presentation on Friday. 2. Written exam on Moodle, individual, open-book, final (60%)
Format	Summer School

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Timing of the module	Spring semester, week 25							
	Day of the block week	<1	1	2	3	4	5	>5
	Contact teaching (lessons)		8	9	9	8	8	
	Self-study (hours)	11	2	2	2	2	2	37
Venue	Mix of online and on-site lectures (in Changins)							
Bibliography	<p>Final bibliography will be available on Moodle 4 weeks before the beginning of the module.</p> <p>Delarue, J., Lawlor, B., Rogeaux, M. (2014). Rapid Sensory Profiling Techniques. Application sin new product development and consumer research. <i>Ed. Woodhead Publishing</i>, 584p.</p> <p>Dehlholm, C., Brockhoff, P. B., Meinert, L., Aaslyng, M. D., & Bredie, W. L. P. (2012). Rapid descriptive sensory methods - Comparison of Free Multiple Sorting, Partial Napping, Napping, Flash Profiling and conventional profiling. <i>Food Quality and Preference</i>, 26(2), 267–277. https://doi.org/10.1016/j.foodqual.2012.02.012</p> <p>Faye, P., Brémaud, D., Teillet, E., Courcoux, P., Giboreau, A., & Nicod, H. (2006). An alternative to external preference mapping based on consumer perceptive mapping. <i>Food Quality and Preference</i>, 17(7–8), 604–614. https://doi.org/10.1016/j.foodqual.2006.05.006</p> <p>Lattey, K. A., Bramley, B. R., & Francis, I. L. (2010). Consumer acceptability, sensory properties and expert quality judgements of Australian Cabernet Sauvignon and Shiraz wines. <i>Australian Journal of Grape and Wine Research</i>, 16(1), 189–202.</p> <p>Valentin, D., Chollet, S., Lelièvre, M., & Abdi, H. (2012). Quick and dirty but still pretty good: a review of new descriptive methods in food science. <i>International Journal of Food Science & Technology</i>, 47(8), 1563–1578. https://doi.org/10.1111/j.1365-2621.2012.03022.x</p>							
Language	English							
Links to other modules	The present module will build on CC modules D1 (“Handling and Visualising Data”) and D3 (“Modelling and Exploration of Multivariate Data”).							
Comments								
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