

COURSE DESCRIPTION CARD

Faculty of Civil Engineering and Environmental Sciences										
Field of study								Degree level and programme type		
Specialization/ diploma path								Study profile	Academic profile	
Course name	Ecology							Course code	IS-FCEE-00031W	
								Course type	Erasmus	
Forms and number of hours of tuition	L	C	LC	P	SW	FW	S	Semester	Winter	
	15			15				No. of ECTS credits	4	
Entry requirements	Biology, Soil science, Environmental protection									
Course objectives	Recognition of the relationship between life forms and a set of biotic, abiotic, edaphic and climatic factors									
Course content	<p>The levels of biological organization: species, individual, population, biocoenosis, ecosystem. Life and the physical environment. Adaptation to aquatic and terrestrial environments. Habitat and ecological niche. Ecology tolerance of individuals. Population ecology. Population structures. Temporal and spatial dynamics of populations. Reproductiveness, mortality, migration of populations. Biocoenosis ecology. The structure and organization of biocoenosis. Interaction: competition, predation, parasitism, mutualism. Ecosystem: spatial and trophic structure. The food chains, food webs and food levels. Energy and matter in the ecosystem. Primary and secondary production. Pathways of elements in the ecosystem. Ecological succession. Applied ecology.</p>									
Teaching methods	Lecture - presentation, the project - presentation, discussion									
Assessment method	Lecture - Exam; the project - a description and discussion of the project									
Symbol of learning outcome	Learning outcomes							Reference to the learning outcomes for the field of study		
LO1	student has knowledge of the structure and functioning of populations, biocoenosis and ecosystem							K_W03, K_W11		
LO2	recognizes and understands the relationship between abiotic environment and organisms; understands bioindication term							K_W05, K_W18, K_U18, K_U22		
LO3	know how to identify environmental threatened and know how to prevent them							K_W16, K_U18, K_U22, K_K02		
LO4	know how to identify plant communities and diagnostic species of habitat types (in the context of Natura 2000 habitats)							K_W11, K_W12, K_U22		
LO5	know how to choose and use the research methods used in phytosociology							K_U23		

L06	know how to work in a team	K_U03, K_K04	
Symbol of learning outcome	Methods of assessing the learning outcomes	Type of tuition during which the outcome is assessed	
L01	tests on lecture content, student's reports, discussion, description of project	lecture, project, consultation	
L02	evaluating the student's reports and preparation for the classes, tests on lecture content, discussion, description of project	lecture, project, consultation	
L03	evaluating the student's reports and preparation for the classes, tests on lecture content, discussion, description of project	lecture, project, consultation	
L04	tests on lecture content, student's reports, discussion, description of project	lecture, project, consultation	
L05	evaluating the student's reports and preparation for the classes, discussion, description of project	project	
L06	discussion, description of project	project	
Student workload (in hours)		No. of hours	
Calculation	lecture attendance	15	
	participation in classes, in project	15	
	participation in student-teacher sessions related to the class/project	10	
	preparation for classes, projects	15	
	work on projects, reports, etc	15	
	implementation of project tasks	15	
	preparation and participation in exams	10	
	TOTAL:	95	
Quantitative indicators		HOURS	No. of ECTS credits
Student workload – activities that require direct teacher participation		50	2
Student workload – practical activities		45	2
Basic references	1) Krebs Ch.J.: Ecology. Experimental Analysis of Distribution and Abundance. Pearson Education, Inc., 2009. 2) Mackenzie A., Ball A.S., Virdee S.R.: Instant Notes Ecology. BIOS Scientific Publishers Limited, 2001. 3) Matuszkiewicz W.: Guide to the determination of Polish plant communities. PWN, Warszawa, 2005. 4) Weiner J.: Biosphere life and evolution. PWN, Warszawa, 2008.		
Supplementary references	1) Falinska K.: Ecology of plants. PWN, Warszawa, 2004. 2) Kornas J., Medwecka-Kornas A.: Geography of plants. PWN, Warszawa, 2002. 3) Matuszkiewicz J.M.: Plant communities of Poland. PWN, Warszawa, 2005. 4) Forman R.T.T.: Land Mosaics: The Ecology of Landscapes and Regions. Cambridge Univ. Press, Cambridge 1999		
Organisational unit conducting the course	Department of Agri-Food Engineering and Environmental Management	Date of issuing the programme	
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L – lecture, C – classes, LC – laboratory classes, P – project, SW – specialization workshop, FW - field work, S – seminar