

**Department of Biology
Josip Juraj Strossmayer University of Osijek**

Programme of studies in Biology

Bachelor level study programme

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The study program will be carried out starting from the academic year 2023/2024.

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1.INTRODUCTION

- a) Modern society is knowledge-based, and biology i.e. the science of life, has a significant role in it. Biodiversity, recombinant DNA technology and nature protection are biological disciplines, without the knowledge of which the modern society would not be able to survive. Therefore it is easy to recognize the value of knowledge gained from a study of natural sciences. With much focus on globalization, we often forget natural processes and it is important to provide education on the importance and functioning of life. Teaching plays an important role in the process of education, and it should provide younger generations with the knowledge that will explain and protect life. Biologists, in all segments of their activity, and whatever their professional interests may be (education, science, or professional activities), are necessary in society, and can find employment in the global job market. In addition to educational and scientific institutions, there is an increasing number of private companies that conduct research or have the production for which they need the expertise of biologists. The core and optional modules are based on the results of the most recent investigations, and provide basic knowledge that will make it possible for our graduates to be competitive in the global market of knowledge.
- We are offering a 'major' programme for biologists that is comparable to many study programmes in the European Union (Universities in Wageningen, Heidelberg, Pecs), and the programme structure is agreed upon with other Croatian biology professionals. The programme also provides for vertical and horizontal student mobility.
- b) The University Department of Biology was originally the Institute of Biology that was part of the Faculty of Education. Since 1977 educated teachers of biology and chemistry. Based on the Report of the committee for assessment of institutions of higher education in the Republic of Croatia, natural sciences, field biology (section 11 of the Report), we are proposing the bachelor level study programme in biology and master level study programmes in biology, biology education, and biology and chemistry education.
- c) Proposed study programmes provide for the horizontal and vertical student mobility, as they are composed of 70% core modules and 30% optional modules like many European 'major + minor' study programmes, and they are comparable to similar study programmes in the Republic of Croatia.
- d) Following the recommendations of the above mentioned Report of the committee for assessment of institutions of higher education in the Republic of Croatia (sections 7, 8, and 9), and since we managed to implement our plan to relocate the Institute of Biology and founded the University Department of Biology, we now have much better conditions for research and teaching, and can offer a modern programme of study in biology. Moreover, there have been considerable investments made in order to equip the labs and practicums, and such a positive trend is expected to continue.

2.GENERAL DESCRIPTION

2.1. PROGRAMMES OF STUDY IN BIOLOGY Bachelor level study programme in Biology

2.2. Proposing institution: Josip Juraj Strossmayer University, Department of Biology

2.3. Duration of study.

2.4. Bachelor level study programme: 3 years (6 semesters) Qualification awarded: BSc in biology

2.5. Admission requirements. Applicants for the Bachelor level programme of study in biology should hold a secondary school diploma and pass an admission test.

2.6. On completion of the bachelor level study programme, graduates will be able to enrol in other master level programmes in natural sciences, field biology, or in combination with other fields. At our University, those are the master level programmes in biology, biology education, and biology and chemistry education. Graduates will also be able to enrol in other master level programmes at the Faculty of Science at Zagreb University, or at the Faculty of Science and Education at the University of Split.

On completion of the bachelor level study programme, a bachelor of biology will have the competences and skills that qualify him/her to work in labs as a laboratory technician (in the present system of secondary school education there is no school that offers this profession, which means that at the moment laboratory technicians attended agriculture, veterinary medicine, chemistry, or medical secondary schools, or studied biology, so they quickly leave such jobs), expert guards in nature parks, and similar institutions.

2.7. On completion of the bachelor level study programme the qualification awarded is *BSc in biology*

3. STUDY PROGRAMME DESCRIPTION

3.1. The list of obligatory and elective courses and modules with corresponding number of teaching hours and ECTS credits

OBLIGATORY COURSES

I semester	L	S	P	ECTS	CODE
General (1) and Inorganic (1) Chemistry	30	30	45	8	BB102_2023
Physical Foundations of Instrumental Methods in Biology	20		10	3	BB103_2023
Cell Biology	45		45	6	BB104
Human Anatomy and Histology	35		15	5	BBO209_2023
General Zoology	45		35	6	BB106_2023
Physical Education 1			15	1	BTZK_1_2023
English language 1	10	10		1	BBE112_2023
	390	185	40	165	30
II semester	L	S	P	ECTS	CODE
Organic Chemistry 1	30	15	30	7	BBO207_2023
Quantitative Biology 1	30		15	4	BBO208
Microbiology	30		30	5	BBO105_2023
Genetics	30		30	4	BBO210
General Botany	45		50	7	BBO213_2023
Field Work 1 – Botany and Zoology			15	1	BBO212_2023
Physical Education 2			15	1	BTZK_2_2023
English language 2	10	10		1	BBE113_2023
	385	175	25	185	30
III semester	L	S	P	ECTS	CODE
Invertebrates	30		45	7	BBO314_2024
Algae, Fungi and Lichens	45		30	7	BBO315_2024
Biochemistry 1	30	15	30	6	BBO317_2024
General Ecology	30			3	BBO318_2024
Physical Education 3			15	1	BTZK_3_2024
Elective Courses	90			6	
	360	135	15	120	30
IV semester	L	S	P	ECTS	CODE
Biochemistry 2	30	15	30	6	BBO420_2024
Vertebrates	30		45	7	BBO319_2024
Cormophyte	30		45	6	BBO422
Field Work 2 - Zoology			30	2	BBO423
Field Work 2 - Botany			30	2	BBO424
Physical Education 4			15	1	BTZK_4_2024
Elective Courses	90			6	
	390	90	15	195	30
V semester	L	S	P	ECTS	CODE
Animal Physiology 1	45		30	7	BBO525_2025
Molecular Biology	30	15	30	7	BBO526_2025
Plant Ecology	20		20	4	BBO527_2025
Animal Ecology	30		20	4	BBO528_2025
Elective Courses	120			8	
	370	135	15	100	30

VI semester	L	S	P	ECTS	CODE
Evolution	30	15		4	BBO629_2025
Biogeography	45	15	15	5	BBO631_2025
Plant Physiology 1	30		45	6	BBO421_2025
Field Work 3 - Zoology			30	1	BBO633_2025
Field work 3 - Botany			30	2	BBO634
Elective Courses	120			8	
Bachelor thesis				4	BBZR
	375	105	30	120	30

ELECTIVE COURSES

	L	S	P	ECTS	CODE
Protozoa Biology	15		15	2	BBZ35
Phytoplankton	15		15	2	BBZ36
Ecophysiology of Algae	15		15	2	BBZ37
Ultrastructure of Cell Organelles	15		15	2	BBZ38_2025
Plant Microtechnique and Microscopy	15		15	2	BBP82_2024
Experimental Biochemical Techniques	30		15	2	BBZ39
Insect Anatomy and Morphology	15	15		2	BBZ40_2024
Hematophagous arthropods (Arthropoda)	15		15	2	BBZ41
Preparation and Production of Biological Collections	15		15	2	BBZ42
Marine Biology	15	15		2	BBZ43
Land Vertebrates in Croatia	15	15		2	BBZ44
Photosynthesis	15		15	2	BBZ45_2025
Toxicology	15		15	2	BBZ46
Protected Animal Species	15	15		2	BBZ48
Genetic Engineering	30			2	BBO630
Biology of Rodents and Insects and its Significance for Human Health	15		15	2	BBZ59
Experimental Animals	15		15	2	BBZ62
Poisonous Animals and Plants	15	15		2	BBBZ51
Phytobiology	30	15	15	4	BBZ60_2024
Neurobiology	40	20	0	4	BBZ61_2025
Astrobiology	15	10	5	2	BBZ63
Pedobiology	15		15	2	BBZ64
Learning How to Learn	15	15	0	2	BBZ65_2024
Comparative Anatomy of Vertebrates	15		15	2	BMZ66
Computer-aided Biology			30	2	BBZ67
Areas of Importance for Croatian Flora	15	15		2	BBZ68

ELECTIVE COURSES: Facultative Module Chemistry

III semester	L	S	P	ECTS	CODE
General Chemistry 2	30	15		3	K016
Organic Chemistry 2	30	15		3	K042
	90	60	30		

IV semester	L	S	P	ECTS	CODE
Analytical Chemistry 1	30			2	K031
Analytical Chemistry 2	30	15		2	K032
Analytical Chemistry Laboratory Practice 1			30	2	K033
105	60	15	30		

V semester	L	S	P	ECTS	CODE
Inorganic Chemistry 2	30	15		3	K021
Organic Chemistry Laboratory Practice 2			30	2	K043
Analytical Chemistry Laboratory Practice 2 and Seminar		15	30	3	K099
120	30	30	60		

VI semester	L	S	P	ECTS	CODE
Inorganic Chemistry 3	45	15		4	K022
Inorganic Chemistry Laboratory Practice			60	4	K023
Elective course – Chemistry	30			2	
150	45	15	60		

Elective courses within the Module Chemistry

	L	S	P	ECTS	CODE
Chemistry in Everyday Life	15		15	2	K083
Toxicology and Environmental Chemistry	15	15		2	K081

L - lectures
S - seminars
P - practices

Course teachers and associates are assigned to courses as of the academic year 2022/2023. The study program will be carried out starting from the academic year 2023/2024.

Obligatory courses

Course title	Algae, Fungi and Lichens						
Code	BBO315_2024						
Study programme	University undergraduate study programme in Biology						
Semester	III semester						
Workload/ECTS credits	7						
Course status	Obligatory						
Course teacher	Assoc. Prof. Dr. Melita Mihaljević						
Associate teachers	Assist. Prof. Dr. Filip Stević Assoc. Prof. Dr. Dubravka Špoljarić Maronić						
Course entry requirements							
Course objective	To teach students basics of morphology, anatomy and systematics of algae, fungi and lichens, to enable them to develop natural science literacy and awareness about protection of plant organisms and their habitats in the country and in the world.						
Learning outcomes	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ability to compare properties, cell structure and ecological characteristics of algae, fungi and lichens. 2. Ability to predict taxonomic and phylogenetic relations between individual species within groups. 3. Ability to determine types of algae, fungi and lichens on natural preparations by using contemporary literature. 4. Prediction of interactions between individual species of algae, fungi and lichens and their environment. 5. Development of knowledge and skills required for collecting plant material on field and for their laboratory processing and using of data for the purpose of environmental pressure valorisation. 						
Link between learning outcomes, teaching and students' activities					Assessment		
	Learning outcome	Share of ECTS	Form of teaching	Activities of learning and teaching	Methods of monitoring and evaluation	Grading Points	
						min	max
	1-5	2	Lecture	Lecture attendance and active participation	Records, evaluation	10	15
	1-5	2	Practices	Practical classes attendance, written report containing results and conclusions of performed analyses	Records, evaluation of written report	15	20
	1-5	1.5	Written exam	Preparation for written preliminary exam	Preliminary exam and/or written exam	15	20
1-5	1.5	Final exam	Exam preparation	Oral exam	20	45	
Total		7			60	100	

	<p>Final grade: 60-70 points: grade 2 (sufficient) 71-80 points: grade 3 (good) 81-90 points: grade 4 (very good) 91-100 points: grade 5 (excellent)</p> <p>Final exam: minimum number of points refers to satisfactory performance, and maximum number of points refers to excellent performance.</p>		
Consultation hours	As agreed with students.		
Teaching	Lectures	Seminars	Practices
Hours - total	45	0	30
Course content / teaching units	<p>Lectures:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction - general characteristics and diversity of algae • Cell structure, anatomy and morphology of talus, reproduction and development cycles, ecology, evolution and diversity of algae according to systematic position: prokaryotic algae - Cyanobacteria/Cyanophyta; Prochlorophyta; eukaryotic algae - Euglenophyta; Cryptophyta; Dynophyta; Haptophyta; Heterokontophyta - Chloromonadophyceae, Xanthophyceae, Chrysophyceae, Bacillariophyceae, Phaeophyceae; Rhodophyta; Chlorophyta - Chlorophyceae, Zygnematophyceae, Charophyceae • The role of algae in ecological systems • Protection of algae species and their habitats • Kingdom of fungi • General features (anatomy, morphology, reproduction, developmental cycles) and systematics of groups: Myxomycota (slime mold), Phycomycota (water mold), Ascomycota (sac fungi), Basidiomycota (higher fungi) • Identification of edible and poisonous mushrooms • Lichen symbiosis, lichenisation; morphology, anatomy and physiology of lichens • Ecology of lichens, distribution, specific species • Lichens - bioindicators of air quality <p>Practices:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Methods of algae sampling • Taxonomic identification of cell structure, thallus morphology and morphology of several species from every systematic group of algae • Algae culture (demonstration) • Preparation of permanent algal slides • Learning about general morphological and anatomical characteristics of fungi and lichens: Phycomycota, Ascomycota, Basidiomycota, lichenised fungi • Determination of a representative of each systematic group within the kingdom of fungi 		
Recommended reading	<p>Lee R. (2008) Phycology. 4th ed. London: Cambridge University Press, London. Sitte P., Ziegler H., Ehrendorfer F., Bresinsky A. (1991) Strasburger Lehrbuch der Botanik. (33. Auflage). Gustav Fischer Verlag, Stuttgart, Jena, New York. Nasch T. H. III (1996) Lichen biology. Cambridge University Press. Božac R. (2003) Gljive. Morfologija, sistematika, toksikologija. 5th ed. Školska knjiga, Zagreb.</p>		
Optional reading	<p>Hindak F., Komarek P., Ruzicka J. (1973) Kluc na urcovanie vytrusnych rastlin. Slovenske pedagogicke nakladatelstvo, Bratislava. Kirk P.M., Cannon P.F., David J.C., Stalpers J.A. (2001) Dictionary of the Fungi. 9th ed. CABI Publishing, Wallingford. Riedl R. (1970) Fauna und Flora der Adria. Verlag Paul Parey, Hamburg, Berlin. Wirth V. (1995) Die Flechten Baden-Württembergs 1-2 (2. Auflage). Verlag Eugen Ulmer, Stuttgart.</p>		
Conditions for obtaining teacher's signature	Attending lectures and practices and gaining a minimum of 25 points, and gaining of at least 40% of the total number of points within the preliminary exam.		

Exam passing procedure	During the course, the teacher monitors and evaluates the work of each student, which makes up to 35% of the final grade. During the course, students will be taking written preliminary exams, which can be considered as a substitute for the written final exam if they achieve at least 90% of total points. Preliminary or final written exam make up 20% of the final grade, while oral exam makes up 45% of the final grade.
Main language of instruction; other languages	Croatian language
Method of monitoring the quality and efficiency of teaching	Periodic evaluation of students and teachers will be performed to ensure and continuously improve the quality of teaching and of the study programme. During the last week of lectures, students will be given an anonymous survey to evaluate the overall quality of the course. An analysis of students' performance at exams will be also carried out.

Course title	Human Anatomy and Histology						
Code	BBO209__2023						
Study programme	University undergraduate study programme in Biology						
Semester	I semester						
Workload/ECTS credits	5						
Course status	Obligatory						
Course teacher	Assist. Prof. Dr. Mirta Sudarić Bogojević						
Associate teachers	Assist. Prof. Dr. Anđela Grgić Assist. Prof. Dr. Mislav Kovačić Robert Mujkić, Ph.D.						
Course entry requirements (Preceding courses)	General Zoology						
Course objective	To acquire knowledge about systematic organisation of human body by putting emphasis on general anatomical and histological concepts, with the aim to develop a basis for understanding physiological processes in human body and to gain skills necessary for studying of comparative anatomical human features by comparing them with other organisms on Earth.						
Learning outcomes	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ability to generalise the main principles of human body by using anatomical and histological terminology. 2. To determine relations between anatomical and histological structure of organs and organ systems with their function. 3. Skills needed for analysis of human tissues and organs by using appropriate histological preparations and anatomical models. 4. Ability to predict the dependence of physiological processes on the organisation of human body and the dependence of anatomical and histological characteristics on life conditions 						
Link between learning outcomes, teaching and students' activities					Assessment		
	Learning outcome	Share of ECTS	Form of teaching	Activities of learning and teaching	Methods of monitoring and evaluation	Grading Points	
						min	max
	1-4	1.5	Lectures	Lecture attendance and active participation with critical conversation and discussion by putting emphasis on the acquisition of the outcome 4	Records related to active and independent participation in conversations and discussions	5	10
	1-4	0.5	Practices	Independent microscopy, analysis of structure of human tissues and organs and making conclusions defined by the outcome 4	Records related to active and independent practical work; analysis of obtained results with provision of feedback	20	25
	1-4	1.5	Written exam	Preparation for written exam	Written exam	20	35
1-4	1.5	Oral exam	Preparation for oral exam	Oral exam	15	30	
Total	5				60	100	
Final grade:							

	Od 60-70 points: grade 2 (sufficient) Od 71-80 points: grade 3 (good) 81-90 points: grade 4 (very good) Od 91-100 points: grade 5 (excellent)		
Consultation hours	Schedule of consultation hours will be defined with students.		
Teaching	Lectures	Seminars	Practices
Hours - total	45	0	30
Course content / teaching units	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General principles of tissue structure, types and their characteristics • Techniques for making histological preparations • Macroscopic structure of human body, topography, body cavity system and anatomical terminology • Basics of histological and anatomical structure of organ systems: skeletal system, joints, muscular system, vascular and lymphatic system, respiratory system, digestive system, nervous system, sensory system, excretory system, endocrine system, reproductive system • Analysis of structures of tissues, organs and organ systems based on histological preparations, i.e. on anatomical models 		
Recommended reading	Junqueira L.C. (1995) Osnove histologije. Školska knjiga, Zagreb. Keros P., Pećina M., Ivančić-Košuta M. (1999) Temelji anatomije čovjeka. Medicinska biblioteka, Zagreb. Sobotta J. (2004) Histološki atlas. Naklada slap, Zagreb. Sobotta J. (2007) Atlas anatomije čovjeka. Naklada slap, Zagreb.		
Optional reading	Jalšovec D. (2005) Sustavna i topografska anatomija čovjeka. Školska knjiga, Zagreb. Krpmotić-Nemanić J. (1993) Anatomija čovjeka. Medicinska naklada, Zagreb. Marušić A., Krpmotić-Nemanić J. (2001) Anatomija čovjeka. Medicinska naklada, Zagreb.		
Conditions for obtaining teacher's signature	Students are obliged to attend lectures and practices, to participate in lectures actively and to fulfil all assignments within the course.		
Exam passing procedure	During the course, the teacher monitors and evaluates the activities of students by awarding points according to determined criteria. The teacher thus provides continuous feedback, which students use to assess their learning progress. Students pass the written exam within five preliminary exams, after which they take the oral exam. The final grade is determined based on the number of points achieved during the course as of the defined criteria.		
Main language of instruction; other languages	Croatian language		
Method of monitoring the quality and efficiency of teaching	During the course, the teacher continuously monitors the learning process and student achievement, thus determining and adapting his/her teaching. After the course, the teacher conducts an anonymous survey among students to evaluate their subjective impression about the teaching quality.		

Course title	Animal Physiology 1						
Code	BBO525_2025						
Study programme	University undergraduate study programme in Biology						
Semester	V semester						
Workload/ECTS credits	7						
Course status	Obligatory						
Course teacher	Prof. Dr. Branimir Hackenberger Kutuzović						
Associate teachers	Assoc. Prof. Dr. Davorka Hackenberger Kutuzović Assoc. Prof. Dr. Sandra Ečimović Assoct. Prof. Dr. Olga Jovanović Glavaš						
Course entry requirements (Preceding courses)							
Course objective	To understand basic physiological processes of animal organisms and to compare them systematically at cellular and organic, i.e. integrative level by overviewing all classes and orders of the animal kingdom and putting emphasis on comparative details within individual phyla, classes and orders.						
Learning outcomes	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Reviewed basic concepts of general physiology (homeostasis, negative and positive feedback, diffusion, osmosis, isoosmotic and isotonic solution, Na/K pump ratio, buffers and acid-base balance, etc.). 2. Analysed basic physiological processes in animal organisms. 3. Explained physiological principles of organ system functioning - nervous systems and senses, endocrine systems, muscles, blood and immune system, heart, circulatory systems, respiration and gas exchange, ionic, osmotic and acid-base balance, digestion and metabolism, reproduction. 4. Developed skills related to handling with laboratory animals and equipment, by applying modern ethical principles required for working in scientific and professional teams involved in research into physiology. 5. Developed digital skills for using computer simulations to analyse physiological processes. 6. Ability to valorise scientific research (experiment design, implementation, quantitative data processing and conclusion making) by studying available scientific literature. 						
Link between learning outcomes, teaching and students' activities	Learning outcome	Share of ECTS	Form of teaching	Activities of learning and teaching	Assessment		
					Methods of monitoring and evaluation	Grading Points	
						min max	
	1-3	2	Lecture	Lecture attendance and active participation in critical discussion	Records related to attendance and activity	5	10
	4-5	2	Practices	Practical classes attendance and active participation	Records related to attendance and activity	15	30
	1-6	2	Written exam	Preparation for written exam	Written exam	15	30
1-6	1	Oral exam	Preparation for oral exam	Oral exam	15	30	
Total	7				50	100	
Final grade: 50.1-62.5 points: grade 2 (sufficient) 62.6-75 points: grade 3 (good) 75.1-87.5 points: grade 4 (very good) 87.6-100 points: grade 5 (excellent)							
Consultation hours	By appointment.						
Teaching	Lectures		Seminars		Practices		
Hours - total	45		0		30		

Course content / teaching units	<p>Lectures:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The concept of physiology and its brief historical development • Homeostasis • Fundamentals of control and feedback mechanisms • Fundamentals of cellular physiology • Communication between cells and tissues • Receiving stimuli from the environment • Nervous systems • Endocrine systems • Sensory systems • Muscular systems • Circulation systems • Cardiac physiology and hemodynamics • Breathing and gas exchange • Ionic, osmotic and acid-base balance • Digestion • Skeletal systems • Movement in the environment • Energy of movement • Reproduction • Reproductive hormones • Pheromones <p>Practices:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fundamentals of handling animals in physiological practicum • Laboratory animals (mice, rats) • Handling with animals • Animal maintenance • Highly-related strains • Techniques for administering substances to laboratory animals • Anaesthesia, analgesia • Preparation of blood smears for differential blood count • Differential blood count • Bleeding and clotting time • Leukocyte and erythrocyte counting • Calculation of haematological indices (MCV, MCH, MCHC) • Erythrocyte osmotic resistance • Behaviour of erythrocytes in solutions of different tonicity (osmotic pressure) • Blood pressure (3-minute step test) • Computer simulations: nerve impulse; substance transfer across the cell membrane; muscles; heart; kidney; buffers and acid-base balance; breathing; digestion; the influence of thyroid hormones on metabolism; insulin and diabetes
Recommended reading	<p>Hill R.W., Wyse G.A., Anderson M. (2012) <i>Animal Physiology</i>. Sinauer Associates, Inc., Massachusetts U.S.A. Moyes C.D., Schulte P.M. (2007) <i>Principles of Animal Physiology</i>, Pearson.</p>
Optional reading	<p>Paul J.R. (2001) <i>Physiologie der Tiere</i>, Thieme, Stuttgart. Randall D., Burggren W., French K. (2002) <i>Eckert Animal Physiology – Mechanisms and Adaptation</i>, W. H. Freeman and Company, New York.</p>
Conditions for obtaining teacher's signature	<p>Regular attendance at lectures, successfully completed practices, preparation and presentation of a scientific essay.</p>
Exam passing procedure	<p>Before taking oral exam, students are obliged to pass written exam. Points gained at written and oral exam are added to the points gathered up to the final exam, thus making a total number of points to be converted to final grade.</p>
Main language of instruction; other languages	<p>Croatian language, English language</p>
Method of monitoring the quality and efficiency of teaching	<p>Survey on the subjective impression about the organisation of the course will be carried out after the course; during the course, students will be given an opportunity to make oral or written remarks; the teacher monitors students' success at exams.</p>

Course title	Invertebrates						
Code	BBO314_2024						
Study programme	University undergraduate study programme in Biology						
Semester	III semester						
Workload/ECTS credits	7						
Course status	Obligatory						
Course teacher	Assist. Prof. Dr. Anita Galir Balkić						
Associate teachers	Assist. Prof. Dr. Barbara Vlaičević Assist. Prof. Dr. Mislav Kovačić						
Course entry requirements (Preceding courses)							
Course objective	To teach students about basics of evolution, systematics, anatomy, morphology and diversity of invertebrates and to enable students to develop natural science literacy.						
Learning outcomes	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Explained concepts of systematics and taxonomy of invertebrates and understanding of progress of these disciplines within various scientific branches of biology. 2. Developed ability to independently apply appropriate methods of handling organisms and dissecting invertebrates in order to collect all necessary information by avoiding unnecessary sacrifice of organisms. 3. Skills to connect and critically assess the importance of different anatomical, morphological and physiological characteristics of terrestrial and aquatic invertebrates, and their adaptation to specific habitat, feeding, survival strategies and reproductive performance. 4. Explained relation between anatomical and morphological characteristics of invertebrates and their position in trophic levels of different ecosystems. 5. Developed ability to use independently the keys for determination of invertebrates and to distinguish the representatives of different classes and orders of invertebrates. 						
Link between learning outcomes, teaching and students' activities	Learning outcome	Share of ECTS	Form of teaching	Activities of learning and teaching	Assessment		
					Methods of monitoring and evaluation	Grading Points	
						min	max
	1,3,4,5	1.5	Lecture	Critical conversation and discussion	Records related to active participation in conversations and discussions	5	10
	2-5	1.5	Practices	Anatomical section and determination of representatives of different invertebrates	Analysis of practical work with provision of feedback	15	20
	1-5	2	Written exam	Preparation for written exam	Written exam	20	35
1-5	2	Oral exam	Preparation for oral exam	Oral exam	20	35	
Total	7				60	100	
Final grade: 60-70 points: grade 2 (sufficient) 71-80 points: grade 3 (good) 81-90 points: grade 4 (very good) 91-100 points: grade 5 (excellent)							
Consultation hours	By appointment.						
Teaching	Lectures		Seminars			Practices	

Hours - total	30	0	45
Course content / teaching units	<p>Lectures:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General characteristics of Protozoa • Anatomical and morphological characteristics of Porifera • Anatomical and morphological characteristics of Cnidaria • Anatomical and morphological characteristics of Platodes with special reference to Neodermata • Phylum Aschelminthes as of the new findings • Phylum Mollusca - anatomical and morphological changes connected with the way of life • Comparative review of Polychaeta and Clitellata • Characteristics of Arthropoda considering the tagmatization processes • Amandibulata and Mandibulata – anatomical and morphological characteristics considering the types of habitat, with special emphasis on parasitic arthropods; • Insecta - adaptive radiation, morphology and anatomy • Echinodermata – radially symmetrical Deuterostomia with bilaterally symmetrical larva and variable connective tissue <p>Practices:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Protozoa – functional constitution, movement, feeding and reproduction; Spongia – anatomical and morphological characteristics of exclusively aquatic organisms (aquiferous system) • Cnidaria – diploblastic, primary radially symmetric planctonic and nektonic organisms • Platodes – comparative overview of anatomical and morphological characteristics considering the way of life (free-living, external and exclusively internal parasites) • Aschelminthes – the variety of constitution and functions • Mollusca – comparative anatomy and morphology of the aquatic and terrestrial representatives, with special emphasis on Cephalopoda as exclusively marine predators • Annelida – comparative anatomy and morphology of polychaetes, oligochaetes and hirudineans • Arthropoda – similarities and differences in the outer constitution of scorpions, spiders and mites; Entomostraca and Malacostraca, and insects • Echinodermata – basic plan of the constitution and inner functional constitution, comparatively: Crinoidea, Asteroidea, Ophiuroidea, Echinoidea and Holothuroidea. 		
Recommended reading	<p>Habdija I., Primc Habdija B., Radanović I., Špoljar M., Matoničkin Kepčija R., Vujčić K., S., Miliša M., Ostojić A., Sertić Perić M. (2011) Protista - Protozoa - Metazoa- Invertebrata: Strukture i funkcije. Alfa d.d., Zagreb.</p> <p>Radanović I., Miliša M. (ed.) (2004) Protista-Protozoa i Metazoa-Invertebrata: funkcionalna građa i praktikum. Meridijani, Samobor.</p>		
Optional reading	<p>Ruppert E. E., Fox R. S., Barnes R. D. (2004) Invertebrate Zoology. A functional evolutionary approach. 7th ed. Thomson Brooks/Cole.</p>		
Conditions for obtaining teacher's signature	<p>Students are obliged to participate actively in lectures and to complete the work diaries related to practices.</p>		
Exam passing procedure	<p>Before taking oral exam, students are obliged to pass written exam.</p>		
Main language of instruction; other languages	<p>Croatian language</p>		
Method of monitoring the quality and efficiency of teaching	<p>Survey on the subjective impression about the organisation of the course will be carried out after the course; during the course, students will be given an opportunity to make oral or written remarks; the teacher monitors students' success at exams.</p>		

Course title	Biochemistry 1						
Code	BBO317_2024						
Study programme	University undergraduate study programme in Biology						
Semester	III semester						
Workload/ECTS credits	6						
Course status	Obligatory						
Course teacher	Assoc. Prof. Dr. Rosemary Vuković						
Associate teachers	Ana Vuković Popović, Ph.D.						
Course entry requirements (Preceding courses)							
Course objective	To teach students about the basic principles of biochemical processes in the body and about their relations with physiological functions; relations between the structure of biological macromolecules and their role, mechanisms of enzymatic catalysis and regulation of their activity, dynamics and regulation of nucleic acid and protein synthesis. To develop students' skills required for experimental work, such as selecting and applying of biochemical methods and techniques, collecting, analysing and interpreting results by using relevant scientific literature.						
Learning outcomes	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Explained basic principles of biochemical processes in the body, and their connection with physiological functions. 2. Knowledge about the structure of biological molecules and ability to predict their characteristics, mutual interaction and role in the organisation and functioning of cellular processes. 3. Ability to predict the course of biochemical reactions under defined conditions, as well as the influence of specific compounds on the speed of enzymatically catalysed reactions. 4. Ability to compare different mechanisms of enzymatic catalysis, as well as mechanisms of their activity regulation. 5. Ability to determine the relations between inheritance and the structure of genes and DNA, as well as DNA, RNA and protein synthesis mechanisms. 6. Ability to compare and select appropriate biochemical techniques for analysis and purification of proteins and other macromolecules, as well as for testing of scientific hypothesis and successful researching. 						
Link between learning outcomes, teaching and students' activities	Learning outcome	Share of ECTS	Form of teaching	Activities of learning and teaching	Assessment		
					Methods of monitoring and evaluation	Grading Points	
				min		max	
	1-6	1.5	Lecture	Critical conversation and discussion	Records related to active participation in lectures	5	10
	1-4, 6	1	Practices	Independent performance of tasks and experimental exercises, data collection and analysis; commenting and discussing the obtained results.	Monitoring of students' work on experimental tasks; Work diary; Presentation and interpretation of results; Preliminary exams	10	20
	1-6	1	Seminars	Solving problem tasks and data interpretation	Monitoring the student's interpretations and assignments	10	20
	1-6	2	Written exam	Preparation for written exam	Written exam	15	20
1-6	0.5	Oral exam	Preparation for oral exam	Oral exam	20	30	
Total	6				60	100	

	Final grade: 60-70 points: grade 2 (sufficient) 71-80 points: grade 3 (good) 81-90 points: grade 4 (very good) 91-100 points: grade 5 (excellent)		
Consultation hours	Two hours a week according to schedule defined at the beginning of the academic year and additional consultation hours as agreed with students.		
Teaching	Lectures	Seminars	Practices
Hours - total	30	15	30
Course content / teaching units	<p>Lectures:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction to biochemistry, chemical bonds in macromolecules, noncovalent interactions, entropy and thermodynamics laws • Protein composition and structure • Research into proteins and proteomes • Methods and techniques of researching proteins • Myoglobin and haemoglobin • Enzymes and enzyme kinetics • Enzymes: Catalytic strategies • Enzymes: Regulation strategies • Genetic information, structure and function of DNA • DNA replication, repair and recombination • RNA synthesis (transcription) and RNA processing • Protein synthesis (translation) • Control of gene expression <p>Practices:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Buffers • Ionization properties of amino acid • Reaction time course • Influence of pH, temperature and enzyme concentration on the speed of enzymatically catalysed reaction • Determination of kinetic parameters K_m and V_{max} • Influence of effectors (inhibitors and activators) on the speed of enzymatically catalysed reactions • Haemoglobin electrophoresis • Determination of protein concentration • Determination of enzyme activity • Isoenzymes <p>Seminars: include solving mechanistic problems, proposing a biochemical mechanism and/or its elaboration, tasks that require data interpretation and tasks that relating to the connection of different biochemical aspects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ionization properties of amino acids • Relationship between protein structure and function • Enzyme kinetics • Mechanisms of enzyme catalysis and control of enzyme activity • Protein research methods • Flow of genetic information 		
Recommended reading	Berg J.M., Tymoczko J.L., Gatto G.J., Stryer L. (2019) Biochemistry (9th edition). Macmillan International Higher Education, New York. Stryer L., Berg J., Tymoczko J. (2013) Biokemija (6. izdanje, 1. hrvatsko). Školska knjiga, Zagreb.		
Optional reading	Alberts B., Johnson A., Lewis J., Raff M., Roberts K., Walter P. (2008) Molecular Biology of the Cell (5. izdanje). Garland Science, New York. Harperova ilustrirana biokemija; 28. izdanje, Medicinska naklada 2011. Nelson D.L., Cox M.M. (2013) Lehninger Principles of Biochemistry (6th edition). W. H. Freeman & Co, New York. Voet D., Voet J.G. (2011) Biochemistry (4th edition). Wiley, New York. Original scientific papers and review papers		
Conditions for obtaining teacher's signature	Students are obliged to participate in lectures actively and to fulfil all assignments within the course.		
Exam passing procedure	During the course, the teacher monitors and evaluates the activities of students by awarding points according to determined criteria. After the course, students take a written exam and then oral exam.		

	During the semester, students can take three preliminary exams and substitute them for the written exam if passing each preliminary exam with more than 60% of the total number of points.
Main language of instruction; other languages	Croatian language
Method of monitoring the quality and efficiency of teaching	During the course, the teacher continuously evaluates student achievement, and gives students the opportunity to make oral or written comments. After the course, students are given a survey in which they give their subjective opinion about quality and organisation of teaching, all with the aim to improve future teaching.

Course title	Biochemistry 2						
Code	BBO420_2024						
Study programme	University undergraduate study programme in Biology						
Semester	IV semester						
Workload/ECTS credits	6						
Course status	Obligatory						
Course teacher	Assist. Prof. Dr. Senka Blažetić						
Associate teachers	Ana Vuković Popović, Ph.D.						
Course entry requirements (Preceding courses)	General Chemistry (1) and Inorganic Chemistry (1) (attended), Organic Chemistry 1 (attended), Cell Biology (attended), Physical Foundations of Instrumental Methods in Biology (attended), Biochemistry 1 (passed exam)						
Course objective	To understand the basic principles related to metabolism of organisms at different stages of development and the importance of preserving homeostasis.						
Learning outcomes	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ability to compare processes of degradation and biosynthesis in living cells. 2. Ability to comprehend energy changes in cellular metabolic processes of organisms at different development stages. 3. Ability to explain complex regulatory metabolic mechanisms, the activity of which is necessary to maintain homeostasis. 4. Ability to compare different types of biomolecules (carbohydrates, proteins and fats). 5. Ability to predict the causes of metabolic diseases and possible options for regaining of homeostasis. 6. Skills for integration of appropriate biochemical techniques required in scientific research related to biochemistry. 						
Link between learning outcomes, teaching and students' activities					Assessment		
	Learning outcome	Share of ECTS	Form of teaching	Activities of learning and teaching	Methods of monitoring and evaluation	Grading Points	
						min	max
	1-5	1.5	Lecture	Critical conversation and discussion	Records related to active participation in conversations and discussions	10	15
	1-6	1.5	Practices	Independent performance of experimental tasks, data collection and analysis	Records, evaluation of initial preliminary exam, monitoring of experimental work progress; work diary	15	25
	1-6	1	Seminars	Solving problem tasks and setting up your own interactive lessons	Monitoring of activities during task solving and evaluation of tasks created by other students based on set criteria	5	15
	1-6	1	Written exam	Preparation for written exam	Written exam	10	25
	1-6	1	Oral exam	Preparation for oral exam	Oral exam	10	20
Total		6			50	100	
Final grade: 50.1-62.5 points: grade 2 (sufficient) 62.6-75 points: grade 3 (good) 75.1-87.5 points: grade 4 (very good) 87.6-100 points: grade 5 (excellent)							
Consultation hours	By appointment.						
Teaching	Lectures		Seminars		Practices		

Hours - total	30	15	30
Course content / teaching units	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General overview of metabolism, catabolism and anabolism, regulation of metabolism • Carbohydrate metabolism: transport of glucose into cells, glycolysis, gluconeogenesis, pentose-phosphate pathway, metabolism of disaccharides and polysaccharides (glycogen - glycogenesis and glycogenolysis, and starch) • Metabolic energy production: citric acid cycle and oxidative phosphorylation • Fat metabolism: triacylglycerol, phospholipids and cholesterol. • Degradation (β-oxidation) and synthesis of fatty acids, synthesis of phospholipids, ceramides and gangliosides, synthesis of cholesterol and cholesterol-derived compounds (steroid hormones, bile salts, vitamin D) • Degradation of amino acids and urea synthesis, synthesis of amino acids and cofactors, mobilisation of nitrogen from air for incorporation into biomolecules, complex regulation of the enzyme glutamine synthetase • Biosynthesis and degradation of purine and pyrimidine nucleotides • Integration of metabolism • Biochemical methods of analysis: isolation and analysis of proteins (homogenisation, spectrophotometric determination of concentration and activity of different proteins - enzymes, electrophoresis, gel-filtration) 		
Recommended reading	<p>Berg J. M., Tymoczko J. L., Stryer L. (2013) Biokemija, prijevod 6.-tog izdanja iz 2007. god. (Freeman & Comp., New York). Školska knjiga, Zagreb.</p> <p>Has-Schön E. (2002) Biokemijske teme - Oksidacijska fosforilacija. Sveučilište J. J. Strossmayera, Pedagoški fakultet Osijek, elektronički udžbenik. http://bcs.whfreeman.com/biochem6 http://www.whfreeman.com/biochem5</p> <p>Has-Schön E. (2003) Biokemijske teme – Metabolizam ugljikohidrata. Sveučilište J. J. Strossmayera, Pedagoški fakultet Osijek, elektronički udžbenik.</p>		
Optional reading	<p>Devlin T.M. (ed.) (2010) Textbook of Biochemistry with Clinical Correlations, 7th ed. J.Wiley & Sons Inc., New York.</p> <p>Garrett R.G., Grisham C.M. (2010) Biochemistry. Brooks/Cole, Cengage Learning, Boston, USA.</p> <p>Holme D.J., Peck H. (1998) Analytical Biochemistry, 3rd ed. Addison Wesley Longman Ltd., New York.</p> <p>Mathews C.K., Van Holde K.E., Ahern K.G. (2012) Biochemistry, 4th ed. Prentice Hall.</p> <p>Nelson D.L., Cox M.M. (2012) Lehninger Principles of Biochemistry, 6th ed. W.H. Freeman, New York.</p> <p>Wilson K., Walker J. (1997) Principles and Techniques of Practical Biochemistry, 4th ed. Cambridge University Press, Cambridge.</p> <p>Voet D., Voet J.G. (2011) Biochemistry, 4th ed. J.Wiley & Sons Inc., New York.</p>		
Conditions for obtaining teacher's signature	Students are obliged to participate in lectures actively and to fulfil all assignments within the course.		
Exam passing procedure	Before taking oral exam, students are obliged to pass final written exam, which can be divided into two preliminary written exams. Points gained at written and oral exam are added to the points gathered up to the final exam, thus making a total number of points to be converted to final grade.		
Main language of instruction; other languages	Croatian language, English language		
Method of monitoring the quality and efficiency of teaching	Survey on the subjective impression about the organisation of the course will be carried out after the course; during the course, students will be given an opportunity to make oral or written remarks; the teacher monitors students' success at exams.		

Course title	Cell Biology							
Code	BBO104							
Study programme	University undergraduate study programme in Biology							
Semester	I semester							
Workload/ECTS credits	6							
Course status	Obligatory							
Course teacher	Assist. Prof. Dr. Jasenka Antunović Dunić Assoc. Prof. Dr. Davorka Hackenberger Kutuzović							
Associate teachers	Assoc. Prof. Dr. Lidija Begović Assist. Prof. Dr. Selma Mlinarić							
Course entry requirements (Preceding courses)								
Course objective	To teach students about structure and function of the cell. Within practices, students will obtain skills required for independent work that comprises understanding and visualisation of cellular processes.							
Learning outcomes	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Knowledge about basic scientific findings related to the structure and function of cells in the living world. 2. Understanding the principles of dynamic connection between structures and their functioning in the cell. 3. Ability to analyse findings about the continuity of cellular processes. 4. Ability to analyse cell structures on independently prepared microscopic slides and developed scientific literacy. 5. Supported development of professional knowledge by using laboratory techniques and instrumental methods. 							
Link between learning outcomes, teaching and students' activities	Learning outcome		Share of ECTS	Form of teaching	Activities of learning and teaching	Assessment		
						Methods of monitoring and evaluation	Grading Points	
							min	max
	1 - 4	1.5	Lecture	Critical conversation and discussion	Records related to active and independent participation in conversations and discussions	6	10	
	1, 4, 5	1.5	Practices	Independent production of microscopic preparations, microscopy and analysis of preparations; engagement in laboratory activities	Records related to active and independent practical work	24	40	
	1 - 5	2	Written exam	Preparation for written exam	Practice-based assessment; Written exam	25	30	
1 - 5	1	Oral exam	Preparation for oral exam	Oral exam	5	20		
Total		6				60	100	
Final grade: 60-70 points: grade 2 (sufficient) 71-80 points: grade 3 (good) 81-90 points: grade 4 (very good) 91-100 points: grade 5 (excellent)								
Consultation hours	By appointment.							

Teaching	Lectures	Seminars	Practices
Hours - total	45	0	45
Course content / teaching units	<p>Lectures:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chemical composition of cell • Overview plan of cellular organization: protocytes, eucytes. Cell compartmentisation • Organisation and chemistry of biomembranes • Forms of transport through the biomembrane • Cytoskeleton • Structure and function of the interphase nucleus: chromosomes, DNA and genes • Control of gene expression • Cell cycle • Replication • Transcription • Mitosis and endomitosis • Meiosis and crossing-over • Endoplasmic reticulum, ribosomes and protein biosynthesis • Golgi system, lysosomes, peroxisomes, glyoxisomes, vacuoles • Mitochondria: ultrastructure and function. Cellular energy • Plastids and plastid pigments • Chloroplast ultrastructure and photosynthesis • Cell differentiation, growth control and cancer • Cellular immunity <p>Practices:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use of a light microscope: ocular and object micrometer • Resolution power and usage of immersion lens • Usage of stereomicroscope and photodocumentation • Protocytes and eucytes • Biomembranes: vital staining, borderline plasmolysis. Interphase core • Mitosis. Production of cytological preparations • Endomitosis • Mitotic activity: calculation of mitotic index • Meiosis. Crossing-over • Plastids: chromoplasts, leucoplasts, etioplasts • Chloroplasts and photosynthetic pigments • Usage of a fluorescent microscope • Chloroplast isolation • Electrophoretic separation of proteins 		
Recommended reading	<p>Alberts B., Johnson A., Lewis J., Morgan D., Raff M., Roberts K., Walter P. (2015) Molecular biology of the cell. 6th ed. Garland Science, Taylor & Francis Group, New York.</p> <p>Cooper G.M., Hausman R.E. (2010) Stanica – molekularni pristup. Peto izdanje. (Editor of Croatian edition: Lauc, G.) Medicinska naklada, Zagreb.</p> <p>Lepeduš H., Cesar V. (2010) Osnove biljne histologije i anatomije vegetativnih organa. Sveučilište J. J. Strossmayera u Osijeku, Odjel za biologiju, Osijek.</p> <p>Murray R. K., Bender D.A., Botham K.M., Kennelly P.J., Rodwell V.W., Weil P.A. (2011) Harperova ilustrirana biokemija. 28. izdanje. (Editors of Croatian edition: Lovrić J., Sertić J.) Medicinska naklada, Zagreb.</p>		
Optional reading	<p>Ambriović Ristov A. (2007) Metode u molekularnoj biologiji. Institut Ruđer Bošković, Zagreb.</p> <p>Reece J.B., Urry L.A., Cain M.L., Wasserman S.A., Minorsky P.V., Jackson R.B. (2013) Campbell biology. 10th ed. Pearson - Benjamin Cummings, San Francisco.</p> <p>Rubbi C.P. (1994) Light microscopy: essential data. John Wiley & Sons, Chicester - New York.</p> <p>Voet D., Voet J.G., Pratt C.W. (2016) Fundamentals of Biochemistry: Life at the Molecular Level 5th ed. John Wiley & Sons, Inc. New York.</p>		
Conditions for obtaining teacher's signature	<p>Students are obliged to attend lectures and practices, to participate in lectures actively and to fulfil all assignments within the course.</p>		
Exam passing procedure	<p>During the course, the teacher monitors and evaluates the activities of students by awarding points according to determined criteria. The final grade is determined according to the number of points collected during the lectures and practices and the points achieved in written and oral exams.</p>		

Main language of instruction; other languages	Croatian language, English language
Method of monitoring the quality and efficiency of teaching	Carrying out a survey among students and giving them a possibility to give a written review after a lecture or exam. Monitoring of student success at preliminary and final exams. Carrying out a uniform University Student Survey.

Course title	Plant Ecology							
Code	BBO527_2025							
Study programme	University undergraduate study programme in Biology							
Semester	V winter semester							
Workload/ECTS credits	4							
Course status	Obligatory							
Course teacher	Prof. Dr. Janja Horvatić							
Associate teachers	Aleksandra Kočić, Ph.D. Tihana Kreković							
Course entry requirements (Preceding courses)	General Botany, General Ecology, Cormophyte							
Course objective	To teach students about interactions between plants and about environmental influence on the life strategies of Cormophyte. To develop students' skills to analyse and predict the influence of environmental factors on the distribution of plants and plant communities.							
Learning outcomes	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ability to analyse the influence of abiotic and biotic factors on plants, and on their adjustment capabilities. 2. Ability to make connection between ecological factors and the distribution of plants and plant communities. 3. Ability to analyse life strategies of Cormophyte for survival of unfavourable seasons. 4. Ability to predict the consequences of anthropogenic impact on the environment. 5. Ability to use different laboratory techniques to examine how water regime of the habitat and physical and chemical properties of the soil influence composition and structure of selected phytocenoses. 							
Link between learning outcomes, teaching and students' activities	Learning outcome		Share of ECTS	Form of teaching	Activities of learning and teaching	Assessment		
						Methods of monitoring and evaluation	Grading Points	
							min	max
	1-5	1	Lecture	Lecture attendance and active participation	Records related to active participation in conversations and discussions	5	10	
	3,5	1	Practices	Performance at experimental task, preparation of the final report, performance at preliminary exam	Monitoring of student activities and results	10	20	
	1-5	1	Written exam	Preparation for written exam	Written exam	20	40	
	1-5	1	Oral exam	Preparation for oral exam	Oral exam	15	30	
Total	4				50	100		
Final grade: 50-69.9 points: grade 2 (sufficient) 70-79.9 points: grade 3 (good) 80-89.9 points: grade 4 (very good) 90-100 points: grade 5 (excellent)								
Consultation hours	By appointment.							
Teaching	Lectures		Seminars		Practices			
Hours - total	30		0		20			
Course content / teaching units	Lectures: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plant ecology, definition and basic concepts 							

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ecological factors and their influence on life and distribution of plants and plant communities • Abiotic factors: climate, light, water and moisture, precipitation, wind, soil, physical and chemical properties of soil, geological background • Biotic factors: symbiosis, parasitism, competition, bonds between plants and animals • Anthropogenic impact • Phytocenosis as a productive component of ecosystems • Vegetation • Primary and secondary biocenoses • Successions <p>Practices:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Determination of physical and chemical properties of different soil samples • Microclimatic characteristics of phytocenosis habitats • Water regime of habitats and plants • Analysis of the composition and structure of selected phytocenoses
Recommended reading	<p>Gračanin M., Ilijanić L.J. (1977) Uvod u ekologiju bilja. Školska knjiga, Zagreb.</p> <p>Gurevitch J., Scheiner S.M., Fox G.A. (2006) Ecology of Plants. 2nd edition. Sinauer Associates Inc., US.</p> <p>Topić J., Vukelić J. (2009) Priručnik za određivanje kopnenih staništa u Hrvatskoj prema Direktivi o staništima EU. Državni zavod za zaštitu prirode, Zagreb.</p>
Optional reading	<p>Crawley J.M. (1997) Plant Ecology. Blackwell Science.</p> <p>Vukelić J., Mikac S., Baričević D., Bakšić D., Rosavec R. (2008) Šumska staništa i šumske zajednice u Hrvatskoj. Nacionalna ekološka mreža. Državni zavod za zaštitu prirode, Zagreb.</p> <p>Zaninović K., Gajić-Čapka M., Perčec Tadić M., Vučetić M. (ed.) (2008) Klimatski atlas Hrvatske: 1961.-1990.: 1971.-2000. Državni hidrometeorološki zavod, Zagreb.</p> <p>Šegota T., Filipčić A. (1996) Klimatologija za geografe. Školska knjiga, Zagreb.</p>
Conditions for obtaining teacher's signature	Students are obliged to participate in lectures actively and to fulfil all assignments within the course.
Exam passing procedure	Before taking oral exam, students have to pass written exam, which can be taken as a whole or split into two preliminary exams. The final grade is determined according to the number of points for student's performance and the points achieved in written and oral exams.
Main language of instruction; other languages	Croatian language
Method of monitoring the quality and efficiency of teaching	Student survey after the course; reviews during the course and possibility to give oral or written remarks after lectures; monitoring of student success at exams.

Course title	Animal Ecology						
Code	BBO528						
Study programme	University undergraduate study programme in Biology						
Semester	V winter semester						
Workload/ECTS credits	4						
Course status	Obligatory						
Course teacher	Prof. Dr. Stjepan Krčmar						
Associate teachers	Assist. Prof. Dr. Alma Mikuška Assist. Prof. Dr. Goran Vignjević						
Course entry requirements (Preceding courses)	General Ecology						
Course objective	To enable students to judge, analyse and determine the effects of abiotic factors on animal organisms, and to assess the role of biotic factors. Gaining of basic knowledge about the population ecology, the living community, and the ecological system as functional and dynamic form found in nature.						
Learning outcomes	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ability to analyse living conditions and to understand the concept of ecological factors, ecological valence, habitat, ecological niches, ability to compare elements of population, to determine the factors of movement of animal populations, and to present the structural characteristics of the living community. 2. Skills required to evaluate the effect of abiotic factors (climatic, edaphic) on animal organisms and on their distribution. 3. Skills required to analyse biotic factors: neutrality, competition, mutualism, commensalism, parasitism, amensalism and predation. 4. Skills required to analyse the basic categories of relations between the constituents of the ecosystem, land to make links between the creation and decomposition of organic matter and the energy flow in the ecosystem. 5. Ability to determine the factors of succession in the ecological system. 						
Link between learning outcomes, teaching and students' activities	Learning outcome	Share of ECTS	Form of teaching	Activities of learning and teaching	Assessment		
					Methods of monitoring and evaluation	Grading Points	
				min		max	
	1-5	1	Lecture	Lecture attendance and active participation	Records and evaluation	15	25
	1-3	1	Practices	Practical classes attendance and active participation	Records and evaluation of task performance	15	25
	1-5	1	Exam	Preparation for written exam	Written exam	15	25
1-5	1	Final exam	Preparation for final exam	Oral exam	15	25	
Total	4				60	100	
Final grade: 60-70 points: grade 2 (sufficient) 71-80 points: grade 3 (good) 81-90 points: grade 4 (very good) 91-100 points: grade 5 (excellent)							
Consultation hours	Regular consultation hours will be scheduled after being agreed with students.						
Teaching	Lectures		Seminars		Practices		
Hours - total	30		0		20		
Course content / teaching units	Lectures: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Living conditions and the concept of ecological factors (abiotic and biotic) • Ecological valence, habitat, life form, ecological niche • Climatic and edaphic factors and their impact on animal organisms 						

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Analysis and comparison of biotic factors • Population ecology, living community and structural characteristics of living community, nutrition relations in living community • Analysis of ecological systems, substances and energies in an ecological system • Successions and transformations of the ecosystem, grouping and classification of ecosystems <p>Practices:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Climate graph, bioclimatic graph, stage hydrograph • Analysis of the qualitative composition of ichthyofauna in the Kopački Rit Nature Park • Analysis of nesting bird population density in the Kopački Rit Nature Park • Analysis of <i>Capreolus capreolus</i> L. deer population density • Predation • Analysis of the diet of <i>Tyto alba</i> (Scopoli) owl • Analysis of migration of some bird populations • UTM mapping
Recommended reading	<p>Aber J. D., Melillo J.M. (2001) <i>Terrestrial Ecosystems</i>. Second edition. Harcourt Academic Press, San Diego, CA, USA.</p> <p>Krčmar S., Hackenberger K.D. (2008) <i>Nastavni tekst predavanja iz predmeta Ekologija životinja</i>. Price W.P. (1997) <i>Insect Ecology</i>. J. Wiley & Sons. Inc., New York.</p>
Optional reading	<p>Chapin F.S. III, Matson P.A., Mooney H.A. (2002) <i>Principles of Terrestrial Ecosystem Ecology</i>. Springer, New York, USA.</p> <p>Lambert M., Williams J. (1988) <i>Animal ecology</i>, Franklin Watts.</p>
Conditions for obtaining teacher's signature	Regular lecture and practice attendance.
Exam passing procedure	During lectures and practices, the teacher monitors and evaluates performance of each student, which refers to 50% of the final grade. Passing of final written exam refers to 25% of the final grade, and passing of final oral exam refers to the remaining 25% of the final grade.
Main language of instruction; other languages	Croatian language
Method of monitoring the quality and efficiency of teaching	Evaluation form

Course title	English Language 1						
Code	BBE112_2023						
Study programme	University undergraduate study programme in Biology						
Semester	I semester						
Workload/ECTS credits	1						
Course status	Obligatory						
Course teacher	External associate						
Associate teachers							
Course entry requirements (Preceding courses)							
Course objective	To develop reading skills and techniques required for understanding of professional and scientific texts in English language; to understand professional terminology and to develop written and verbal communication skills in English language.						
Learning outcomes	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> To valorise professional/scientific texts in English language in order to determine individual aspects for improvement of written and oral communication skills in English language. To suggest additions to the read professional/scientific texts by asking questions comprised with appropriate professional vocabulary and correct grammatical constructions. To assess translation of professional/scientific texts from English into Croatian. To support writing skills by translating professional/scientific text from Croatian into English 						
Link between learning outcomes, teaching and students' activities	Learning outcome	Share of ECTS	Form of teaching	Activities of learning and teaching	Assessment		
					Methods of monitoring and evaluation	Grading Points	
			min	max			
	1-4	0.25	Lecture	Lecture attendance and active participation	Records related to attendance and activity	5	10
	1-4	0.5	Seminars	Work with selected professional or scientific texts and tasks aligned with learning outcomes	Records related to engagement during analysis of selected texts (Outcomes 1 and 2); analysis of translation (Outcomes 3 and 4)	30	45
1-4	0.25	Oral exam	Preparation for oral exam	Oral exam	25	45	
Total	1				60	100	
Final grade: 60-70 points: grade 2 (sufficient) 71-80 points: grade 3 (good) 81-90 points: grade 4 (very good) 91-100 points: grade 5 (excellent)							
Consultation hours	By appointment.						
Teaching	Lectures		Seminars		Practices		
Hours - total	10		10		0		
Course content / teaching units	Written and oral communication in English; Reading professional and scientific texts; Grammatical structures related to professional and scientific texts;						

	English grammar; Translation of professional and scientific texts.
Recommended reading	Bujas Ž. (2011) Englesko-Hrvatski riječnik. Globus, Zagreb. Bujas Ž. (2011) Hrvatsko-Engleski riječnik. Globus, Zagreb. Freeman S. (2017) Biological Science. Global Edition, Pearson, Edinburgh.
Optional reading	Relevant scientific and professional papers.
Conditions for obtaining teacher's signature	Students are obliged to participate in lectures actively and to fulfil all assignments within the course.
Exam passing procedure	During the course, the teacher monitors and evaluates the activities of students by awarding points according to determined criteria. The teacher thus provides continuous feedback, which students use to assess their learning progress. After the course, students take oral exam. During the oral exam, the teacher asks questions that are related to learning outcomes. The final grade is determined according to the number of points awarded for oral exam and the number of points gained during lectures.
Main language of instruction; other languages	Croatian language, English language
Method of monitoring the quality and efficiency of teaching	During the course, the teacher performs evaluation for learning by continuous monitoring of the learning process and student achievement, thus determining and adapting his/her teaching. After the course, the teacher conducts a survey among students to evaluate their subjective impression about the teaching quality, all with the aim to improve future teaching.

Course title	English language 2						
Code	BBE113_2023						
Study programme	University undergraduate study programme in Biology						
Semester	II semester						
Workload/ECTS credits	1						
Course status	Obligatory						
Course teacher	External associate						
Associate teachers							
Course entry requirements (Preceding courses)							
Course objective	To develop students' skills required for analysing of professional and scientific texts in English language, by using professional vocabulary and to upgrade existing skills of written and verbal communication in English language.						
Learning outcomes	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Developed ability to make linguistic and contextual analysis of professional or scientific texts in English language. 2. Delivered oral presentation on a professional topic in English language. 3. Written short text in English on a biology topic. 4. Developed ability to review scientific and professional biology literature in English. 						
Link between learning outcomes, teaching and students' activities					Assessment		
	Learning outcome	Share of ECTS	Form of teaching	Activities of learning and teaching	Methods of monitoring and evaluation	Grading Points	
						min	max
	1-4	0.25	Lecture	Lecture attendance and active participation	Records related to attendance and activity	5	10
	1-4	0.5	Seminars	Engagement into outcome-based tasks	Records related to engagement into analysis and writing of texts and oral presentation and assessment of literature resources	30	45
1-4	0.25	Oral exam	Preparation for oral exam	Oral exam	25	45	
Total		1				60	100
Final grade: 60-70 points: grade 2 (sufficient) 71-80 points: grade 3 (good) 81-90 points: grade 4 (very good) 91-100 points: grade 5 (excellent)							
Consultation hours	By appointment.						
Teaching	Lectures		Seminars		Practices		
Hours - total	10		10		0		
Course content / teaching units	Analysis and paraphrasing of professional or scientific biology-related texts in English language; Formal oral communication; Writing in English; English grammar; Databases and relevant professional and scientific literature resources.						
Recommended reading	Bujas Ž. (2011) Englesko-Hrvatski riječnik. Globus, Zagreb. Bujas Ž. (2011) Hrvatsko-Engleski riječnik. Globus, Zagreb. Freeman S. (2017) Biological Science. Global Edition, Pearson, Edinburgh.						

Optional reading	Relevant scientific and professional papers.
Conditions for obtaining teacher's signature	Students are obliged to participate in lectures actively and to fulfil all assignments within the course.
Exam passing procedure	During the course, the teacher monitors and evaluates the activities of students by awarding points according to determined criteria. The teacher thus provides continuous feedback, which students use to assess their learning progress. After the course, students take oral exam. During the oral exam, the teacher asks questions that are related to learning outcomes. The final grade is determined according to the number of points awarded for oral exam and the number of points gained during lectures.
Main language of instruction; other languages	Croatian language, English language
Method of monitoring the quality and efficiency of teaching	During the course, the teacher performs evaluation for learning by continuous monitoring of the learning process and student achievement, thus determining and adapting his/her teaching. After the course, the teacher conducts a survey among students to evaluate their subjective impression about the teaching quality, all with the aim to improve future teaching.

Course title	Evolution							
Code	BBO629_2025							
Study programme	University undergraduate study programme in Biology							
Semester	VI semester							
Workload/ECTS credits	4							
Course status	Obligatory							
Course teacher	Assist. Prof. Dr. Barbara Vlaičević							
Associate teachers								
Course entry requirements (Preceding courses)								
Course objective	To understand the basic concepts and principles of biological and chemical evolution. To develop scientific literacy that will allow understanding of more complex processes which affect evolution.							
Learning outcomes	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Explained climatic and geological changes that occurred during geological periods and affected chemical and biological evolution. 2. Linking mechanisms that lead to evolutionary changes, by putting emphasis on the importance of changes in the environment, i.e. on the influence of natural selection. 3. Ability to assess the importance of anatomy, morphology and physiology of organisms as indicators of evolutionary relationships and adaptations to habitats, and to determine the importance of fossils and other evidence of evolution. 4. Ability to compare, evaluate and rank findings in the field of botany and zoology and to connect them with the causes and consequences of increased structural complexity, from simple animal organisms to the species <i>Homo sapiens</i>, or from photosynthetic organisms to Angiosperm. 							
Link between learning outcomes, teaching and students' activities	Learning outcome	Share of ECTS	Form of teaching	Activities of learning and teaching	Assessment			
					Methods of monitoring and evaluation	Grading Points		
				min		max		
	1-4	1.5	Lecture	Critical conversation and discussion	Records related to active participation in conversations and discussions	10	20	
	1-4	1.5	Seminar	Solving of exercises independently, practical work. Flipped classroom.	Monitoring of student performance at interpreting and solving of exercises	15	30	
	1-4	1	Written exam	Preparation for written exam	Written exam	20	30	
1-4	1	Oral exam	Preparation for oral exam	Oral exam	15	20		
Total	4				60	100		
Final grade: 60-70 points: grade 2 (sufficient) 71-80 points: grade 3 (good) 81-90 points: grade 4 (very good) 91-100 points: grade 5 (excellent)								
Consultation hours	By appointment.							
Teaching	Lectures		Seminars		Practices			
Hours - total	30		15					

Course content / teaching units	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Definition of the terms: evolution, microevolution and macroevolution • Mechanisms of evolution: adaptations, heredity and variations, natural selection, mutations and genetic drift. Geographical variations of species, speciation, extinction of species • Evolutionary ecology: competition, ecological niches, classification of interspecies interactions. Comparative and experimental adaptation models. Interspecies interaction, isolation mechanisms • Gene frequency in a population. Heredity and sources of genetic variability. • Darwin and selection (Impact of selection in the population. Sexual selection and sexual competition) • Evidence of evolution: biogeography, comparative anatomy, comparative embryology, molecular biology; fossil age dating methods, fossilization processes, fossils as a proof of evolution • The origin of the universe and the solar system, the origin of the planet Earth. Overview of geological periods, land distribution, continental floating, tectonic disturbances and climate change • Chemical and biological evolution • Evolution of unicellular and multicellular organisms • Geological periods - climatic conditions, geological past and evolution of biota • The evolution of man
Recommended reading	<p>Hall B.K., Hallgrímsson B. (2008) Strickberger's Evolution. Jones and Bartlett Publishers, Canada.</p> <p>Janković I., Karavanić I. (2009) Osvit čovječanstva. Početci našega biološkog i kulturnog razvoja. Školska knjiga, Zagreb.</p> <p>Karavanić I. (2009) Život neadnertalca. Školska knjiga, Zagreb.</p>
Optional reading	<p>Mayr E. (1998) To je biologija. Znanost o živom svijetu. Dom svijet, HPM, Zagreb.</p> <p>Parker S., Bernor R.L. (ed.) (1996) Fossils. The practical guide to paleontology. Greenwich Editions.</p>
Conditions for obtaining teacher's signature	Students are obliged to participate in lectures actively and to fulfil all assignments within the course.
Exam passing procedure	Before taking oral exam, students are obliged to pass written exam.
Main language of instruction; other languages	Croatian language
Method of monitoring the quality and efficiency of teaching	Survey on the subjective impression about the organisation of the course will be carried out after the course; during the course, students will be given an opportunity to make oral or written remarks; the teacher monitors students' success at exams.

Course title	Physical Foundations of Instrumental Methods in Biology						
Code	BBO103_2023						
Study programme	University undergraduate study programme in Biology						
Semester	I semester						
Workload/ECTS credits	3						
Course status	Obligatory						
Course teacher	Assoc. Prof. Dr. Selma Mlinarić						
Associate teachers	Assist. Prof. Dr. Jasenka Antunović Dunić Assoc. Prof. Dr. Lidija Begović Assist. Prof. Dr. Željka Lončarić						
Course entry requirements (Preceding courses)							
Course objective	To teach students about basic principles of the most commonly used instrumental methods in biology, and to enable them for independent laboratory work, for application of specific methods and for analysing and referring to scientific literature, as well as for communication with expert multidisciplinary teams.						
Learning outcomes	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Appropriate application of basic knowledge in physics for working with instruments. 2. Ability to assess independently the suitability of individual instrumental methods for the analysis of various samples. 3. Ability to critically analyse basic principles of the most commonly used instrumental methods. 4. Ability to analyse and evaluate the measurement results. 5. Ability to connect theory and practice while working in the laboratory. 						
Link between learning outcomes, teaching and students' activities	Learning outcome	Share of ECTS	Form of teaching	Activities of learning and teaching	Assessment		
					Methods of monitoring and evaluation	Grading Points	
						min	max
	1-5	1	Lectures	Critical conversation and discussion	Records related to active participation in conversations and discussions	5	10
	1-5	0.5	Practices	Independent work by applying specific instrumental methods	Monitoring of student performance at solving of tasks	15	20
	1-5	1	Written exam	Preparation for written exam	Written exam	20	40
1-5	0.5	Oral exam	Preparation for oral exam	Oral exam	20	30	
Total	3				60	100	
Final grade: 60-70 points: grade 2 (sufficient) 71-80 points: grade 3 (good) 81-90 points: grade 4 (very good) 91-100 points: grade 5 (excellent)							
Consultation hours	By appointment.						
Teaching	Lectures		Seminars		Practices		
Hours - total	20		0		10		
Course content / teaching units	Lectures: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Principles of the light microscope, fluorescent microscope and electron microscope • Microscopy • Principles of working with scales; weighing • Principles of pH-meter; pH-metering • Principles of thermometer; temperature measuring 						

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Principles of oxygen electrode • Principles of spectrometer • Spectrometry • UV spectrophotometry • IR and nearIR spectrophotometry • Principles of fluorometer • Fluorometry and spectrofluorometry • Principle of electrophoresis • Principle of centrifuge, centrifugation • Main principles of chromatographic techniques • Thin-layer chromatography • Gas chromatography • Liquid chromatography • Principles of atomic absorber • Principle of mass spectrometer • Combinations of instrumental methods <p>Practices:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Microscopy • Spectrometry • UV spectrometry • NearIR spectrometry • Fluorometry • Centrifugation • pH measurement • Oxygen concentration measurement • Weighing • Electrophoresis • Isoelectric focusing • Thin-layer chromatography on paper and gel • Column chromatography
Recommended reading	<p>Ambriović Ristov A. (2007) Metode u molekularnoj biologiji. Institut Ruđer Bošković, Zagreb.</p> <p>Hilyard N.C., Biggin H.C. (1989) Fizika za biologe. Školska knjiga, Zagreb.</p> <p>Ruzin S.E. (1999) Plant Microtechnique and Microscopy. Oxford University Press, New York, Oxford.</p> <p>Skoog A.D., Hollert F.J., Nieman A.T. (1998) Principles of Instrumental Analysis, Saunders Golden Sunburst Series.</p>
Optional reading	<p>Burns D.M., Macdonald S.G.G. (1975) Fizika za biologe i medicinare. Školska knjiga, Zagreb.</p> <p>Rickwood D., Ford T. C., Steensgaard J. (1994) Centrifugation: essential data. John Wiley & Sons, Chicester - New York.</p> <p>Rubbi C.P. (1994) Light microscopy: essential data. John Wiley & Sons, Chicester - New York.</p> <p>Štraus B., Stavljenić-Rukavina A., Plavšić F. (1997) Analitičke tehnike u kliničkom laboratoriju. Medicinska naklada, Zagreb.</p>
Conditions for obtaining teacher's signature	Attending lectures and gaining minimum 5 points, attending practices and gaining minimum 15 points
Exam passing procedure	Written exam and oral exam. During lectures, the teacher monitors and evaluates performance of each student, which refers to 30% of the final grade. Passing of written exam refers to 40% of the final grade, and passing of oral exam refers to the remaining 30% of the final grade.
Main language of instruction; other languages	Croatian language, English language
Method of monitoring the quality and efficiency of teaching	Carrying out a uniform University Student Survey. Carrying out a survey among students and giving them a possibility to give a written review after a lecture or exam. Monitoring of students' success at exams.

Course title	Plant Physiology 1						
Code	BBO421_2025						
Study programme	University undergraduate study programme in Biology						
Semester	VI semester						
Workload/ECTS credits	6						
Course status	Obligatory						
Course teacher	Prof. Dr. Janja Horvatić Assist. Prof. Dr. Martina Varga						
Associate teachers	Assist. Prof. Dr. Vesna Peršić						
Course entry requirements (Preceding courses)	Cell Biology						
Course objective	To learn about physiological and biochemical processes in plants and to facilitate students to develop scientific literacy by connecting theoretical knowledge with experimental research results.						
Learning outcomes	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Definition of links between the structure of plant cells, tissues and organs and their function. 2. Ability to predict the connection between water potential and the transfer of water and assimilates in the plant. 3. Ability to analyse physiological and biochemical processes in the plant. 4. Ability to analyse physiological processes of autotrophic and heterotrophic plant nutrition. 5. Ability to determine the connection between biosynthesis and the role of secondary metabolites. 6. Developed skills required for application of laboratory techniques and instrumental methods in research and in explanation of physiological processes in plants. 						
Link between learning outcomes, teaching and students' activities					Assessment		
	Learning outcome	Share of ECTS	Form of teaching	Activities of learning and teaching	Methods of monitoring and evaluation	Grading Points	
						min	max
	1-5	1.5	Lecture	Critical conversation and discussion	Records related to attendance and student activity with provision of feedback	5	10
	1-4, 6	1.5	Practices	Performance at experimental task, writing of final reports, 2 preliminary exams	Records related to independent engagement at practices with provision of feedback	10	20
	1-6	2	Written exam	Preparation for written exam, 2 preliminary exams or final written exam	Written exam	20	40
	1-6	1	Oral exam	Preparation for oral exam	Oral exam	15	30
	Total	6			50	100	
	Final grade: 50-69,9 points: grade 2 (sufficient) 70-79,9 points: grade 3 (good) 80-89,9 points: grade 4 (very good) 90-100 points: grade 5 (excellent)						
Consultation hours	By appointment.						
Teaching	Lectures		Seminars		Practices		
Hours - total	30		0		45		

Course content / teaching units	<p>Lectures:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The role of membranes, plastids, microbodies, vacuoles and cytoskeleton in the plant cell • Biosynthesis and the role of the primary and secondary cell wall • Water and plant cells: water potential, water status of the plant • Uptake, transport and elimination of water in the plant • Uptake and transport of nutrients • Introduction to metabolism: energy and enzymes • Photosynthesis: photochemical reactions, Calvin cycle, starch and sucrose biosynthesis • Influence of environmental factors on photosynthesis • Photorespiration • Transport of assimilates in the plant • Heterotrophic nutrition • Cellular respiration and fat metabolism • Phytochromes and photomorphogenesis • Control of flowering • Biosynthesis, structure and role of secondary metabolites in plants • Introduction to the physiology of stress <p>Practices:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Observation of plant cells and organelles • Vital staining of plant cells • Effect of physical and chemical factors on membrane permeability • Plasmolysis and deplasmolysis • Determination of the approximate protoplasm temperature maximum • Determination of osmotic potential of cell juice by a method of borderline plasmolysis • Determination of water potential • Determination of water content in plant tissue • Transpiration • Root pressure • Intensity of photosynthesis • Intensity of respiration • Respiratory chain model • Determination of carbohydrates, proteins and lipids in plants • Determination of phosphate, ammonium and nitrate ions in plants
Recommended reading	<p>Pevalek-Kozlina B. (2003) Fiziologija bilja. Profil International, Zagreb. Regula I., Pevalek-Kozlina B., Vidaković-Cifrek Ž., Jelenčić B. (1997) Praktikum iz fiziologije bilja. Skripta za internu upotrebu. Prirodoslovno-matematički fakultet, Zagreb.</p>
Optional reading	<p>Berg J.M., Tymoczko J.L., Stryer L. (2013) Biokemija. Školska knjiga, Zagreb. Taiz L., Zeiger E., Møller I M., Murphy A. (2015) Plant Physiology and Development. 6th ed. Sinauer Associates, Inc. Taiz L., Zeiger E. (2010) Plant Physiology. 5th Edition. Sinauer Associates, Inc.</p>
Conditions for obtaining teacher's signature	<p>Regular attendance and active participation in lectures.</p>
Exam passing procedure	<p>Before taking oral exam, students have to pass written exam, which can be taken as a whole or split into two preliminary exams. The final grade is determined according to the number of points for student's performance and the points achieved in written and oral exams.</p>
Main language of instruction; other languages	<p>Croatian language</p>
Method of monitoring the quality and efficiency of teaching	<p>Monitoring of students' success at exams, making reviews during lectures, conducting survey after the course.</p>

Course title	Biogeography						
Code	BBO631_2025						
Study programme	University undergraduate study programme in Biology						
Semester	VI semester						
Workload/ECTS credits	5						
Course status	Obligatory						
Course teacher	Prof. Dr. Enrih Merdić Prof. Dr. Oleg Antonić						
Associate teachers	Assist. Prof. Dr Goran Vignjević Assist. Prof. Dr. Vesna Peršić						
Course entry requirements (Preceding courses)							
Course objective	Integrate the knowledge of certain areas of zoology and botany in understanding the distribution of animals and plants, and in understanding the legality of the spatio-temporal distribution of living organisms on Earth and in Croatia.						
Learning outcomes	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ability to determine spatial variability of living organisms on Earth in the evolutionary and ecological context. 2. Ability to connect the current distribution of living organisms on Earth with geological history, as well as with current global environmental variability. 3. Ability to explain the reasons for the existence of different biogeographic areas. 4. Ability to present the island, relict and closed-region fauna. 5. Ability to analyse the Croatian territory according to vegetation types, by taking into account the basic ecological gradients. 6. Ability to consider the possible impacts of climate change on the distribution of living organisms on Earth and in Croatia. 						
Link between learning outcomes, teaching and students' activities	Learning outcome	Share of ECTS	Form of teaching	Activities of learning and teaching	Assessment		
					Methods of monitoring and evaluation	Grading Points	
		min	max				
	1 - 6	2	Lecture	Critical conversation and discussion	Records related to student performance, preliminary exam	15	22.5
	1 - 6	1	Seminars	Independent work on the research assignment	Assessment of contents and presentation of seminar paper	10	20
	1 - 6	0.5	Practices	Practical work on the distribution mapping	Records, monitoring of student performance, preliminary exam	10	20
	1-6	0.5	Written exam	Preparation for written exam	Written exam	10	15
	1-6	1	Oral exam	Preparation for oral exam	Oral exam	15	22.5
Total	5				60	100	
Final grade: 60-70 points: grade 2 (sufficient) 71-80 points: grade 3 (good) 81-90 points: grade 4 (very good) 91-100 points: grade 5 (excellent)							
Consultation hours	By appointment.						
Teaching	Lectures			Seminars		Practices	

Hours - total	45	15	15
Course content / teaching units	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Basic terms and definition of biogeography, division of biogeography: ecobiogeography, paleobiogeography, applied (conservation) geography • Spatial, temporal and ecological aspects of biogeography • Areal, active and passive distribution of living organisms and barriers in living organisms distribution • Distribution of plants: autochoria, allochoria, cosmopolitans, neophytes • Endemics: endemic origin, paleoendemics, relics, neoendemics, endemism of flora and fauna • Areal, disjunctions • Life forms of plants and animals • Floral elements and floral kingdoms • The main stages of plant development as influenced by changes in the geological past • Ecological gradients in spatial distribution of plant species • Overview of the vegetation of Earth and Europe • Biomes and phytogeographical regions • Primary and secondary vegetation succession • Geobotanical position and classification of the vegetation in Croatia • Human influence on the areals of plant species • Plant conservation at the global, European and national level: red lists, action plans for conservation of species and habitats <p>Seminars and practices:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mapping of distribution of individual animal and plant species • Analysis and interpretation of the fauna of biogeographic areas based on videos, internet resources and scientific literature, preparation of seminar papers related to these subject areas • Analysis of flora and vegetation data to determine geographic patterns • Distribution patterns of plant species along ecological gradients (e.g. altitude, temperature, precipitation) • Analysis of the distribution of plants on local, regional and globe scale. 		
Recommended reading	<p>Cox C.B., Moore P.D. (2005) <i>Biogeography. An Ecological and Evolutionary Approach</i>. 7th ed. Blackwell Publishing Ltd.</p> <p>Lomolino M.V, Ridle B.R., Whittaker R.J., Brown J.H. (2010) <i>Biogeography</i>. Elsevier London-Paris-New York.</p> <p>Finnie et al. (2007) Floristic elements in European vascular plants: An analysis based on Atlas Florae Europaeae. <i>J. Biogeogr.</i> 34, 1848-1872.</p> <p>Mägdefrau K., Ehrendorfer F. (1997) <i>Udžbenik botanike za visoke škole. Sistematika, evolucija i geobotanika</i>. 4. izd. Školska knjiga, Zagreb.</p> <p>Nikolić T., Topić J. (ed.) (2005) <i>Crvena knjiga vaskularne flore Hrvatske: kategorije EX, RE, CR, EN i VU</i>. Ministarstvo kulture Republike Hrvatske, Državni zavod za zaštitu prirode, Zagreb.</p> <p>Šegulja N., Topić J. (1994) <i>Vodič za terensku nastavu iz geobotanike i ekologije bilja</i>. PMF, Zagreb.</p>		
Optional reading	<p>Maxley S. (1989) <i>Veliki atlas životinja</i>. Mladinska knjiga, Ljubljana-Zagreb.</p> <p>Forenbacher S. (2001) <i>Velebit i njegov biljni svijet (2 iz.)</i>. Školska knjiga, Zagreb.</p> <p>Frey W., Losch R. (1998) <i>Lehrbuch der Geobotanik. Pflanze und Vegetation in Raum und Zeit</i>. Gustav Fischer Verlag.</p> <p>Tivy J. (1993) <i>Biogeography: A Study of Plants in the Ecosphere</i> 3rd ed. Longman Scientific & Technical.</p>		
Conditions for obtaining teacher's signature	Attendance at lectures and seminars and acquisition of minimum 30 points.		
Exam passing procedure	During the course, the teacher monitors and evaluates the activities of each student. After the course, students pass the written exam with a minimum of 15 points. After having passed the written exam, students take the oral exam and pass it with a minimum of 15 points.		
Main language of instruction; other languages	Croatian language		

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Course title	Genetics						
Code	BBO210						
Study programme	University undergraduate study programme in Biology						
Semester	II semester						
Workload/ECTS credits	4						
Course status	Obligatory						
Course teacher	Assoc. Prof. Dr. Lidija Begović Assoc. Prof. Dr. Olga Jovanović Glavaš						
Associate teachers	Assist. Prof. Dr. Jasenka Antunović Assoc. Prof. Dr. Selma Mlinarić						
Course entry requirements (Preceding courses)							
Course objective	To link knowledge about inheritance with knowledge about the structure of genes and DNA, and about their functioning. To use theoretical knowledge in dealing with issues related to genetics.						
Learning outcomes	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ability to apply knowledge about the phenomena and laws of inheritance, i.e. about the transfer of hereditary traits from generation to generation. 2. Appropriate use of basic genetic terminology. 3. Critical analysis of basic scientific findings about the distinction between genetic and environmental influences. 4. Ability to integrate theoretical knowledge into practice while solving genetic problems. 5. Ability to analyse the relationship between the genome and the expression of individual genes. 6. Making correlations between an individual gene and a group of genes. 7. Making conclusions about complex mechanisms that influence the genome structure. 8. Making conclusions about the need to connect theoretical knowledge and practical skills. 						
Link between learning outcomes, teaching and students' activities					Assessment		
	Learning outcome	Share of ECTS	Form of teaching	Activities of learning and teaching	Methods of monitoring and evaluation	Grading Points	
						min	max
	1-8	1	Lecture	Lecture attendance and active participation	Records, evaluation	5	10
	2-8	1	Practices	Practical classes attendance and active participation	Records, evaluation	15	20
	1-8	1	Knowledge assessment (written exam)	Preparation for written exam	Written exam	20	40
1-8	1	Final exam	Exam preparation	Oral exam	20	30	
Total	4				60	100	
Final grade: 60-70 points: grade 2 (sufficient) 71-80 points: grade 3 (good) 81-90 points: grade 4 (very good) 91-100 points: grade 5 (excellent) Final exam: minimum number of points refers to the lowest grade (sufficient), and maximum number of points refers to the highest grade (excellent).							
Consultation hours	By appointment.						
Teaching	Lectures		Seminars		Practices		

Hours - total	30	0	30
Course content / teaching units	<p>Lectures:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Genes and chromosomes: structure and function • Transfer of genetic material • Gametogenesis • Inheritance of one gene: Mendel's first law, monohybrid cross, codominant genes, cross test • Law of independent segregation: Mendel's second law, dihybrid cross • Bound genes and crossing-over • Gene recombination • Mechanisms of gene recombination in microorganisms: conjugation, transformation, transduction • Mechanisms of gene regulation • Nuclear and extranuclear DNA • Mutagens and mutations • Sensus stricto mutations: addition, deletion, frame-shift • Quantitative and qualitative changes in chromosome structure: duplication, deletion, translocation, inversion • Changes in the number of chromosomes: euploidy, aneuploidy • Human genetics: blood groups, HLA - system, syndromes - consequence of genetic abnormalities • Genetic engineering, cloning • Population genetics: qualitative and quantitative genes, balance and frequency of genes <p>Practices:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cytological basis of inheritance • Gametogenesis • Monohybrid crossing • Dihybrid crossing • X² - test • Related genes • Recombinant frequency • Vine fly • Systems of sex determination • Barr's body • Gene recombination in bacteria • Bacterial chromosome mapping • Growing bacteria for genetic research • Replica plating • Quantitative and qualitative changes in chromosome structure • Production of cytological preparations • Changes in the number of chromosomes • Human karyotype • Determination of blood groups • Plant tissue culture <i>in vitro</i> • Analysis of frequency of qualitative genes (Hardy-Weinberg formula) and of quantitative genes (variation polygon) in a population 		
Recommended reading	<p>Lewin B. (2012) Genes XI. Oxford University Press Inc., New York.</p> <p>Pavlica M. (2012) Genetika. Prirodoslovno-matematički fakultet Sveučilišta u Zagrebu, web udžbenik.</p> <p>Murray R. K., Bender D. A., Botham K. M., Kennelly P. J., Rodwell V. W., Weil P. A. (2011) Harperova ilustrirana biokemija. 28. izdanje. (Editors of Croatian edition: Lovrić, J., Sertić, J.). Medicinska naklada, Zagreb.</p> <p>Tamarin R.H. (2004) Principles of genetics. 7th ed. McGraw – Hill Companies, New York.</p> <p>Turnpenny P., Ellard S. (2011) Emeryjeve osnove medicinske genetike. 14. izdanje. (Editors of Croatian edition: Bulić-jakuš, F., Barišić, I.). Medicinska naklada Zagreb.</p>		
Optional reading	<p>Ambriović Ristov A. (2007) Metode u molekularnoj biologiji. Institut Ruđer Bošković, Zagreb.</p> <p>Alberts A., Johnson A., Lewis J., Raff M., Roberts K., Walter P. (2007) Molecular biology of the cell. 5th ed. Garland Science, New York - Abingdon.</p> <p>Berg J. M., Tymoczko J. L., Stryer L. (2012) Biochemistry. 7th ed. W.H. Freeman & Co., New York.</p> <p>Griffiths A.J. F., Miller J.H., Suzuki D.T., Levontin R.C., Gelbart W.M. (2000) An introduction to genetic analysis. 7th ed. W.H. Freeman & Co., New York.</p>		

	<p>Reece J.B., Urry L.A., Cain M.L., Wasserman S.A., Minorsky P.V., Jackson R.B. (2013) Campbell biology. 10th ed. Pearson - Benjamin Cummings, San Francisco.</p> <p>Voet D., Voet J.G. (2010) Biochemistry. 4th ed. John Wiley & Sons, Inc. New York.</p> <p>Lewis R. (2011) Human genetics. 10th ed. McGraw-Hill Companies, Inc., New York.</p> <p>Zergollern L.J. et al. (1994) Humana genetika. Medicinska naklada, Zagreb.</p>
Conditions for obtaining teacher's signature	Attendance at lectures and achievement of minimum 5 points, attendance of practices and achievement of minimum 15 points.
Exam passing procedure	Attendance at lectures and achievement of minimum 5 points, attendance of practices and achievement of minimum 15 points.
Main language of instruction; other languages	Croatian language, English language
Method of monitoring the quality and efficiency of teaching	<p>Carrying out a uniform University Student Survey.</p> <p>Carrying out a survey among students and giving them a possibility to give a written review after a lecture or exam.</p> <p>Monitoring of students' success at exams.</p>

Course title	Vertebrates						
Code	BBO319_2024						
Study programme	University undergraduate study programme in Biology						
Semester	IV semester						
ECTS	7						
Course status	Obligatory						
Course teacher	Assist. Prof. Dr. Alma Mikuška Assist. Prof. Dr. Mirta Sudarić Bogojević						
Associate teachers							
Course entry requirements	General Zoology						
Course objective	To provide students with basic knowledge about evolution, morphology, anatomy, systematics and diversity of chordata, by putting emphasis on vertebrates, and to enable students to develop their literacy in natural science.						
Learning outcomes	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Defined connection between different anatomical, morphological and physiological characteristics of chordata and of vertebrates and their way of life and habitats. 2. Make arguments about structure and function of chordata and of vertebrates during evolution. 3. Make review on the methods for appropriate handling of vertebrates in order to collect necessary information about their structure. 4. Ability to independently use manuals for vertebrate determination, and skills to distinguish between representatives of different vertebrates. 5. Skills to critically evaluate relevant scientific and professional literature. 6. Contribution to development of natural science literacy through the conceptual connection of findings, by putting emphasis on the evolution, morphology, anatomy and systematics of chordata and vertebrates. 						
	Learning outcome	Share of ECTS	Form of teaching	Activities of learning and teaching	Assessment		
					Methods of monitoring and evaluation	Grading Points	
						min	max
	1, 2, 5, 6	2	Lecture	Critical conversation and discussion	Records related to active participation in lectures	5	10
	1,3,4,5	2	Practices	Anatomical section and determination of representatives from chordata and vertebrates groups	Analysis of practical work with provision of feedback	20	30
	1-6	1.5	Written exam	Preparation for written exam	Written exam	15	30
	1-6	1.5	Oral exam	Preparation for oral exam	Oral exam	20	30
	Total	7				60	100
	Final grade: 60-70 points: grade 2 (sufficient) 71-80 points: grade 3 (good) 81-90 points: grade 4 (very good) 91-100 points: grade 5 (excellent) Final exam: minimum number of points refers to the lowest grade (sufficient), and maximum number of points refers to the highest grade (excellent).						

Consultation hours	As agreed with students.		
Teaching	Lectures	Seminars	Practices
Hours - total	30	0	45
Course content / teaching units	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction • Systematics and evolution of Chordata • Taxonomy of fossil and recent Vertebrates • Characteristics of Hemichordata • Biology and basic features of Tunicates and Cephalochordates • Comparison of Cephalochordates and Vertebrates • Systematic review of Vertebrates • Evolution and characteristics of Agnatha and Placodermi • Development of the skull and jaw in Vertebrates • Chondrichthyes - systematics, taxonomy and anatomy • Taxonomic position of Osteichthyes • Actinopterygii - systematics, anatomy and diversity • Morphology and anatomy of Teleostei • Diversity of Teleostei • Characteristics of Sarcopterygii • Evolution and recent Dipnoi • Evolution of the first terrestrial vertebrates • Systematics, taxonomy and biology of Amphibians • Adaptations of the Amphibians to extreme conditions • Characteristics and diversity of Amphibians • Differences between Amphibians and Reptiles • Evolution of Reptiles • Systematics, taxonomy and basic characteristics of the anatomy of Reptiles • Varieties of Reptiles • Evolution, systematics, taxonomy and biology of Birds • Adjustments to flight, navigation and orientation • Bird migrations • Diversity of Mammals, evolution, characteristics of Mammals • Systematics and characteristics of different groups of Mammals • Comparative anatomy and morphology of selected representatives of Chordata and Vertebrates (Agnatha, fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds and mammals) • Dissection and determination of Chondrichthyes, Osteichthyes, Amphibians, Reptiles, Birds and Mammals 		
Recommended reading	<p>Kardong V.K. (2014) <i>Vertebrates: Comparative Anatomy, Function, Evolution</i>. Wm.C. Brown Publishers, Dudenue, Melbourne, Oxford.</p> <p>Kardong V.K., Zalisko E. (2015) <i>Comparative Vertebrate Anatomy: A Laboratory Dissection Guide</i>. McGraw-Hill Education, New York.</p> <p>King G.M., Custance D.R.N. (1982) <i>Colour atlas of Vertebrate anatomy, an integrated text and dissection guide</i>. Bolsover Press, London, England.</p> <p>Pough F.H., Janis C.M., Heiser J.B. (2014) <i>Vertebrate Life</i>, 9th ed. Macmillan Coll Div, Prentice Hall.</p>		
Optional reading	<p>Linzey D.W. (2012) <i>Vertebrate Biology</i>. Second Edition. The Johns Hopkins Univeristy Press. Baltimore.</p> <p>Liem K.F., Bemis W.E., Walker jr. W.F., Grande L. (2001) <i>Functional Anatomy of the Vertebrates. An Evolutionary Perspective</i>. 3rd ed. Brooks/Cole Cengage Learning.</p> <p>Ognev S.I., Fink N. (1956) <i>Zoologija kralježnjaka</i>. Školska knjiga, Zagreb.</p>		
Conditions for obtaining teacher's signature	Students are obliged to participate in lectures actively and to fulfil all assignments within the course.		
Exam passing procedure	During the exercises, the teacher reviews students' performance and corrects them, by providing information about their progress with the course content. Students are offered an option to take the written exam in form of three preliminary exams, after having completed lectures on specific groups of Chordata and Vertebrates. The first preliminary exam refers to units on Hemichordata, Tunicates, Cephalochordates, Cyclostomata, Chondrichthyes. The second preliminary exam refers to units on Teleostei, Amphibians and Reptiles. The third preliminary exam refers to units on Birds and Mammals. The points achieved at three preliminary exams are summarised and their		

	mean value equals the points as if achieved at final written exam. The final grade refers to the points achieved on written and oral exam.
Main language of instruction; other languages	Croatian language
Method of monitoring the quality and efficiency of teaching	During the course, the teacher continuously monitors the learning process and students' achievement, thus directing and adapting teaching. After the course, the teacher conducts an anonymous survey among students about their subjective experience of teaching quality.

Course title	Quantitative Biology 1						
Code	BBO208						
Study programme	University undergraduate study programme in Biology						
Semester	II semester						
Workload/ECTS credits	4						
Course status	Obligatory						
Course teacher	Prof. Dr. Branimir Kutuzović Hackenberger						
Associate teachers	Assist. Prof. Dr. Željka Lončarić						
Course entry requirements (Preceding courses)							
Course objective	Acquisition of theoretical and practical knowledge in data processing, interpretation and selection of appropriate mathematical and/or statistical methods.						
Learning outcomes	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Application of basic mathematical methods in solving of biology-related problems. 2. Setting of experiment design, from stating a hypothesis to drawing conclusions based on the collected and analysed results. 3. Independent application of basic statistical methods and interpretation of results. 4. Ability to critically review the literature related to environmental and statistical issues. 						
Link between learning outcomes, teaching and students' activities					Assessment		
	Learning outcome	Share of ECTS	Form of teaching	Activities of learning and teaching	Methods of monitoring and evaluation	Grading Points	
						min	max
	1-4	1	Lectures	Critical conversation and discussion	Records related to active participation in conversations and discussions	5	10
	1-4	1	Practices	Solving of biology-related tasks, analysing the experiment data	Monitoring of student performance at solving of tasks	10	15
	1-4	1	Written exam	Preparation for written exam	Written exam	20	35
	1-4	1	Oral exam	Preparation for oral exam	Oral exam	25	40
Total	4				60	100	
Final grade: 60-70 points: grade 2 (sufficient) 71-80 points: grade 3 (good) 81-90 points: grade 4 (very good) 91-100 points: grade 5 (excellent)							
Consultation hours	By appointment.						
Teaching	Lectures		Seminars		Practices		
Hours - total	30		0		15		
Course content / teaching units	Lectures: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review of the mathematical analyses • Functions • Changes in the rates of biological processes • Application of linear differential equations 						

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Multivariable functions • Laplace transformation • Euler's method • The least square method • Combinatorics • Probability theory • Data. Sampling. Basic data properties • Experiment • Statistical and practical significance • The t-test • Analysis of variance • The Wilcoxon tests • Spearman's correlation • The Kruskal-Wallis test • The Friedman test • Poisson's ratio test • Binomial test • χ^2-test • The Cochran test • Time series analysis • Cluster analysis <p>Practices:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Application of mathematical analysis in solving biology- and ecology-related problems (functions, limits, derivatives, integrals, differential equations) • Basic statistical tests (parametric and non-parametric tests) • Computer-aided statistical data analysis
Recommended reading	<p>Brittom F.N. (2003) Essential Mathematical Biology. Springer Verlag, London.</p> <p>Petz B. (2004) Osnove statističke metode za nematematičare. Naklada Slap, Jastrebarsko.</p> <p>Simon W. (1986) Mathematical Techniques for Biology and Medicine. General Publishing Company, Toronto.</p>
Optional reading	<p>Bohl E. (2001) Mathematik in der Biologie. Springer Verlag, Berlin.</p> <p>Quinn P.G. (2002) Experimental Design and Data Analysis for Biologists. Cambridge University Press, Cambridge.</p>
Conditions for obtaining teacher's signature	Regular attendance at lectures, successfully completed practices.
Exam passing procedure	During lectures, the teacher monitors and evaluates performance of each student, which refers to 30% of the final grade. Passing of written exam refers to 30% of the final grade, and passing of oral exam refers to the remaining 40% of the final grade.
Main language of instruction; other languages	Croatian language, English language
Method of monitoring the quality and efficiency of teaching	Student survey to evaluate the overall quality of the course. Analysis of student success at the exams.

Course title	Microbiology							
Code	BBO105_2023							
Study programme	University undergraduate study programme in Biology							
Semester	II semester							
Workload/ECTS credits	5							
Course status	Obligatory							
Course teacher	Assoc. Prof. Dr. Ljiljana Krstin Assoc. Prof. Dr. Goran Palijan							
Associate teachers	Assoc. Prof. Dr. Zorana Katanić							
Course entry requirements (Preceding courses)								
Course objective	To teach students about specifics and significance of viruses, subviral pathogens and prokaryotic and eukaryotic microorganisms, and to develop their skills required for working in a microbiological laboratory.							
Learning outcomes	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ability to compare morphology and structure of viruses, subviral pathogens, prokaryotic and eukaryotic microorganisms. 2. Skills to define the basic ecological characteristics of microorganisms. 3. Ability to compare metabolic characteristics of prokaryotic and eukaryotic microorganisms. 4. Ability to determine the most significant diseases caused by microorganisms. 5. Skills to select and carry out microbiological analyses in a laboratory. 							
Link between learning outcomes, teaching and students' activities	Learning outcome	Share of ECTS	Form of teaching	Activities of learning and teaching	Assessment			
					Methods of monitoring and evaluation	Grading Points		
				min		max		
	1-4	1.5	Lecture	Critical conversation and discussion	Records related to active participation in conversations and discussions	10	20	
	5	2	Practices	Performance at experimental task	Monitoring of student performance	20	30	
	1-5	1	Written exam	Preparation for written exam	Written exam	20	30	
	1-5	0.5	Oral exam	Preparation for oral exam	Oral exam	10	20	
Total	5				60	100		
Final grade: 60-70 points: grade 2 (sufficient) 71-80 points: grade 3 (good) 81-90 points: grade 4 (very good) 91-100 points: grade 5 (excellent)								
Consultation hours	By appointment.							
Teaching	Lectures		Seminars		Practices			
Hours - total	30		0		30			
Course content / teaching units	Lectures: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introductory lecture – presenting the course content, reading list and obligations of students • Prokaryotes - cell structure • Growth of microorganism and microbial ecology • Biogeochemical cycles • Cellular metabolism (autotrophs and heterotrophs) • Biofilms - mechanisms of formation and structure 							

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Physical and chemical control of bacteria • Antibiotics • Relationship between humans and microorganisms • The most important discoveries and historical development of virology • Basic characteristics and division of viruses • Diversity of viruses, shape and size of virus particles • Structure and chemical composition of viral particles • Types of viral genomes • Bacterial viruses • Mycoviruses • Subviral pathogens • Animal viruses and their diagnostics <p>Practices:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bacteriological substrates • Microscopic bacterial preparations • Isolation of pure culture • Metabolic traits of bacteria • Sanitary bacteriology • Swab and antibiogram • Processing of results • Mechanical inoculation of plant viruses • External and internal symptoms of viral infections • Virus detection and diagnosis • Transmission of viruses by vegetative propagation • Conservation of viruses
Recommended reading	<p>Duraković S. (1999) Opća mikrobiologija. Durieux, Zagreb.</p> <p>Juretić N. (2002) Osnove biljne virologije. Školska knjiga, Zagreb.</p> <p>Kalenić S. i suradnici (2019) Medicinska mikrobiologija. Medicinska naklada, Zagreb.</p> <p>Madigan, M. T., Bender K. S., Buckley D. H., Sattley W. M., Stahl D. A. (2019) Brock Biology of Microorganisms. Pearson, New York.</p> <p>Presečki V. (2003) Virologija. Medicinska naklada, Zagreb.</p> <p>Wiley J., Sherwood L., Woolverton C. (2017) Prescott's Microbiology, 10th ed. McGraw Hill, New York.</p>
Optional reading	<p>Anderson D., Salm S., Allen D., Nester E.W. (2015) Nester's Microbiology: A Human Perspective. 8th ed. McGraw-Hill, New York.</p> <p>Antolović R., Frece J., Gobin I., Hrenović J., Kos B., Markov K., Mlinarić-Missoni E., Novak J., Ožanić M., Pinter Lj., Plečko V., Pleško S., Šantić M., Šegvić Klarić M., Šeruga Musić M., Škorić D., Šušković J. (2016) Priručnik za vježbe iz opće mikrobiologije. Hrvatsko mikrobiološko društvo, Zagreb.</p> <p>Scientific papers referring to the subject area.</p>
Conditions for obtaining teacher's signature	
Exam passing procedure	<p>During the course, the teacher monitors and evaluates the activities of students by awarding points according to determined criteria. After lectures and practices, students take a written exam and then an oral exam. Points gained at written and oral exam are added to the points gathered up to the final exam, thus making a total number of points to be converted to final grade.</p>
Main language of instruction; other languages	<p>Croatian language</p>

Course title	Molecular Biology						
Code	BBO526_2025						
Study programme	University undergraduate study programme in Biology						
Semester	V semester						
Workload/ECTS credits	7						
Course status	Obligatory						
Course teacher	Assoc. Prof. Dr. Ivna Štolfa Čamagajevac						
Associate teachers	Ana Vuković Popović, Ph.D.						
Course entry requirements (Preceding courses)	Cell Biology (passed exam)						
Course objective	To teach students about the molecular structure of the cell by connecting the organisation of cellular structures and biomolecules with their functions.						
Learning outcomes	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ability to explain principles of connection between the organisation of cell structures and their function in the cell. 2. Ability to compare synthesis and processing of DNA, RNA and proteins between prokaryotic and eukaryotic cells. 3. Skills required for reviewing of mechanisms of genetic activity regulation. 4. Ability to explain different ways of cell signalling regulation. 5. Ability to compare the phases of cell cycle. 6. Ability to critically evaluate scientific contribution and suitability of molecular methods presented in scientific papers related to the subject area of the course. 7. Contribution to the development of expertise in biology by applying molecular and biological methods (isolation and characterization of DNA and RNA, PCR, RT-PCR). 						
Link between learning outcomes, teaching and students' activities	Learning outcome	Share of ECTS	Form of teaching	Activities of learning and teaching	Assessment		
					Methods of monitoring and evaluation	Grading Points	
						min	max
	1-5	2	Lecture	Critical conversation and discussion; collaborative learning and reciprocal teaching; knowledge-based tasks	Records related to active and independent participation in lecture activities	5	10
	6	1.5	Seminar	Independent preparation of seminar paper and its presentation	Analysis of seminar paper with provision of feedback	20	30
	7	1	Practices	Independent performance of laboratory exercises	Records related to active and independent participation in practical activities	10	20
	1-7	1.5	Written exam	Exam preparation	Exam	20	30
	1-7	1	Oral exam	Preparation for oral exam	Oral exam	5	10
Total	7				60	100	
Final grade: 60-70 points: grade 2 (sufficient) 71-80 points: grade 3 (good) 81-90 points: grade 4 (very good) 91-100 points: grade 5 (excellent)							

Consultation hours	By appointment		
Teaching	Lectures	Seminars	Practices
Hours - total	30	15	30
Course content / teaching units	<p>Lecture:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Diversity and organisation of prokaryotic and eukaryotic genomes • DNA replication in prokaryotes and eukaryotes • Repair and maintenance of genomic DNA • RNA synthesis and processing • Regulation of gene expression in prokaryotes and eukaryotes • Synthesis, processing and regulation of proteins • Intracellular protein transport • Cellular signalling • Cell cycle • Basic methods in molecular biology <p>Seminars:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation of various topics referring to available scientific literature of molecular biology <p>Practices:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Isolation and characterisation of DNA and RNA. PCR, agarose electrophoresis and purification of PCR products • RT-PCR 		
Recommended reading	<p>Alberts B., Johnson A., Lewis J., Morgan D., Raff M., Roberts K., Walter P. (2015) Molecular biology of the cell. 6th ed. Garland Science, Taylor & Francis Group. New York.</p> <p>Cooper G.M., Hausman R.E. (2010) Stanica - molekularni pristup. 5 izd. Medicinska naklada, Zagreb.</p>		
Optional reading	<p>Ambriović-Ristov A., Brozović A., Mađarić Bruvo B., Četković H., Hranilović D., Bosnar Herak M., Hećimović Katušić S., Radan Meštrović N., Mihaljević S., Slade N., Vujaklija D. (2007) Metode u molekularnoj biologiji. Institut Ruđer Bošković, Zagreb.</p> <p>Voet D., Voet J.G., Pratt C.W. (2016) Fundamentals of Biochemistry: Life at the Molecular Level 5th Edition. John Wiley & Sons, Inc. New York.</p> <p>Znanstveni radovi</p>		
Conditions for obtaining teacher's signature	Students are obliged to participate in lectures actively and to fulfil all assignments within the course.		
Exam passing procedure	During the course, the teacher monitors and evaluates the activities of students by awarding points according to determined criteria. The teacher thus provides continuous feedback, which students use to assess their learning progress and to create a portfolio to improve the learning process and their own professional development. At the end of the course, students shall pass the written exam, after which they take oral exam. During the oral exam, the teacher asks questions that are related to learning outcomes. The final grade is determined according to the number of points achieved at written and oral exam and the number of points gained during lectures.		
Main language of instruction; other languages	Croatian language		
Method of monitoring the quality and efficiency of teaching	During the course, the teacher performs evaluation for learning by continuous monitoring of the learning process and student achievement, thus determining and adapting his/her teaching. After the course, the teacher conducts a survey among students to evaluate their subjective impression about the teaching quality, all with the aim to improve future teaching.		

Course title	General (1) and Inorganic (1) Chemistry								
Code	BB102_2023								
Study programme	University undergraduate study programme in Biology								
Semester	I semester								
Workload/ECTS credits	8								
Course status	Obligatory								
Course teacher	Assoc. Prof. Dr. Valentina Pavić								
Associate teachers									
Course entry requirements (Preceding courses)									
Course objective	To teach students about basic concepts of general chemistry, chemical calculus and to enable them to develop basic skills in laboratory work. To introduce students to chemical theories of atomic structure, wave mechanics, quantum chemistry and thermodynamics.								
Learning outcomes	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ability to predict the properties of chemical elements and their compounds based on the periodicity of properties. 2. Ability to determine the shape, structure and properties of molecules by using the theory of chemical bonds. 3. Knowledge about integration of basic chemical concepts and solving of problems related to general and inorganic chemistry by applying skills in data processing, interpretation and selection of appropriate mathematical procedures. 4. Ability to confirm the relationships between stoichiometric coefficients, reactants and products in the chemical equation. 5. Skills to establish safety measures when working in the chemical laboratory, to provide first aid, to organise work in the chemical laboratory. 6. Skills to use acquired theoretical knowledge in experimental work by applying basic laboratory procedures. 								
Link between learning outcomes, teaching and students' activities					Assessment				
		Learning outcome	Share of ECTS	Form of teaching	Activities of learning and teaching	Methods of monitoring and evaluation	Grading Points		
							min	max	
		1-2	1	Lecture	Critical conversation and discussion	Records related to active participation in conversations and discussions	6	10	
		3-4	1.5	Seminar	Interpretation of chemical concepts and tasks related to application of interpretation results and concepts	Monitoring of student's interpretations and performance at tasks	15	25	
	5-6	1.5	Practices	Independent work within specific experiments	Records related to students' activities within practices with provision of feedback	12	20		
	5-6	1	Exam (preliminary)	Interpretation of experimental data and tasks related to application of interpretation results and concepts	Monitoring of student's interpretations and performance at tasks	9	15		

	1-6	1	Written exam	Preparation for written exam	Written exam	9	15
	1-6	1	Oral exam	Preparation for oral exam	Oral exam	9	15
	Total	8				60	100
	Final grade: 60-70 points: grade 2 (sufficient) 71-80 points: grade 3 (good) 81-90 points: grade 4 (very good) 91-100 points: grade 5 (excellent)						
Consultation hours	By appointment.						
Teaching	Lectures		Seminars		Practices		
Hours - total	30		30		45		
Course content / teaching units	Lectures: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Matter and energy • Structure of atoms • Basic chemical laws • Chemical bonds • Solids, gases and liquids • Solutions: the concept of concentration, hydration and solvation • Acids and bases • Chemical reactions • The concept of chemical equilibrium • Periodic Table of Elements • Chemistry of elements within main groups • Transition metals and complex compounds • Methods of chemical analysis Seminar: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Units of measurement • Relative atomic and molecular mass • Chemical equivalents • Solution concentration • Redox reactions • Gas laws • Electrolytes • pH and buffers • Neutralisation of acids and bases • Salt hydrolysis • Solubility product • Electrochemistry Practices: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction to laboratory work and laboratory equipment • Safety measures and rules of conduct and work in the practice hall. Working with hazardous chemicals. Laboratory equipment and utensils • Gas burner flame properties • Mass measurement. Chemical laws • Molar mass and molar volume of gases • Preparation of solutions of given composition and pH, volumetry • Mechanical separation of mixtures • Separation of mixtures based on vapour pressure difference • Kinetics of chemical reactions • Chemical equilibrium and energy of chemical reactions • Properties of metal hydroxide and hydrogen peroxide • Colligative properties of solutions • Oxidation and reduction reactions • Hydrolysis and ionic components of water • Methods of instrumental analysis (thin-layer chromatography) 						

Recommended reading	Filipović I., Lipanović S. (1995) Opća i anorganska kemija, I i II. dio. Školska knjiga, Zagreb. Pavić V. (2015) Osnovni praktikum opće kemije. Odjel za biologiju, Osijek. Sikirica M. (2008) Stehiometrija. Školska knjiga, Zagreb. Sikirica M., Korpar-Čolig B. (2001) Praktikum iz opće kemije. Školska knjiga, Zagreb.
Optional reading	Silberberg M. (2003) Chemistry, 3. izd. McGraw-Hill, Inc., New York. Greenwood N.N., Earnshaw A. (2002) Chemistry of the Elements. Pergamon Press, Oxford.
Conditions for obtaining teacher's signature	Students are obliged to participate in lectures actively and to fulfil all assignments within the course.
Exam passing procedure	During the course, students will take written preliminary exams, which can be considered as a substitute for the final written exam. Before taking oral exam, students are required to fulfil all practical assignments and a seminar task. During practices, students will be taking initial preliminary exam either orally or in writing. It is mandatory for students to write a laboratory diary and reports. The final grade is calculated by summarizing the points that students achieve at preliminary exams, at seminar, at written and oral exam and the points obtained during lectures.
Main language of instruction; other languages	Croatian language
Method of monitoring the quality and efficiency of teaching	Survey on the subjective impression about the organisation of the course will be carried out after the course; during the course, students will be given an opportunity to make oral or written remarks; the teacher monitors students' success at exams.

Course title	General Botany						
Code	BBO213_2023						
Study programme	University undergraduate study programme in Biology						
Semester	II semester						
Workload/ECTS credits	7						
Course status	Obligatory						
Course teacher	Assoc. Prof. Dr. Tanja Žuna Pfeiffer Assoc. Prof. Dr. Dubravka Špoljarić Maronić						
Associate teachers	Assist. Prof. Dr. Filip Stević Assoc. Prof. Dr. Melita Mihaljević Nikolina Bek, assistant						
Course entry requirements (Preceding courses)	Physical Foundations of Instrumental Methods in Biology (attended), Cell Biology (attended)						
Course objective	To acquire knowledge about the anatomical and morphological structure and function of plant organs and organ systems with the development of science literacy skills.						
Learning outcomes	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ability to compare characteristics, structure and function of a plant cell with an animal cell. 2. Skills to predict the relations between anatomical and morphological structure of plant organs and tissues and their function. 3. Skills to detect the presence of various compounds in plant cells and tissues by using specific reagents on fresh microscopic preparations of plant tissues. 4. Ability to analyse the structures characteristic of plant cell, tissues and organs. 5. Ability to predict the dependence of plant communities on habitat conditions. based on a critical analysis of professional literature and available botanical databases. 6. The ability to test hypotheses about the dependence of plant communities on habitat conditions by making herbariums. 7. Skills to critically evaluate the constant need for new principles of plant classification. 						
Link between learning outcomes, teaching and students' activities	Learning outcome	Share of ECTS	Form of teaching	Activities of learning and teaching	Assessment		
					Methods of monitoring and evaluation	Grading Points	
						min	max
1-7	2	Lecture	Critical conversation and discussion; field based learning	Records related to active and independent participation in conversations and discussions, field-based learning with continuous monitoring of the learning process and student achievement	5	10	
1-7	3	Practices	Independent preparation of microscopic slides, microscopy, analysis of specific structures of some plant tissues and organs, analysis of morphological	Records related to active and independent practical work with the provision of feedback	25	40	

				structure of plant organs, making a herbarium			
	1-4	1	Written exam	Preparation for written exam	Written exam	15	25
	1-4	1	Oral exam	Preparation for oral exam	Oral exam	15	25
	Total	7				60	100
Final grade: 60-70 points: grade 2 (sufficient) 71-80 points: grade 3 (good) 81-90 points: grade 4 (very good) 91-100 points: grade 5 (excellent)							
Consultation hours	By appointment.						
Teaching	Lectures		Seminars			Practices	
Hours - total	45		0			50	
Course content / teaching units	Lectures: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Botany within biology, division of botany • Systematics and nomenclature of land plants • General characteristics of plants - development and role • Organisation and function of plant cells • Specificities of plant cells • Types, properties and functions of plant tissues • Morphology and anatomy of plant organs • Life forms of plants and division according to ecological requirements/habitats • Plant propagation, change of generations, pollination and fertilization • Structure and distribution of seeds and fruits • Germination and sprouts Practices: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plant cell • Properties of plant tissues • Anatomical structure of plant organs • Determination of the plant taxa by using standard identification keys and botanical databases • Making a herbarium 						
Recommended reading	Beck B.C. (2010) An Introduction to Plant Structure and Development. Plant Anatomy for the Twenty-First Century. 2nd ed. Cambridge University Press, UK. Dickison W.C. (2000) Integrative Plant Anatomy. Academic Press, USA. Lepeduš H., Cesar V. (2010) Osnove biljne histologije i anatomije vegetativnih organa. Sveučilište Josipa Jurja Strossmayera u Osijeku, Odjel za biologiju, Osijek. Nikolić T. (2017) Morfologija biljaka. Razvoj, građa i uloga biljnih tkiva, organa i organskih sustava. Alfa d.d., Zagreb. Nikolić T. (2013) Sistematska botanika. Raznolikost i evolucija biljnog svijeta. Alfa d.d., Zagreb Nikolić T. (1996) Herbarijski priručnik. Školska knjiga, Zagreb. Žuna Pfeiffer T., Krstin LJ., Štolfa I., Lovaković T., Tikas V., Lepeduš H. (2014) Praktikum iz anatomije biljaka, Sveučilište Josipa Jurja Strossmayera u Osijeku, Odjel za biologiju, Osijek.						
Optional reading	Bačić T. (2003). Morfologija i anatomija bilja, Sveučilište Josipa Jurja Strossmayera u Osijeku, Pedagoški fakultet, Osijek. Bowes G.B. (1996) A colour atlas of plant structure. Manson Publishing, London. Denfer D., Ziegler H. (1988) Botanika: morfologija i fiziologija. Školska knjiga, Zagreb. Domac R. (1994) Flora Hrvatske Priručnik za određivanje bilja, Školska knjiga, Zagreb. Domac R. (2002) Flora Hrvatske. Priručnik za određivanje bilja. 2. izd. Školska knjiga, Zagreb. Idžojić M. (2009) Dendrologija: list. Sveučilište u Zagrebu, Šumarski fakultet. Idžojić M. (2013) Dendrologija: cvijet, češer, plod, sjeme. Sveučilište u Zagrebu, Šumarski fakultet, Hrvatske šume.						

	<p>Moore R., Clark W.D., Stern K.R., Vodopich D. (1995). Botany. Wm. C. Brown Communications, Inc., Dubuque.</p> <p>Nikolić T. (2013) Praktikum sistematske botanike. Raznolikost i evolucija biljnog svijeta. Alfa d.d., Zagreb.</p> <p>Nikolić T., Mitić B., Boršić I. (2014) Flora hrvatske: invazivne biljke. Alfa d.d., Zagreb.</p> <p>Nikolić T. ed.: Flora Croatica Database (URL http://hirc.botanic.hr/fcd). Prirodoslovno-matematički fakultet, Sveučilište u Zagrebu.</p>
Conditions for obtaining teacher's signature	Students are obliged to attend lectures and practices and to participate actively in the teaching process.
Exam passing procedure	During the course, the teacher monitors and evaluates the activities of students by awarding points according to determined criteria. After lectures and practices, students take a written exam and then oral exam. The final grade is determined according to the number of points collected during the lectures and practices and the points achieved in written and oral exams.
Main language of instruction; other languages	Croatian language, English language
Method of monitoring the quality and efficiency of teaching	During the course, the teacher continuously monitors the learning process and student achievement, thus determining and adapting his/her teaching. Students have the opportunity to make oral or written comments after lectures. During the last week of lectures, students will be given an anonymous survey to evaluate the overall quality of the course. The teacher monitors the success of students at the exams.

Course title	General Ecology						
Code	BBO318_2024						
Study programme	University undergraduate study programme in Biology						
Semester	III semester						
Workload/ECTS credits	3						
Course status	Obligatory						
Course teacher	Prof. Dr. Stjepan Krčmar						
Associate teachers							
Course entry requirements (Preceding courses)							
Course objective	To enable students to develop opinions based on arguments about concepts of ecology, and to train them to understand and assess the influence that humans have on the ecosphere. Furthermore, students will develop ability to compare and classify certain categories of nature protection and protected areas in the Republic of Croatia.						
Learning outcomes	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ability to define the relations between ecology and other scientific fields and to support the basic assumptions of ecology. 2. Ability to classify biotic systems, and to connect biogeochemical cycles of elements that are the most commonly present in living organisms. 3. Skills to compare abiotic and biotic factors. 4. Developed opinion about the influence that humans have on the atmosphere and global climate, and acquired knowledge about the importance of the ozone layer. 5. Ability to make revision on the impact of humans on the hydrosphere, cryosphere, pedosphere, lithosphere and biosphere, and awareness about importance of nature protection and the role of protected areas. 						
Link between learning outcomes, teaching and students' activities	Learning outcome	Share of ECTS	Form of teaching	Activities of learning and teaching	Assessment		
					Methods of monitoring and evaluation	Grading Points	
						min	max
	1-5	2	Lecture	Lecture attendance and active participation	Records and evaluation	30	50
	1-5	0.5	Exam (written)	Preparation for written exam	Written exam	15	25
1-5	0.5	Final exam	Preparation for oral exam	Oral exam	15	25	
Total	3				60	100	
Final grade: 60-70 points: grade 2 (sufficient) 71-80 points: grade 3 (good) 81-90 points: grade 4 (very good) 91-100 points: grade 5 (excellent)							
Consultation hours	Regular consultation hours will be scheduled after being agreed with students.						
Teaching	Lectures		Seminars		Practices		
Hours - total	30		0		0		
Course content / teaching units	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Historical overview of the development of ecology and the relations between ecology and other scientific fields • Foundations of ecology • Biotic systems, biogeochemical cycles of the elements that are the most present in living organisms • Abiotic and biotic factors, and comparison of abiotic and biotic factors 						

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Human influence on the atmosphere and global climate • Ozone layer • Human influence on the hydrosphere and cryosphere • Human influence on the pedosphere and lithosphere • Human impact on the biosphere • Sustainable development • The main causes of global changes • Nature protection and protected areas
Recommended reading	<p>Glavač V. (1999) Uvod u globalnu ekologiju. DUZPO, Zagreb.</p> <p>Krčmar S. (2012) Nastavni tekst predavanja iz Opće ekologije.</p> <p>Krohne D.T. (2000) General ecology. Brooks/Cole Pub. Co..</p> <p>Springer P., Springer D. (2008) Otrovani modrozeleni planet. Meridijani, Zagreb.</p>
Optional reading	<p>Carter N. (2004) Strategije zaštite okoliša. Barbat, Zagreb.</p> <p>Delort R., Walter F. (2002) Povijest europskog okoliša. Barbat, Zagreb.</p> <p>Townsend C.R., Begon M., Harper J.L. (2003) Essentials of ecology. Blackwell Pub.</p>
Conditions for obtaining teacher's signature	Regular attendance at lectures.
Exam passing procedure	During lectures, the teacher monitors and evaluates performance of each student, which refers to 50% of the final grade. Passing of written exam refers to 25% of the final grade, and passing of oral exam refers to the remaining 25% of the final grade.
Main language of instruction; other languages	Croatian language
Method of monitoring the quality and efficiency of teaching	Evaluation form

Course title	General Zoology							
Code	BB0106_2023							
Study programme	University undergraduate study programme in Biology							
Semester	I semester							
Workload/ECTS credits	6							
Course status	Obligatory							
Course teachers	Prof. Dr. Enrih Merdić							
Associate teachers	Assist. Prof. Dr. Goran Vignjević							
Course entry requirements (Preceding courses)								
Course objective	To introduce students to the basic concepts of zoological science, which they shall use in learning and understanding of all disciplines of zoology.							
Learning outcomes	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ability to interpret properly the basic principles of zoology and related areas. 2. Acquired knowledge about basic characteristics of tissues and about their connections within systems of organs. 3. Ability to determine the distribution of the living world according to the principles of systematics. 4. Ability to compare the structure and life actions of animal organisms. 5. Ability to make conclusions about relations of evolutionary mechanisms and the origin and development of species. 							
Link between learning outcomes, teaching and students' activities		Learning outcome	Share of ECTS	Form of teaching	Activities of learning and teaching	Assessment		
						Methods of monitoring and evaluation	Grading Points	
					min		max	
		1-5	2	Lecture	Critical conversation and discussion	Records related to active participation in conversations and discussions	5	10
		1-5	2	Practices	Performance at experimental task	Records related to achievements at preliminary exams and performance at practical assignments	20	30
		1-5	1	Written exam	Preparation for written exam	Written exam	25	40
		1-5	1	Oral exam	Preparation for oral exam	Oral exam	10	20
	Total	6				60	100	
	Final grade: 60-70 points: grade 2 (sufficient) 71-80points: grade 3 (good) 81-90 points: grade 4 (very good) 91-100 points: grade 5 (excellent)							
Consultation hours	By appointment.							
Teaching	Lectures		Seminars		Practices			
Hours - total	45		0		35			
Course content / teaching units	Lectures: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction to zoology 							

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is life, diversity of animal forms, basics of systematics, systematic categories, nomenclature, and terms: species, subspecies, population, speciation and isolation mechanisms • Division of the animal world • The origin and development of the human race • Histology - basic determinants of the structure and functioning of the four basic tissues • Structure and functioning of organisms through systems of organs: the cover or integumentary system, support or skeletal system, muscular system, nervous or neural system, sensory or receptor system, respiratory system, circulatory system, digestive system, urinary or excretory system, hormonal or endocrine system and reproductive system • Animal behaviour <p>Practices:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Practices will be organised according to the contents and schedules of lectures
Recommended reading	<p>Junqueira L.C., Carneiro J. (2005) Osnove histologije. Školska knjiga, Zagreb. Matoničkin I., Erben R. (2002) Opća zoologija. Školska knjiga, Zagreb. Matoničkin I., Klobučar G., Kučinić M. (2010) Opća zoologija. Školska knjiga, Zagreb. Lectures within the course General Zoology: http://biologija.unios.hr/webbio/nastava/nastavni-materijali</p>
Optional reading	<p>Enger E.D., Ross F.C., Bailey D.B. (2005) Concepts in Biology. WCB Mc. Graw - Hill Company Inc., New York. Habdija I., Primc-Habdija B., Radanović I., Vidaković J., Kučinić M., Špoljar M., Matoničkin R., Miliša M. (2004) Protista – Protozoa i Metazoa – Invertebrata. Funkcionalna građa i praktikum. Meridijani, Samobor. Hunter M.L. JR., Gibbs J. (2007) Fundamentals of Conservation Biology. 3rd ed. Blackwell Publishing, UK. Mader S. (2004) Biology. WCB Mc. Graw - Hill Company Inc., New York.</p>
Conditions for obtaining teacher's signature	Fulfilment of all practical assignments, passed initial preliminary exam and attendance of at least 70% of lectures.
Exam passing procedure	During lectures, the teacher monitors and evaluates performance of each student (Attendance at lectures and performance of practical tasks), which refers to 25% of the final grade. During the course, students can take 3 preliminary exams, which can be considered as a substitute for the final written exam that corresponds to 25-40 % of the final grade. Final exam contributes with 20% to the final grade.
Main language of instruction; other languages	Croatian language, English language
Method of monitoring the quality and efficiency of teaching	Student survey after the course; reviews during the course and possibility to give oral or written remarks after lectures; monitoring of student success at exams.

Course title	Organic Chemistry 1						
Code	BBO207_2023						
Study programme	University undergraduate study programme in Biology						
Semester	II semester						
Workload/ECTS credits	7						
Course status	Obligatory						
Course teacher	Assoc. Prof. Dr. Valentina Pavić						
Associate teachers	Assoc. Prof. Dr. Mirna Velki						
Course entry requirements (Preceding courses)	General (1) and Inorganic Chemistry (1) (attended)						
Course objective	To understand basic concepts of the structure and properties of organic matter. To enable students to independently implement practical laboratory techniques for synthesis, isolation and purification of organic compounds.						
Learning outcomes	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ability to describe and explain the types of organic compounds (saturated, unsaturated and aromatic hydrocarbons, alcohols, ethers, amines, aldehydes and ketones, carboxylic acids and their derivatives). 2. Ability to compare the physical and chemical properties of organic compounds (melting point, boiling point, solubility). 3. Ability to analyse the reactivity of organic compounds with respect to their structure and stereochemistry. 4. Ability to propose appropriate mechanisms of addition, substitution and elimination reactions to which organic molecules are subjected. 5. Ability to interpret the division, structure and properties of natural organic compounds. 6. Skills to apply methods for synthesis, isolation and purification of organic compounds. 						
Link between learning outcomes, teaching and students' activities	Learning outcome	Share of ECTS	Form of teaching	Activities of learning and teaching	Assessment		
					Methods of monitoring and evaluation	Grading Points	
			min	max			
	1-5	1.5	Lecture	Critical conversation and discussion	Records related to active participation in conversations and discussions	5	10
	1-5	2	Seminars	Solving of calculus tasks	Monitoring of student performance	10	20
	1-6	2	Practices	Performance at experimental task	Monitoring of student performance	10	20
	1-6	1	Written exam	Preparation for written exam	Written exam	10	20
	1-6	0.5	Oral exam	Preparation for oral exam	Oral exam	15	30
Total	7				50	100	
Final grade: 50-63 points: grade 2 (sufficient) 64-76 points: grade 3 (good) 77-89 points: grade 4 (very good) 90-100 points: grade 5 (excellent)							
Consultation hours	Mondays, 10.00 – 11.00 a.m.						
Teaching	Lectures		Seminars		Practices		
Hours - total	30		15		30		
Course content / teaching units	Lectures: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Characteristics of organic compounds (electronic structure, structural formulas) 						

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bonds in organic molecules, hybridisation, resonance of conjugate systems • Division and properties of organic compounds • Reactivity and nomenclature of organic compounds, basics of reaction mechanisms • Stereochemistry, optical activity and chirality of compounds • Alkanes, alkenes, alkynes • Aldehydes, ketones and carboxylic acids • Aromatic hydrocarbons • Alcohols, ethers, phenols and halogenoalkanes • Carbohydrates and heterocyclic compounds <p>Seminars:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Solving of tasks related to the following units: nomenclature of carbon compounds; stereochemistry; mechanisms of addition, substitution and elimination reactions <p>Practices:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Determination of compound composition • Classification and identification of hydrocarbon • Classification and identification of alcohols and phenols • Classification and identification of aldehydes and ketones • Carboxylic acids and derivatives • Identification of carbohydrates from natural sources • Isolation of natural compounds • Reactions of electrophilic aromatic substitution • Reactions of nucleophilic substitution • Identification of organic compounds
Recommended reading	<p>Pine S.H. (1994) Organska kemija. Školska knjiga, Zagreb.</p> <p>Rapić V. (1994) Postupci priprave i izolacije prirodnih spojeva. Školska knjiga, Zagreb.</p> <p>Rapić V. (2004) Nomenklatura organskih spojeva. Školska knjiga, Zagreb. Vodič kroz IUPAC-ovu nomenklaturu organskih spojeva (2002); translated by: Bregovec, Horvat, Majerski, Rapić. Školska knjiga, Zagreb.</p>
Optional reading	<p>Clayden J., Greeves N., Warren S. (2012) Organic Chemistry, 2nd ed. Oxford University Press.</p> <p>Crowe J., Bradshaw T. (2014) Chemistry for the Biosciences - The Essential Concepts 3rd ed. Oxford University Press.</p>
Conditions for obtaining teacher's signature	Students are obliged to participate in lectures actively and to fulfil all assignments within the course.
Exam passing procedure	Before taking oral exam, students are obliged to pass final written exam (which can be passed within preliminary exams held during the course). The final grade refers to the points achieved on written and oral exam and the points obtained during lectures.
Main language of instruction; other languages	Croatian language
Method of monitoring the quality and efficiency of teaching	Student survey, possibility to make oral or written remarks after lectures. Monitoring of student success at preliminary and final exams.

Course title	Cormophyte							
Code	BBO422							
Study programme	University undergraduate study programme in Biology							
Semester	IV semester							
Workload/ECTS credits	6							
Course status	Obligatory							
Course teacher	Assoc. Prof. Dr. Ljiljana Krstin							
Associate teachers	Assoc. Prof. Dr. Zorana Katanić Assoc. Prof. Dr. Tanja Žuna Pfeiffer Nikolina Bek, assistant							
Course entry requirements (Preceding courses)	General Botany (attended)							
Course objective	To learn about hierarchical structure and phylogenetic classification of Cormophyte.							
Learning outcomes	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ability to compare the morphological and anatomical characteristics of Cormophyte and to evaluate ways of adapting to different ecological conditions. 2. Ability to determine and classify plant taxa by using professional literature. 3. Ability to determine economically significant and cultivated plants. 4. Knowledge about the importance of conserving endemic, rare and protected plant species. 5. Obtained insights into the great diversity of plants and developing awareness about the importance of preserving plant taxa by making of herbarium. 							
Link between learning outcomes, teaching and students' activities	Learning outcome	Share of ECTS	Form of teaching	Activities of learning and teaching	Assessment			
					Methods of monitoring and evaluation	Grading Points		
				min		max		
	1-4	1	Lecture	Critical conversation and discussion	Records related to active and independent participation in conversations and discussions	5	10	
	1-5	1.5	Practices	Independent analysis and comparison of anatomical and morphological characteristics of plant taxa from different systematic categories, determination of plants and making of herbarium	Records related to active and independent practical work with provision of feedback	25	40	
	1-5	1	Written exam	Preparation for written exam	Written exam	15	25	
	1-5	0.5	Oral exam	Preparation for oral exam	Oral exam	15	25	
Total	4				60	100		
Final grade: 60-70 points: grade 2 (sufficient) 71-80 points: grade 3 (good) 81-90 points: grade 4 (very good) 91-100 points: grade 5 (excellent)								
Consultation hours	By appointment.							
Teaching	Lectures		Seminars			Practices		

Hours - total	30	0	45
Course content / teaching units	<p>Lectures:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introductory lecture - introduction to the course content, reading list, and student obligations • Systematic botany - basic definitions, systematic categories • Research methods, history of systematics and nomenclature • Overview of modern phylogenetic system of Cormophyte • Morphological and anatomical structure as a basis for distinguishing between plant groups • Origin and developmental directions of plants, change of generations • Bryophytes, Polypodiophyta, Acrogymnospermae and Angiospermae (monocotyledons and dicotyledons) - main characteristics, evolution, classification, reproduction, diversity, ecology, phytochemistry and overview of significant groups • Economically significant and cultivated plants • Endemic, rare and protected plant species in the world, in Europe and in Croatia • Determination of plant taxa by using professional literature in Botany, and making of herbarium <p>Practices:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Learning about morphological and anatomical characteristics and generation changes on typical representatives of some groups of Cormophyte: Bryophytes, Polypodiophyta, Acrogymnospermae and Angiospermae • Learning how to determine taxa by using determination keys 		
Recommended reading	<p>Mägdefrau K., Ehrendorfer F. (1997) Udžbenik botanike za visoke škole. Sistematika, evolucija i geobotanika. 4. izd. Školska knjiga, Zagreb.</p> <p>Nikolić T. (2013) Sistematska botanika - Raznolikost i evolucija biljnog svijeta. Alfa d.d., Zagreb.</p> <p>Nikolić T. (2013) Praktikum sistematske botanike - Raznolikost i evolucija biljnog svijeta. Alfa d.d., Zagreb.</p>		
Optional reading	<p>Aichele D. (1999) Was blüht denn da? Wildwachsende Blütenpflanzen Mitteleuropas. Kosmos, Stuttgart.</p> <p>Domac R. (2002) Flora Hrvatske. Priručnik za određivanje bilja. 2. izd. Školska knjiga, Zagreb.</p> <p>Idžojić M. (2013) Dendrologija-cvijet, češer, plod, sjeme. Udžbenici Sveučilišta u Zagrebu, Šumarski fakultet, Zagreb.</p> <p>Idžojić M. (2009) Dendrologija-list. Udžbenici Sveučilišta u Zagrebu, Šumarski fakultet, Zagreb.</p> <p>Javorka S., Csapody V. (1991) Iconographia florae partis Austro-orientalis Europae centralis. Akademiai Kiado, Budapest http://www.botanic.hr/praktikum/home.htm.</p>		
Conditions for obtaining teacher's signature	Students are obliged to participate in lectures actively and to fulfil all assignments within the course		
Exam passing procedure	During the course, the teacher monitors and evaluates the performance of each student, which makes up to 30% of the final grade. During the course, students will be taking written preliminary exams, which can be considered as a substitute for the final written exam, if they achieve at least 75% of total points. Preliminary exam or final written exam make up to 30% of the final grade, while oral exam makes up to 40% of the final grade.		
Main language of instruction; other languages	Croatian language		
Method of monitoring the quality and efficiency of teaching	Student survey, possibility to make oral or written remarks after lectures or exam. Monitoring of student success at preliminary and final exams.		

Course title	Field Work 1 – Botany and Zoology						
Code	BBO212_2023						
Study programme	University undergraduate study programme in Biology						
Semester	II semester						
Workload/ECTS credits	1						
Course status	Obligatory						
Course teacher	Prof. Dr. Enrih Merdić Assoc. Prof. Dr. Dubravka Špoljarić Maronić						
Associate teachers	Assoc. Prof. Dr. Tanja Žuna Pfeiffer Nikolina Bek, asistant Ivana Vrućina, M.Sc., expert advisor Željko Zahirović, M.Sc., expert advisor						
Course entry requirements (Preceding courses)	The aim of the course is to provide knowledge on different groups of plants and animals and their habitats and to study them using the research equipment and keys for determination.						
Course objective	To get acquainted with different groups of animals and their habitats and to explore on site each group of animals by using research equipment and determination keys (fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds, mammals and insects).						
Learning outcomes	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Awareness about importance of making a field work diary. 2. Ability to identify different groups of plants and animals <i>in situ</i> by using determination keys. 3. Ability to apply various devices and equipment during field research into different groups of animals. 4. Skills to evaluate critically the application of different sampling methods. 5. Ability to test hypotheses about the dependence of plant communities on habitat conditions through field research. 						
Link between learning outcomes, teaching and students' activities					Assessment		
					Methods of monitoring and evaluation	Grading Points	
						min	max
	1-5	0.75	Practices performed on field	Demonstration and research field classes with critically-guided discussion and conversation. Independent work on the research assignment	Records related to active involvement of students into discussion. Monitoring independent work on a research task. Records on and evaluation of field work diary	40	60
1-5	0.25	Oral exam	Preparation for oral exam	Oral exam	20	40	
	Total	1			60	100	
Final grade: 60-70 points: grade 2 (sufficient) 71-80points: grade 3 (good) 81-90 points: grade 4 (very good) 91-100 points: grade 5 (excellent)							
Consultation hours	By appointment.						
Teaching	Lectures	Seminars			Practices		

Hours - total	0	0	15
Course content / teaching units	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introductory presentation about the concept and organisation of field work, rules for work and behaviour in the field, and rules for writing of a field work diary. • Students will be divided in groups, within which they will perform zoological research into one group of animals. While being supervised by the teacher, students will plan, prepare and independently perform the research work. • Getting acquainted with park, meadow and ruderal plant communities in the area of Osijek and the vegetation of the Kopački rit Nature Park, collecting plant material • Determination of plant taxa using standard keys for determination and use of botanical databases 		
Recommended reading	<p>Biološka raznolikost Hrvatske, Priručnici za inventarizaciju i praćenje stanja, 2008. Ministarstvo kulture, DZZP, RH.</p> <p>Antolović J., Frković A., Grubešić M. (2006) Crvena knjiga sisavaca Hrvatske, Ministarstvo kulture, DZZP, RH.</p> <p>Belančić A., Bogdanović T., Franković M. (2008) Crvena knjiga vretenaca Hrvatske, Ministarstvo kulture, DZZP, RH.</p> <p>Bogut I., Novoselić D., Pavličević J. (2006) Biologija riba. Poljoprivredni fakultet u Osijeku, Osijek.</p> <p>Mikuska J., Mikuska T., Romulić M. (2002) Ptice. Matica Hrvatska Osijek, Kopački rit.</p> <p>Mikuska J., Mikuska T., Mikuska A. (2006) Gmazovi. Vlastita naklada, Kopački rit.</p> <p>Mikuska J., Mikuska T., Mikuska A. (2004) Vodozemci. Filozofski fakultet, Osijek.</p> <p>Heinzel H. (1999) Colnsov džepni vodič Ptice Hrvatske i Europe. HarperCollins publishers, London.</p> <p>Šafarek G. (2014) Životinje Hrvatske. Mozaik knjiga, Zagreb.</p> <p>Tutiš V., Kralj J., Radović D. (2013) Crvena knjiga ptica Hrvatske, Ministarstvo kulture, DZZP, RH.</p> <p>Nikolić T. (1996) Herbarijski priručnik. Školska knjiga, Zagreb.</p> <p>Domac R. (1994) Flora Hrvatske Priručnik za određivanje bilja, Školska knjiga, Zagreb.</p> <p>Nikolić T., Mitić B., Boršić I. (2014) Flora hrvatske: invazivne biljke. Alfa d.d., Zagreb.</p>		
Optional reading	<p>http://www.vusz.hr/Cms_Data/Contents/VSZ/Folders/dokumenti/javanustanovazaupravlj anjezasticenimprirodnimvrijednostima/arhiva/~contents/E7X2RXYGCTUYPPPN/2011-3-21-58011335-biodiversityofcroatia.pdf</p> <p>http://iucn.org/about/union/secretariat/offices/europe/resources/country_focus/croatia/</p> <p>http://biodiversity.europa.eu/</p> <p>http://www.bbc.co.uk/nature/places/Europe</p> <p>Nikolić T. ur.: Flora Croatica Database (URL http://hirc.botanic.hr/fcd). Prirodoslovno-matematički fakultet, Sveučilište u Zagrebu.</p>		
Conditions for obtaining teacher's signature	Students are obliged to write field work diary.		
Exam passing procedure	Oral exam and field work diary		
Main language of instruction; other languages	Croatian language, English language		
Method of monitoring the quality and efficiency of teaching	Student survey after the course; reviews during the course and possibility to give oral or written remarks after lectures; monitoring of student success at exams.		

Course title	Field Work 2 - Botany					
Code	BBO424					
Study programme	University undergraduate study programme in Biology					
Semester	IV semester					
Workload/ECTS credits	2					
Course status	Obligatory					
Course teacher	Assoc. Prof. Dr. Ljiljana Krstin Assist. Prof. Dr. Filip Stević					
Associate teachers	Assoc. Prof. Dr. Dubravka Špoljarić Maronić Assoc. Prof. Dr. Tanja Žuna Pfeiffer Nikolina Bek, assistant					
Course entry requirements (Preceding courses)	General Botany (attended), Algae, Fungi and Lichens (attended), Cormophyte (attended)					
Course objective	To develop skills of fieldwork in studying plants and algae.					
Learning outcomes	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Skills to apply modern strategies and methods of studying, sampling, determination and collection of plants and algae from different biotopes. 2. Ability to predict the parameters that influence the horizontal and vertical distribution of algae in ecological systems and ways of predicting negative parameters. 3. Developed skills for performing microscopic analysis of cell structures of plants and algae. 4. Ability to critically judge about the sustainable protection of protected and endangered species of plants and algae. 					
Link between learning outcomes, teaching and students' activities	Learning outcome	Share of ECTS	Form of teaching	Activities of learning and teaching	Assessment	
					Methods of monitoring and evaluation	Grading Points
						min max
	1-4	2	Practices performed on field	Practical classes attendance on field and active participation, making of herbarium of marine algae, making of herbarium of vascular plants	Records, evaluation, control of herbariums and field work report	60
Total	2				60	100
Final grade: 60-70 points: grade 2 (sufficient) 71-80 points: grade 3 (good) 81-90 points: grade 4 (very good) 91-100 points: grade 5 (excellent)						
Consultation hours	As agreed with students.					
Teaching	Lectures	Seminars		Practices		
Hours - total	0	0		30		
Course content / teaching units	Practices: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The freshwater and marine algal communities • Determination of basic abiotic factors that influence algal development • Sampling of algae from different habitats (lakes, rivers, wetlands, sea). • Conservation, collection and taxonomic determination of algae. Vertical and horizontal distribution of algae in ecological systems • Algae as indicators of water quality • Observation, photographing and sampling of plants in the field 					

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Analysis and determination of plants (moss, ferns, gymnosperms and angiosperms) by using keys for determination and making of herbarium of collected plants • Introduction to relict, endemic, rare and protected plant species of Croatian flora
Recommended reading	<p>Aichele D., Golte-Bechtle M. (1997) Das neue Was blüht denn da? Wildwachsende Blütenpflanzen Mitteleuropas. Kosmos, Stuttgart.</p> <p>Domac R. (1994) Flora Hrvatske. Priručnik za određivanje bilja. 2. izd. Školska knjiga, Zagreb.</p> <p>Javorka S., Csapody V. (1991) Iconographia florum partis Austro-orientalis Europae centralis. Akademiai Kiado, Budapest.</p> <p>Riedl R. (ed) (1981) Fauna und Flora der Adria. Verlag Paul Parey, Hamburg, Berlin.</p>
Optional reading	<p>Braune W. (2008) Meeresalgen. A.R.G. Gantner Verlag K.G., Ruggell.</p> <p>Idžojtić M. (2009) Dendrologija: list. Sveučilište u Zagrebu, Šumarski fakultet.</p> <p>Idžojtić M. (2013) Dendrologija: cvijet, češer, plod, sjeme. Sveučilište u Zagrebu, Šumarski fakultet, Hrvatske šume.</p> <p>Nikolić T. (1996) Herbarijski priručnik. Školska knjiga, Zagreb.</p> <p>Takhtajan A. (1997) Diversity and classification of flowering plants. Columbia University Press, New York.</p> <p>Nikolić T., Mitić B., Boršić I. (2014) Flora Hrvatske. Invazivne biljke. Alfa d.d., Zagreb.</p> <p>Nikolić T. (2019) Flora Croatica. Vaskularna flora Republike Hrvatske. Alfa d.d., Zagreb.</p> <p>Nikolić T. ed.: Flora Croatica Database (URL http://hirc.botanic.hr/fcd). Prirodoslovno-matematički fakultet, Sveučilište u Zagrebu.</p> <p>Strebler, H., Krauter, D., 2002: Das Leben im Wassertropfen. Kosmos, Stuttgart.</p> <p>Freshwater Flora of Central Europe – series of keys for determination of algae</p>
Conditions for obtaining teacher's signature	Students are obliged to participate in classes actively and to fulfil all assignments within the course.
Exam passing procedure	
Main language of instruction; other languages	Croatian language
Method of monitoring the quality and efficiency of teaching	Evaluation form

Course title	Field Work 2 - Zoology						
Code	BBO423						
Study programme	University undergraduate study programme in Biology						
Semester	IV semester						
Workload/ECTS credits	2						
Course status	Obligatory						
Course teacher	Assist. Prof. Dr. Barbara Vlaičević						
Associate teachers	Assist. Prof. Dr. Anita Galir Balkić Assoc. Prof. Dr. Olga Jovanović Glavaš Assist. Prof. Dr. Mislav Kovačić						
Course entry requirements (Preceding courses)							
Course objective	To familiarise students with field work and to enable them to develop skills required for sampling and processing of samples of marine invertebrates in order to learn about their functional anatomy and physiology and their distribution in the sea. Students will be taught about the vertebrate fauna of continental Croatia and about different types of animal habitats.						
Learning outcomes	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> To explain the connection between adaptability of invertebrates and their distribution in different types of marine coastal ecosystem on the example of characteristic representatives of the marine benthic and pelagic zones. To determine the different living communities of the coastal area by sampling and determination methods. To independently use keys for determination of marine invertebrates. To correlate the vertebrate fauna with the living conditions of different habitats. 						
Link between learning outcomes, teaching and students' activities						Assessment	
	Learning outcome	Share of ECTS	Form of teaching	Activities of learning and teaching	Methods of monitoring and evaluation	Grading Points	
						min	max
	1-4	1.5	Field work / practices	Involvement in activities on field and in laboratory	Records related to attendance. Evaluation of field work diaries	20	40
	1-4	0.5	Field work	Active participation in field work and writing of a field work diary	Records related to attendance. Evaluation of performed activities and field work diary	30	60
	Total	2				50	100
Consultation hours	By appointment.						
Teaching	Lectures		Seminars		Practices		
Hours - total	0		0		30		
Course content / teaching units	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Benthos and pelagic zones in the Adriatic Sea. The Rovinj aquatorium Physical and chemical conditions in the Adriatic Sea Sampling of marine invertebrate organisms in the coastal area (supra- and mediolittoral zones) Sampling of marine invertebrates in the infralittoral zone Determination of marine invertebrates Anatomical, morphological and physiological characteristics of marine invertebrates (Bryozoa, Echinodermata, Crustacea, Annelida) Vertebrate fauna of the Kopački Rit Nature Park Carp ponds as a habitat for various vertebrates 						

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ichthyofauna, herpetofauna and ornithofauna of wetlands • Vertebrate fauna of the Papuk Nature Park
Recommended reading	<p>Campbell A. (2005) Guide to seashores and shallow seas of Britain and northern Europe. Philip's, London.</p> <p>Fish J.D., Fish S. (2011) A student's guide to the seashore. University Press, Cambridge.</p> <p>Grubišić F. (1990) Ribe, rakovi i školjke Jadrana. Naprijed, Zagreb.</p> <p>Heinzel H. (1999) Ptice Hrvatske i Europe: sa Sjevernom Afrikom i Srednjim Istokom. Hrvatsko ornitološko društvo, Zagreb.</p> <p>Mikuska J., Romulić M., Mikuska T. (2002) Ptice - vodič kroz biološku raznolikost Kopačkog rita. Matica hrvatska Osijek, Osijek.</p> <p>Mikuska J., Mikuska T., Mikuska A., Romulić M. (2004) Vodozemci - vodič kroz biološku raznolikost Kopačkog rita. Filozofski fakultet Osijek, Osijek.</p> <p>Mikuska J., Mikuska T., Mikuska A., Bogdanović T., Romulić, M. (2006) Gmazovi - vodič kroz biološku raznolikost Kopačkog rita. Odjel za biologiju, Sveučilište J.J. Strossmayera, Osijek.</p> <p>Milišić N. (2008) Enciklopedija jadranskih koralja. Marjan tisak, Split.</p> <p>Milišić N. (2008) Jadranski rakovi desetonošci. Marjan tisak, Split.</p> <p>Riedl R. (ed.) (1981) Fauna und Flora der Adria. Verlag Paul Parey, Hamburg, Berlin.</p> <p>Turk T. (2011) Pod površinom Mediterana. Školska knjiga, Zagreb.</p> <p>Vidaković J., Bogut I., Čerba D., Galir A. (2007) Priručnik za terensku nastavu 2. - zoologija: Invertebrates mora.</p>
Optional reading	<p>Antolović J., Flajšman E., Frković A., Grgurev M., Grubešić M., Hamidović D., Holcer D., Pavlinić I., Vuković M., Tvrtković N. (2006) Crvena knjiga sisavaca Hrvatske. Ministarstvo kulture, Državni zavod za zaštitu prirode, Republika Hrvatska.</p> <p>Arnold N., Burton J. A., Ovenden D. (1978) Field Guide to the Reptiles and Amphibians of Britain and Europe (Collins Field Guide). HarperCollins Publishers, London.</p> <p>Janev Hutinec B., Jovanović O., Šafarek G., Janković S. (2013) Žaba, kača, kušćar- vodozemci i gmazovi u Međimurju. Međimurska priroda - Javna ustanova za zaštitu prirode, Međimurje.</p> <p>Radanović I., Miliša M. (ed.) (2004) Protista-Protozoa i Metazoa-Invertebrata: funkcionalna građa i praktikum. Meridijani, Samobor.</p> <p>Ruppert E.E., Fox R.S., Barnes R.D. (2004) Invertebrate Zoology. A functional evolutionary approach. 7th ed. Thomson Brooks/Cole.</p>
Conditions for obtaining teacher's signature	<p>Students are obliged to participate in lectures actively and to fulfil all assignments within the course.</p> <p>Properly completed field work diary.</p>
Exam passing procedure	
Main language of instruction; other languages	Croatian language
Method of monitoring the quality and efficiency of teaching	The teacher continuously monitors students' performance, according to which he/she modifies field-based teaching and work.

Course title	Field work 3 - Botany						
Code	BBO634						
Study programme	University undergraduate study programme in Biology						
Semester	VI semester						
Workload/ECTS credits	2						
Course status	Obligatory						
Course teacher	Prof. Dr. Janja Horvatić Assoc. Prof. Dr. Selma Mlinarić						
Associate teachers							
Course entry requirements (Preceding courses)	Cormophyte, Plant Ecology (attended), Biogeography (attended)						
Course objective	To develop students' knowledge about representatives of plant taxa, and of various plant communities within different types of vegetation in their natural habitats, and to develop students' skills in sampling through independent research.						
Learning outcomes	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ability to determine correlation between ecological factors and the origin and development of forests. 2. Ability to predict the ecological conditions of floodplain habitats and the principles of formation of grasslands and other anthropogenic habitats by human activity. 3. Ability to analyse types of vegetation by methods of assessment and sampling of vegetation along the basic ecological gradients. 4. Ability to make connection between the structure, life forms and biological diversity of plant communities within the concept of their adaptation to ecological conditions of habitat. 						
Link between learning outcomes, teaching and students' activities					Assessment		
	Learning outcome	Share of ECTS	Form of teaching	Activities of learning and teaching	Methods of monitoring and evaluation	Grading Points	
						min	max
	1-4	1	Practices	Practical classes attendance and fulfilment of tasks, determination of collected material	Assessment of practical skills by reviewing collected and determined material	20	40
	1-4	1	Written exam	Preparation for written exam – research project	Written exam – research project	30	60
Total	2				50	100	
Final grade: 50-69.9 points: grade 2 (sufficient) 70-79.9 points: grade 3 (good) 80-89.9 points: grade 4 (very good) 90-100 points: grade 5 (excellent)							
Consultation hours	By appointment.						
Teaching	Lectures		Seminars		Practices		
Hours - total	0		0		30		
Course content / teaching units	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Forests - climazonal communities, ecological factors of their origin and development • Characteristic types of the tree, shrub and herbaceous layers • General zoning of Croatian forest cover • Grasslands-semi-natural habitats: meadows, pastures 						

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Composition of flora, determination of plants on the field by using keys, making the floral lists • The frequency of the certain plants, the rare grasslands plants of Croatian flora • Macrophytes: characteristic plants of the aquatic, wetland and humid habitats • Zoning of the macrophytes • The anthropogenic shaping of flora: weeds of cereals and row crops, ruderal flora • Identification and determination of the plants, ecological conditions of the certain habitats
Recommended reading	<p>Nikolić T. (1996) Herbarijski priručnik. Školska knjiga, Zagreb.</p> <p>Topić J., Vukelić J. (2009) Priručnik za određivanje kopnenih staništa u Hrvatskoj prema Direktivi o staništima EU. Državni zavod za zaštitu prirode, Zagreb.</p> <p>Topić J., Ilijanić LJ., Tvrković N., Nikolić T. (2006) Staništa. Priručnik za inventarizaciju, kartiranje i praćenje stanja, Državni zavod za zaštitu prirode, Zagreb.</p>
Optional reading	<p>Domac R. (2002) Flora Hrvatske. Priručnik za određivanje bilja. 2. izd. Školska knjiga, Zagreb.</p> <p>Javorka S., Csapody V. (1991) Iconographia florum partis Austro-orientalis Europae centralis. Akademiai Kiado, Budapest.</p> <p>Nikolić T., Topić J. (2005) Crvena knjiga vaskularne flore Hrvatske. Ministarstvo kulture, Državni zavod za zaštitu prirode, Zagreb.</p> <p>Vukelić J., Mikac S., Baričević D., Bakšić D., Rosavec R. (2008) Šumska staništa i šumske zajednice u Hrvatskoj. Nacionalna ekološka mreža. Državni zavod za zaštitu prirode, Zagreb.</p>
Conditions for obtaining teacher's signature	Students are obliged to attend and actively participate in lectures and to fulfil all assignments within the course.
Exam passing procedure	Assessment of student performance at assignments, at sampling and determination of plant material. Completion of a research project determines the final grade.
Main language of instruction; other languages	Croatian language
Method of monitoring the quality and efficiency of teaching	Student survey after the course; reviews during the course and possibility to give oral or written remarks after lectures; monitoring of student success at exams.

Course title	Field Work 3 - Zoology						
Code	BBO633_2025						
Study programme	University undergraduate study programme in Biology						
Semester	VI semester						
Workload/ECTS credits	1						
Course status	Obligatory						
Course teacher	Prof. Dr. Stjepan Krčmar						
Associate teachers	Assoc. Prof. Dr. Olga Jovanović Željko Zahirović, M.Sc., expert advisor						
Course entry requirements (Preceding courses)							
Course objective	To enable students to independently select methods for sampling of invertebrate and vertebrate fauna, and to enable them to evaluate the effectiveness of individual methods for fauna sampling. To teach students how to independently prepare the collected material, to create a collection, to select appropriate keys for determination of species, and to evaluate and critically assess the role of national parks, nature parks and natural monuments in protection of nature through functional connection of organisms and environment.						
Learning outcomes	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> To apply sampling methods into analysis of the diversity of vertebrate fauna and some groups of invertebrates with respect to zoogeographical characteristics of continental Croatia. To compare the vertebrate fauna and some groups of invertebrates in three climatic areas of Croatia (continental, mountainous, Mediterranean). To assess the influence of abiotic factors on biology of some species. To critically assess the role and importance of national parks, nature parks and natural monuments in overall protection of nature (habitats, rare and endangered species). 						
Link between learning outcomes, teaching and students' activities					Assessment		
	Learning outcome	Share of ECT S	Form of teaching	Activities of learning and teaching	Methods of monitoring and evaluation	Grading Points	
						min	max
1-4	1	Practices	Attendance of practices and active participation (completion of all tasks, critically-guided discussion and project-based learning)	Records related to active and independent work during discussion and work on the research project; monitoring and provision of feedback on student individual performance	60	100	
Total	1				60	100	
Final grade: 60-70 points: grade 2 (sufficient) 71-80 points: grade 3 (good) 81-90 points: grade 4 (very good) 91-100 points: grade 5 (excellent)							
Consultation hours	Regular consultation hours will be scheduled after being agreed with students.						
Teaching	Lectures		Seminars		Practices		
Hours - total	0		0		30		
Course content / teaching units	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Zoogeographical features of continental Croatia Analysis of diversity of vertebrate fauna and some groups of invertebrates of the Lonjsko Polje Nature Park 						

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comparison of freshwater ichthyofauna, herpetofauna, ornithofauna, theriofauna and some groups of invertebrates living in three climatic areas of Croatia (continental, mountainous, Mediterranean) based on field work in the Lonjsko Polje Nature Park, the Risnjak National Park, at Snježnik, Bjelolasica, Matić Poljana, Vražji Prolaz, on the Kupa River, on the islands of Krk and Košljun • Analysis and review of the influence of altitude and other abiotic factors, primarily climatic ones, on the distribution of some species, and on daily and seasonal dynamics • Determination of protected animal species in the climatic areas of Croatia (continental, mountainous, Mediterranean - northern Croatian coast), and analysis and classification according to categories of endangered species • Installation of various traps for sampling of vertebrates (live animal trapping) and insects in the vicinity of Sunger and on the island of Krk • Analysis of some types of traps, analysis of keys for determination of sampled species • Making a collection of insects • Evaluation and critical assessment of the importance of national parks (Risnjak), nature parks (Lonjsko Polje) and geomorphological natural monuments (The Lokvarka Cave) in the overall protection of nature, habitats, and of rare and endangered species
Recommended reading	<p>Antolović J., Frković A., Grubešić M., Holcer D., Vuković M., Flajšman E., Grgurev M., Hamidović D., Pavlinić I., Tvrtković N. (2006) Crvena knjiga sisavaca Hrvatske. Ministarstvo kulture, Državni zavod za zaštitu prirode RH.</p> <p>Belančić A., Bogdanović T., Franković M., Ljuština M., Mihoković N., Vitas B. (2008) Crvena knjiga vretenaca Hrvatske. Ministarstvo kulture, Državni zavod za zaštitu prirode RH.</p> <p>Biološka raznolikost Hrvatske. Fauna. Priručnici za inventarizaciju i praćenje stanja. 2008. DZZP, Zagreb.</p> <p>Garms H., Borm L. (1981) Fauna Evrope. Mladinska knjiga, Ljubljana.</p> <p>Janev Hutinec B., Kletečki E., Lazar B., Podnar Lešić M., Skejić J., Tadić Z., Tvrtković N. (2006) Crvena knjiga vodozemaca i gmazova Hrvatske. Ministarstvo kulture, Državni zavod za zaštitu prirode RH.</p> <p>Jardas I., Pallaoro A., Vrgoč N., Jukić-Peladić S., Dadić V. (2008) Crvena knjiga morskih riba Hrvatske. Ministarstvo kulture, Državni zavod za zaštitu prirode RH.</p> <p>Mrakovčić M., Brigić A., Buj I., Čaleta M., Mustafić P., Zanella D. (2006) Crvena knjiga slatkovodnih riba Hrvatske. Ministarstvo kulture, Državni zavod za zaštitu prirode RH.</p> <p>Ozimec R., Bedek J., Gottstein S., Jalžić B., Slapnik R., Štamol V., Bilandžija H., Dražina T., Kletečki E. Komerički A., Lukić M., Pavlek M. (2009) Crvena knjiga špiljske faune Hrvatske. Ministarstvo kulture, Državni zavod za zaštitu prirode RH.</p> <p>Schneider – Jacoby M., Ern H. (1993) Park prirode Lonjsko polje. Hrvatsko ekološko društvo Zagreb.</p> <p>Zahradnik J. (1990) Insects. Aventinum Nakladatelstvi, Prague.</p>
Optional reading	<p>Haupt J., Haupt H. (1998) Fliegen und Mücken. Natur Buch Verlag, Augsburg.</p> <p>Krčmar S., Hackenberger K. D., Hackenberger K. B. (2011) Key to the horse flies fauna of Croatia (Diptera, Tabanidae). Periodicum biologorum 113, Suppl. 2, 1-61.</p> <p>Zahradnik J. (1991) Bees and Wasps. Aventinum Nakladatelstvi, Prague.</p> <p>Wachman E., Saure C. (1997) Netzflügler, Schlamm und Kamelhalsfliegen. Natur Buch Verlag, Augsburg.</p>
Conditions for obtaining teacher's signature	Attendance of practices and fulfilment of assignments.
Exam passing procedure	
Main language of instruction; other languages	Croatian language
Method of monitoring the quality and efficiency of teaching	Evaluation form

Course title	Physical Education 1, 2, 3 and 4						
Code	BTZK_1_2023, BTZK_2_2023, BTZK_3_2024 and BTZK_4_2024						
Study programme	University undergraduate study programme in Biology						
Semester	I, II, III and IV semester						
Workload/ECTS credits	1						
Course status	Obligatory						
Course teacher	Željko Beissmann, M.A., senior lecturer						
Associate teachers							
Course entry requirements (Preceding courses)							
Course objective	To engage students in physical education within the activities of gymnastics, sports, sports games, aesthetic gymnastics and dance, hiking and excursions that will be organised within available resources.						
Learning outcomes	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Knowledge about specific kinesiological theories and skills referring to various sports and recreational sports 2. Ability to independently review the exercises that are needed for better physical functioning 3. Ability to assess the acquired knowledge about the level of responsibility for personal health condition and for the health of others 4. Ability to critically judge fundamental motor skills 5. Ability to recommend exercises for development and strengthening of all muscle groups 6. Awareness about benefits of physical education and ability to choose an appropriate way of personal health care. 						
Link between learning outcomes, teaching and students' activities							
	Learnin g outcome	Share of ECT S	Form of teaching	Activities of learning and teaching	Assessment		
					Methods of monitoring and evaluation	Grading Points	
						min	max
	1-6	1	Practices	Independent work on tasks and advancement at tasks.	Monitoring of students' performance		
	Total	1					
Consultation hours	By appointment.						
Teaching	Lectures		Seminars		Practices		
Hours - total	0		0		15		
Course content / teaching units	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General physical preparation: developing knowledge, skills and habits of movement, learning about the laws and interdependence of movement within various sports activities; developing a notion of space, time and energy of movement, developing a sense of hearing, sight and balance. The course content will be adjusted to students' skills in the selected sports and recreational activities. • Sports. Theoretical part: sport and its position in physical education; historical development in the world and in our country, biomechanical basis, methodology, rules and organisation of competitions. Practical part: movement techniques, movement improvement: error detection. Improvement of motor skills, integration of movement elements. Usage of equipment, devices, aids. • Sports games: handball, football, volleyball, basketball. Development of sports games in the world and in our country, the importance of the game, rules and judging, playground, devices and equipment, methodology and testing of motor-technical achievements. Practice: movement technique, elements of testing at a spot and in movement, game tactics in attack and defence, counterattack, individual and collective tactics and game. • Aesthetic gymnastics and dances. Realisation of note values and texts, metric and rhythmic exercises. Elements of classical and modern dances. Folk dances (selection). 						

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gymnastics. Reels, swirls, resistors and pushers, oscillations and swinging, turns, swings, jumps, flips, connecting these elements on ground and on devices. Assistance and protection during exercises. • Excursion and hiking, preparation for hiking, orientation skills, signalisation, ways of movement, selection and usage of equipment, nature conservation. Building of shelters, types of fireplaces and fires. Field games. • Corrective gymnastics and rehabilitation. Students with reduced physical abilities are offered appropriate activities that are adapted to their personal rehabilitation needs. • Competitions. Participation in universities' and faculties' sports competitions and other appropriate competitions.
Recommended reading	
Optional reading	
Conditions for obtaining teacher's signature	Students are obliged to participate in PE classes actively and to fulfil all assignments within the course. Out of the planned 15 classes, they have to attend 11 classes to obtain a teacher's signature.
Exam passing procedure	No exam
Main language of instruction; other languages	Croatian language
Method of monitoring the quality and efficiency of teaching	After the course, students will be given a survey to evaluate their subjective impression about the organisation of the course.

Elective Courses

Course title	Insect Anatomy and Morphology						
Code	BBZ40_2024						
Study programme	University undergraduate study programme in Biology						
Semester	III semester						
Workload/ECTS credits	2						
Course status	Elective						
Course teacher	Prof. Dr. Stjepan Krčmar						
Associate teachers							
Course entry requirements (Preceding courses)							
Course objective	To teach students how to describe and compare the anatomical and morphological characteristics of the main insect orders, and to enable them to independently use the keys for determination of different orders, families, genera and species of insects.						
Learning outcomes	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ability to predict the morphological characteristics of the main insect orders according to life conditions. 2. Ability to classify insects into appropriate systematic categories. 3. Ability to analyse the scientific and professional literature on the anatomical and morphological characteristics of the main insect orders. 4. Ability to use the appropriate keys for determination of different insect species. 5. Making conclusions about insect organ systems, life cycles of certain insect groups and their way of life acquired through independent theoretical and practical research. 						
Link between learning outcomes, teaching and students' activities					Assessment		
					Methods of monitoring and evaluation	Grading Points	
						min	max
	1-4	0.5	Lecture	Lecture attendance and active participation	Records and evaluation	15	25
	5	1	Independent study (seminar)	Independent study, critical reviewing of scientific literature used in preparation of seminar paper and presentation of seminar paper	Records and assessment of the presented seminar paper	30	50
	1-4	0.5	Exam	Preparation for final exam	Written exam	15	25
	Total	2			60	100	
	Final grade: 60-70 points: grade 2 (sufficient) 71-80 points: grade 3 (good) 81-90 points: grade 4 (very good) 91-100 points: grade 5 (excellent)						
Consultation hours	Regular consultation hours will be scheduled after being agreed with students.						
Teaching	Lectures		Seminars		Practices		
Hours - total	15		15		0		

Course content / teaching units	<p>Lectures:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Morphological and anatomical characteristics of the main orders of insects, morphological and anatomical characteristics of insect's head, mouthparts, and tentacles, morphological and anatomical characteristics of the insect's thorax, abdomen, legs and wings, systematic categories Selection and application of the keys for determination of insect groups <p>Seminars:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Organ systems of various insect groups, life cycles, way of life
Recommended reading	<p>Habdija I., Primc-Habdija B., Radanović I., Vidaković J., Kučinić M., Špoljar M., Matoničkin R., Miliša M. (2004) Protista-Protozoa i Metazoa-Invertebrata: funkcionalna građa i praktikum. Meridijani, Samobor.</p> <p>Romoser W.S., Stoffolano J.G. (1998) The science of entomology. WCB McGraw-Hill.</p> <p>Steinmann H., Zombori L. (1985) An atlas of insect morphology. Akademiai kiado, Budapest.</p>
Optional reading	<p>Habdija I., Primc-Habdija B., Radanović I., Špoljar M., Matoničkin-Kepčija R., Vujčić-Karlo S., Miliša M., Ostojčić A., Sertić-Perić M. (2011) Protista-Protozoa, Metazoa-Invertebrata. Alfa d.d., Zagreb.</p> <p>Taylor M. (2020) The pocket book of Insect anatomy. Bloomsbury publishing, UK.</p>
Conditions for obtaining teacher's signature	<p>Students are obliged to participate in lectures actively and to fulfil all assignments within the course.</p>
Exam passing procedure	<p>During lectures, the teacher monitors and evaluates performance of each student, which refers to 25% of the final grade. Presentation of the seminar paper refers to 50% of the final grade, and passing of the final written exam refers to the remaining 25% of the final grade.</p>
Main language of instruction; other languages	<p>Croatian language</p>
Method of monitoring the quality and efficiency of teaching	<p>Evaluation form</p>

Course title	Astrobiology						
Code	BBZ63						
Study programme	University undergraduate study programme in Biology						
Semester	III semester						
Workload/ECTS credits	2						
Course status	Elective						
Course teacher	Prof. Dr. Branimir K. Hackenberger						
Associate teachers	Assist. Prof. Dr. Željka Lončarić						
Course entry requirements (Preceding courses)							
Course objective	To introduce students to basic concepts of life, its origin, maintenance and expansion, by putting particular emphasis on the creation of artificial life forms and on the role of simulations in the design of life in extraterrestrial systems.						
Learning outcomes	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ability to critically review the origin of life on Earth and analyse the probability of extraterrestrial life existence. 2. Knowledge about the basic framework required for the origin and maintenance of life. 3. Ability to distinguish and classify abiotic and biotic factors that limit and/or condition the origin and maintenance of life. 4. Acquisition of up-to-date insights into research of biogenesis and the universe, as well as of the space technology development. 						
Link between learning outcomes, teaching and students' activities	Learning outcome	Share of ECTS	Form of teaching	Activities of learning and teaching	Assessment		
					Methods of monitoring and evaluation	Grading Points	
						min	max
	1-4	0.5	Lecture	Critical conversation and discussion	Records related to active participation in conversations and discussions	4	5
	1-4	0.25	Practices	Conceptual problem solving and experiment analysis	Monitoring of student performance at solving of tasks	4	5
	1-4	0.5	Seminar	Interpretation of scientific papers and application of obtained results to concepts learned within lectures	Monitoring of student's interpretations and performance at tasks	10	20
	1-4	0.5	Knowledge assessment (written exam)	Preparation for written exam	Written exam	24	40
1-4	0.25	Final exam	Preparation for oral exam	Oral exam	18	30	
	Total	2				60	100
Final grade: 60-70 points: grade 2 (sufficient) 71-80 points: grade 3 (good) 81-90 points: grade 4 (very good) 91-100 points: grade 5 (excellent)							
Consultation hours	By appointment						
Teaching	Lectures		Seminars			Practices	

Hours - total	15	10	5
Course content / teaching units	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Origin and distribution of elements and substances that are essential for life formation • Prebiological chemical evolution • Origin of life on Earth and biogenesis • Life in extreme conditions • Prerequisites for life on Mars and other celestial bodies • Extraterrestrial intelligence, biomarkers and technomarkers • Artificial biogenesis and minimal cell • Artificial Intelligence • Basic principles of extraterrestrial system simulations • Terraformation and life support systems • The future of existing life forms and human civilisation 		
Recommended reading	Cockell S. C. (2015) <i>Astrobiology: Understanding Life in the Universe</i> , Wiley Blackwell.		
Optional reading	Gargaud M., Irvine M. W., Amils R., Henderson J. C. II, Pinti L. D., Quintanilla J. C., Rouan D., Spohn T., Tirard S., Viso M. (2015) <i>Encyclopedia of Astrobiology</i> , Springer. Longstaff A. (2014) <i>Astrobiology: An Introduction</i> , CRC Press.		
Conditions for obtaining teacher's signature	Attendance at lectures (minimum 4 points), participation in practices (minimum 4 points) and seminars (minimum 10 points).		
Exam passing procedure	Students are required to fulfil all practical assignments and seminars in order to proceed with the written exam. During the course, the teacher monitors and evaluates performance of each student, which refers to 30% of the final grade. Passing of written exam refers to 40% of the final grade, and passing of oral exam refers to the remaining 30% of the final grade.		
Main language of instruction; other languages	Croatian language, English language		
Method of monitoring the quality and efficiency of teaching	Homogeneous concept of teaching within the course enables continuous monitoring of students' performance and progress by controlling the quality of seminar papers and by assessing participation in seminar discussions. Student survey. Monitoring of students' success at written and oral exams.		

Course title	Plant Microtechnique and Microscopy						
Code	BMP82_2024						
Study programme	University undergraduate study programme in Biology						
Semester	III semester						
Workload/ECTS credits	2						
Course status	Elective						
Course teacher	Assist. Prof. Dr. Jasenka Antunović Dunić Assoc. Prof. Dr. Selma Mlinarić						
Associate teachers	Assoc. Prof. Dr. Lidija Begović						
Course entry requirements (Preceding courses)	Physical Foundations of Instrumental Methods in Biology, Cell Biology						
Course objective	To develop students' knowledge and skills required for the preparation of cytological and histological specimens and for usage of light and fluorescence microscope.						
Learning outcomes	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Skills required for application of methods of fixation and tissue preparation as appropriate to the plant material structure. Skills to prepare materials that are suitable for planned experiment and to make photographic documentation. Ability to evaluate the quality of prepared material. Ability to interpret tissues structure of available preparations by applying previously acquired knowledge about the structure of cells and tissues. Contribution to the development of professional knowledge by making critical interpretation of scientific research results. 						
Link between learning outcomes, teaching and students' activities					Assessment		
	Learning outcome	Share of ECTS	Form of teaching	Activities of learning and teaching	Methods of monitoring and evaluation	Grading Points	
						min	max
	1, 3, 4, 5	1	Lecture	Critical conversation and discussion	Records related to active participation in conversations and discussions	12	20
	2, 3	0.5	Practices	Independent preparation and microscopic examination of material	Records related to students' performance at preparing and examining of materials	21	35
	1 - 5	0.25	Written exam	Preparation for written exam	Assessment of practical work, written exam and/or delivered presentation	18	30
1 - 5	0.25	Oral exam	Preparation for oral exam	Oral exam	9	15	
	Total	2				60	100
Final grade: 60-70 points: grade 2 (sufficient) 71-80 points: grade 3 (good) 81-90 points: grade 4 (very good) 91-100 points: grade 5 (excellent)							
Consultation hours	By appointment.						
Teaching	Lectures		Seminars			Practices	

Hours - total	15	0	15
Course content / teaching units	<p>Lectures:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction to plant microtechniques • Sampling of plant material • Fixation • Dehydration • Infiltration and fitting • Histochemical and cytochemical reactions: fresh sections, sections in embedding medium, such as paraffin, methacrylate and epoxy resins • Usage of rotating microtome and cryostat • Immunolocalisation • In situ hybridisation of nucleic acids • Light microscopy: microscope with phase and differential-interference contrast, fluorescence microscope, confocal microscope • Electron microscopy: TEM and SEM (ESEM) <p>Practices:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preparation of cytological and histological material, staining and microscopy • Application of some microscopy methods to analyse permanent preparations 		
Recommended reading	<p>Ambriović Ristov A. (2007) Metode u molekularnoj biologiji. Institut Ruđer Bošković, Zagreb. Ruzin S.E. (1999) Plant Microtechnique and Microscopy. Oxford University Press, New York, Oxford.</p>		
Optional reading	<p>Bowes B.G. (1996) A Colour Atlas of Plant Structure. Manson Publishing Ltd, London. Maliga P., Klessig D. F., Cashmore A. R., Grissem W., Varner J. E. (1995) Methods in Plant Molecular Biology. A Laboratory Course Manual. Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory Press, New York. O'Brien T. P., McCully M.E. (1981) The Study of Plant Structure. Principles and Selected Methods. Termercarphi Pty. Ltd., Melbourne, Australia. Van De Graaf K.M., Rushforth S.R., Crawley J.L. (1998) A Photographic Atlas for the Botany Laboratory. 3rd edition. Morton Publishing Company, Colorado. Relevant scientific papers referring to the subject area.</p>		
Conditions for obtaining teacher's signature	<p>Students are obliged to attend lectures and practices, to participate in lectures actively and to fulfil assignments.</p>		
Exam passing procedure	<p>During the course, the teacher monitors and evaluates the activities of students by awarding points according to determined criteria. The final grade is determined according to the number of points collected during the lectures and the points achieved in written and oral exams.</p>		
Main language of instruction; other languages	<p>Croatian language, English language</p>		
Method of monitoring the quality and efficiency of teaching	<p>Survey carried out during the course, opportunity given to students to make written remarks and/or suggestions after the lectures. Monitoring of students' success at exams. Carrying out a uniform University Student Survey.</p>		

Course title	Biology of Rodents and Insects and its Significance for Human Health						
Code	BBZ59						
Study programme	University undergraduate study programme in Biology						
Semester	VI semester						
Workload/ECTS credits	2						
Course status	Elective						
Course teacher	Assist. Prof. Dr. Mirta Sudarić Bogojević						
Associate teachers							
Course entry requirements (Preceding courses)							
Course objective	To teach students about the public health significance of some species of insects and rodents, to explain basic principles of disinsection and deratisation measures, to raise students' science literacy and awareness of responsible behaviour of individuals and of whole community in prevention of occurrence and spread of infectious diseases transmitted by rodents and insects.						
Learning outcomes	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Ability to determine significance of rodents and insects in the public health, and to compare their basic biological characteristics. Knowledge about rodents and insects that are harmful to human health, and about diseases that they transmit. Ability to assess methods for prevention of harmful rodent and insect reproduction. Ability to critically assess prevention methods, rodent and insect control, time and manner of application of chemical agents and particularities of their field implementation. Ability to compare methods for treating of diseases caused by rodents and insects. Suggestion of methods for control and treatment of harmful rodents and insects on a concrete example. 						
Link between learning outcomes, teaching and students' activities					Assessment		
	Learning outcome	Share of ECTS	Form of teaching	Activities of learning and teaching	Methods of monitoring and evaluation	Grading Points	
						min	max
	1-5	0.5	Lecture	Lecture attendance and active participation	Records related to active and independent participation in conversations and discussions	10	15
	1-6	0.5	Practices	Practical classes attendance and active participation	Records related to students' activities within practices with provision of feedback	25	35
	1-6	0.5	Written exam	Preparation for written exam	Written exam	10	20
	1-6	0.5	Oral exam	Preparation for oral exam	Oral exam	15	30
Total	2				60	100	
Final grade: 60-70 points: grade 2 (sufficient) 71-80 points: grade 3 (good) 81-90 points: grade 4 (very good) 91-100 points: grade 5 (excellent)							
Consultation hours							
Teaching	Lectures	Seminars			Practices		

Hours - total	15	0	15
Course content / teaching units	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fundamentals of biology, etiology and rodent control (mouse and rat) • Significance of rodents in the public health and economic damages they cause • Biology, etiology and public health significance of hematophagous arthropods with emphasis on insects (ants, bedbugs, cockroaches, mosquitoes, Phlebotominae, flies, wasps, bees, horse-flies) • Insect molesters, vectors of infectious diseases and economic pests • Insects that cause allergic reactions in humans • Repellents and attractants • Biological control • Disinsection and deratisation • Methods of insecticide and rodenticide application within DDD measures (disinfection, disinsection and deratisation) for pathogen prevention • Implementation of disinsection and deratisation in facilities with a sensitive population of people (kindergartens, schools, hospitals) • Infectious diseases and symptoms of infectious diseases transmitted by rodents and insects • Procedures for disease treatment • Adverse effects of disinsection and deratisation on the environment and human health • Current national and European regulations for the implementation of measures related to preventive and mandatory disinfection, disinsection and deratisation • Basic biological characteristics of some species of rodents and insects • Pesticides. Insecticides and rodenticides: types and basic division; mode of action; method of application and first aid in cases of poisoning • Site visit to an authorised company involved in implementation of DDD measures is planned, so that students become acquainted with disinsection and deratisation in practice 		
Recommended reading	<p>Asaj A.(1999) Deratizacija u praksi. Medicinska naklada, Zagreb. Asaj A. (2000) Zdravstvena dezinfekcija u nastambama i okolišu. Medicinska naklada, Zagreb. Atkinson P. W. (2010) Vector Biology, Ecology and Control. Springer. Goddard J. (2007) Physician's guide to Arthropods of Medical Importance. Fifth edition. CRC Press, Taylor and Francis Group.</p>		
Optional reading	<p>Marquardt W.H. (2004) Biology of Disease Vectors. 2nd ed. Academic Press. Mallis A. (2011) Handbook of Pest Control - the Behavior, Life History and Control of Household Pests. 10th ed. Franzak and Foster Co., Cleveland, Ohio. Service M. (2012) Medical Entomology for Students. 5th ed. Cambridge University Press. Takken W., Knols B.G.J. (2007) Emerging pests and vector-borne diseases in Europe. Wageningen Academic Publishers.</p>		
Conditions for obtaining teacher's signature	Regular attendance and active participation in all forms of teaching.		
Exam passing procedure	During the course, the teacher monitors and evaluates the activities of students by awarding points according to determined criteria. After lectures and practices, students take a written exam and then oral exam. The final grade is determined according to the number of points collected during the lectures and practices and the points achieved in written and oral exams.		
Main language of instruction; other languages	Croatian language		
Method of monitoring the quality and efficiency of teaching	During the course, the teacher continuously monitors the learning process and student achievements, thus determining and adapting his/her teaching. After the course, the teacher conducts an anonymous survey among students to evaluate their subjective impression about the teaching quality.		

Course title	Marine Biology																																																					
Code	BBZ43																																																					
Study programme	University undergraduate study programme in Biology																																																					
Semester	III semester																																																					
Workload/ECTS credits	2																																																					
Course status	Elective																																																					
Course teacher	Assoc. Prof. Dr. Goran Palijan																																																					
Associate teachers	Assist. Prof. Dr. Anita Galir Balkić																																																					
Course entry requirements (Preceding courses)																																																						
Course objective	To teach students about the basics of sea and ocean functioning so that they will be able to predict the adaptations of marine organisms with respect to the marine habitat from which they originate.																																																					
Learning outcomes	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ability to examine the basic physical and chemical properties of seawater. 2. Ability to compare the structure and function of marine ecosystems. 3. Ability to critically assess the relations between different adaptations of marine organisms and their habitat. 4. Ability to critically review relevant professional. 																																																					
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Course content / teaching units	Lectures: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introductory lecture – course content, reading list and obligations of students • Geology and origin of oceans 																																																					

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sea currents and tides • Physical and chemical properties of seawater • Plankton and nekton • Tide zone • Estuaries • Deep-sea organisms <p>Seminars:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Location, climate, geological past, physical and chemical properties of the Adriatic Sea (chemical composition of water, types of sediments, stationary and mobile seabed) • Endangered and protected species in the Adriatic Sea
Recommended reading	Nybakken J.W., Bertness M.D. (2005) Marine Biology. Pearson-Benjamin Cummings, San Francisco.
Optional reading	Castro P., Huber M.E. (2005) Marine Biology. McGraw-Hill, New York.
Conditions for obtaining teacher's signature	Students are obliged to participate in lectures actively and to fulfil all assignments within the course.
Exam passing procedure	Before taking oral exam, students are obliged to pass written exam.
Main language of instruction; other languages	Croatian language, English language
Method of monitoring the quality and efficiency of teaching	Survey on the subjective impression about the organisation of the course will be carried out after the course; during the course, students will be given an opportunity to make oral or written remarks; the teacher monitors students' success at exams.

Course title	Protozoa Biology							
Code	BBZ35							
Study programme	University undergraduate study programme in Biology							
Semester	IV semester							
Workload/ECTS credits	2							
Course status	Elective							
Course teacher	Assoc. Prof. Dr. Goran Palijan							
Associate teachers	Assist. Prof. Dr. Anita Galir Balkić							
Course entry requirements (Preceding courses)	General Zoology, Invertebrates							
Course objective	To teach students about the basic structure and functioning of protozoa in the context of their habitat.							
Learning outcomes	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Skills required for examination of the basic characteristics of protozoa. Ability to assess the ways of protozoa nourishment. Ability to critically assess the relations between different adaptations of protozoa and their habitat. Ability to determine the affiliation of unknown protozoa from samples by using professional literature. 							
Link between learning outcomes, teaching and students' activities		Learnin g outcome	Shar e of ECT S	Form of teaching	Activities of learning and teaching	Assessment		
						Methods of monitoring and evaluation	Grading Points	
							min	max
		1-3	0.5	Lecture	Critical conversation and discussion	Records related to active participation in conversations and discussions	5	10
		1-4	0.5	Practices	Work on experimental task	Monitoring of student performance	10	15
		1-4	0.5	Written exam	Preparation for written exam	Written exam	20	32.5
		1-4	0.5	Oral exam	Preparation for oral exam	Oral exam	25	42.5
	Total	2				60	100	
	Final grade: 60-70 points: grade 2 (sufficient) 71-80 points: grade 3 (good) 81-90 points: grade 4 (very good) 91-100 points: grade 5 (excellent)							
Consultation hours	By appointment.							
Teaching	Lectures		Seminars		Practices			
Hours - total	15		0		15			
Course content / teaching units	Lectures: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Classification, evolution and history of the protozoa research Protozoa communities of aquatic and terrestrial ecosystems Ways of nourishment and functional groups of protozoa 							

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Polymorphic life cycles of protozoa • Symbiosis – commensalism, mutualism, parasitism • Protozoa as parasites in humans: taxonomy of the parasitic protozoa; transmission of parasites (oral-fecal, predator-prey, by hematophagous arthropods); ecological niches of parasitic protozoa in the human body. <p>Practices:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General characteristics of protozoa: plant-like / animal-like • Preparing and maintaining the protozoa cultures • Sampling and analysis of protozoa from different habitats: periphyton (algae and moss); protozoa in macrophytic vegetation; protozoa of soil and various sediments
Recommended reading	<p>Fenchel T.M. (1996) Ecology of Protozoa: The Biology of Free-Living Phagotrophic Protists. Springer-Verlag, Berlin.</p> <p>Patterson D.J. (2003) Free-Living Freshwater Protozoa. Manson, Washington, D. C.</p> <p>Wiser M.F. (2010) Protozoa and human disease. Garland Science, New York.</p>
Optional reading	Lynn D. (2011) The Ciliated Protozoa. Springer, Berlin.
Conditions for obtaining teacher's signature	Students are obliged to participate in lectures actively and to fulfil all assignments within the course.
Exam passing procedure	Before taking oral exam, students are obliged to pass written exam.
Main language of instruction; other languages	Croatian language, English language
Method of monitoring the quality and efficiency of teaching	Survey on the subjective impression about the organisation of the course will be carried out after the course; during the course, students will be given an opportunity to make oral or written remarks; the teacher monitors students' success at exams.

Course title	Ecophysiology of Algae						
Code	BBZ37						
Study programme	University undergraduate study programme in Biology						
Semester	III semester						
Workload/ECTS credits	2						
Course status	Elective						
Course teacher	Prof. Dr. Janja Horvatić						
Associate teachers	Assist. Prof. Dr. Vesna Peršić						
Course entry requirements (Preceding courses)	Cell Biology; General Ecology; Algae, Fungi and Lichens						
Course objective	To teach students the principles and applications of scientific determination of algae growth potential and to develop their practical skills for laboratory cultivation of algae.						
Learning outcomes	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ability to explain the function of algae in the aquatic ecosystem. 2. Ability to analyse adaptations of algae to environmental variability. 3. Skills to determine the influence of algae on the fluctuations of basic physical and chemical parameters. 4. Ability to critically evaluate the implementation of laboratory bioassays on algae, and to analyse and interpret the obtained data in the assessment of water quality. 						
Link between learning outcomes, teaching and students' activities					Assessment		
	Learning outcome	Share of ECTS	Form of teaching	Activities of learning and teaching	Methods of monitoring and evaluation	Grading Points	
						min	max
	1-3	0.5	Lecture	Critical conversation and discussion	Records related to student performance with provision of feedback	5	10
	4	0.5	Practices	Practical classes attendance and active participation	Records related to active and independent involvement in practices with provision of feedback	10	20
	1-4	0.5	Written exam	Preparation for written exam	Written exam	20	40
	1-4	0.5	Oral exam	Preparation for oral exam	Oral exam	15	30
Total	2				50	100	
Final grade: 50-69.9 points: grade 2 (sufficient) 70-79.9 points: grade 3 (good) 80-89.9 points: grade 4 (very good) 90-100 points: grade 5 (excellent)							
Consultation hours	By appointment.						
Teaching	Lectures		Seminars			Practices	

Hours - total	15	0	15
Course content / teaching units	<p>Lectures:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Photosynthetic pigments of algae • Algae as ecological indicators • Phosphorus and nitrogen cycle • Algae need for phosphorus and nitrogen in freshwater systems • Nutrients and eutrophication of inland waters • Algal development and nutritive elements • Preparation and composition of nutrient medium for algal cultures in the laboratory conditions • Laboratory bioassays • Miniaturized bioassay <p>Practices:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Determination of the assimilation pigments in phytoplankton. • Measurement of the algal growth potential (AGP) of algal cultures. • Evaluation of bioproduction, trophic level and water toxicity by the miniaturised bioassay method 		
Recommended reading	<p>Barsanti L., Gualtieri P. (2006) <i>Algae, Anatomy, Biochemistry and Biotechnology</i>. Taylor and Francis Group, USA.</p> <p>Kersey W.T., Munger S.P. (2009) <i>Marine Phytoplankton</i>. Nova Science Publishers, Inc., New York.</p>		
Optional reading	<p>Gopal B., Wetzel G. (2004) <i>Limnology in Developing Countries. Volume 4</i>. International Association of Theoretical and Applied Limnology. International Scientific Publications, New Delhi.</p>		
Conditions for obtaining teacher's signature	<p>Regular attendance and active participation in lectures.</p>		
Exam passing procedure	<p>Before taking oral exam, students are obliged to pass written exam. The final grade is determined according to the number of points for student's performance and the points achieved in written and oral exams.</p>		
Main language of instruction; other languages	<p>Croatian language</p>		
Method of monitoring the quality and efficiency of teaching	<p>Student survey after the course; reviews during the course and possibility to give oral or written remarks after lectures; monitoring of student success at exams.</p>		

Course title	Experimental Biochemical Techniques						
Code	BBZ39						
Study programme	University undergraduate study programme in Biology						
Semester	V semester						
Workload/ECTS credits	2						
Course status	Elective						
Course teacher	Assoc. Prof. Dr. Rosemary Vuković						
Associate teachers							
Course entry requirements (Preceding courses)							
Course objective	To develop students' skills required for research work in the field of biochemistry and molecular biology. Such skills refer to literature review, experiment design, selection and implementation of methods and techniques for testing of hypotheses, collection, analysis and interpretation of data by using relevant scientific literature.						
Learning outcomes	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ability to select and evaluate an appropriate model organism, as well as optimal biochemical and molecular methods and techniques that are required for research and for proving of scientific hypothesis. 2. Development of knowledge and skills by using bioinformatics tools and databases. 3. Ability to critically analyse and comment on primary publications, research hypotheses, applied experimental techniques and research results. 4. Ability to assess the results of performed research and of scientific findings by comparing them with results published in other relevant scientific papers. 						
Link between learning outcomes, teaching and students' activities	Learning outcome	Share of ECTS	Form of teaching	Activities of learning and teaching	Assessment		
					Methods of monitoring and evaluation	Grading Points	
						min	max
	1-3	1	Lecture	Critical conversation and discussion; case-study analysis; independent analysis of scientific articles, and presentation of student's own experimental design	Records related to student performance during lectures; assessment of a scientific article analysis; evaluation of experimental design and provision of feedback	5	10
	1-4	0.5	Practices	Independent performance of experimental tasks, data collection and analysis; presentation and interpretation of obtained results	Monitoring of experimental work progress; work diary; assessment of presentation and interpretation of obtained results with provision of feedback	20	40
	1-4	0.25	Written exam	Writing of an academic essay	Essay	15	30
1-4	0.25	Oral exam	Preparation of presentation	Presentation delivery	10	20	
Total	2				50	100	

	Final grade: 50.1-62.5 points: grade 2 (sufficient) 62.6-75 points: grade 3 (good) 75.1-87.5 points: grade 4 (very good) 87.6-100 points: grade 5 (excellent)		
Consultation hours	Two hours a week according to schedule defined at the beginning of the academic year and additional consultation hours as agreed with students.		
Teaching	Lectures	Seminars	Practices
Hours - total	30	0	15
Course content / teaching units	Lectures: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction to the experimental biochemical techniques • Laboratory safety procedures • Experimental systems and models • Biological material: preservation and preparation • Spectrophotometry in the protein analysis • Sedimentation techniques • Chromatographic techniques • Electrophoretic techniques • Immunochemical techniques • Radioactivity • Bioinformatics • Gene expression analysis Practices: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Protein expression in Escherichia coli • Protein extraction and purification by using affinity chromatography • SDS-PAGE protein identification • Protein-protein interaction analysis • Western blot analysis • Gene expression analysis 		
Recommended reading	Ambriović-Ristov A. et al. (2007) Metode u molekularnoj biologiji. Institut Ruđer Bošković, Zagreb. Balen B. et al. (2011) Elektroforetske tehnike istraživanja proteina. Hrvatska sveučilišna naklada. Reed R.H. (2014) Practical skills in biomolecular sciences. Pearson education.		
Optional reading	Holme D.J., Peck H. (1998) Analytical Biochemistry. 3rd. Addison Wesley Longman Ltd., New York. Wilson K., Walker J. (1997) Principles and Techniques of Practical Biochemistry. 4th. Cambridge University Press, Cambridge. Original scientific papers and review papers.		
Conditions for obtaining teacher's signature	Students are obliged to participate in lectures actively and to fulfil all assignments within the course.		
Exam passing procedure	During the lectures and practices, the teacher monitors and evaluates the activities of students by awarding points according to determined criteria. After lectures and practices, each student writes and presents an academic essay in which they need to include a critical analysis of selected scientific article or several articles.		
Main language of instruction; other languages	Croatian language		
Method of monitoring the quality and efficiency of teaching	During the course, the teacher continuously evaluates student achievement, and gives students the opportunity to make oral or written comments. After the course, students are given a survey in which they give their subjective opinion about quality and organisation of teaching, all with the aim to improve future teaching.		

Course title	Phytobiology						
Code	BBZ60_2024						
Study programme	University undergraduate study programme in Biology						
Semester	IV semester						
Workload/ECTS credits	4						
Course status	Elective						
Course teacher	Assoc. Prof. Dr. Ivna Štolfa Čamagajevac Assoc. Prof. Dr. Ljiljana Krstin						
Associate teachers	Assoc. Prof. Dr. Rosemary Vuković Assoc. Prof. Dr. Zorana Katanić						
Course entry requirements (Preceding courses)							
Course objective	To familiarise students with the importance of plants and biologically active plant substances, their action and application with the aim to preserve human health and to reduce the environment burden.						
Learning outcomes	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ability to predict the application, significance and effect of biologically active plant substances on human health. 2. Ability to assess the importance of functional plant foods in the nutrition. 3. Ability to evaluate ecological principles of plant cultivation and plant protection with the aim to preserve human health and to reduce the environment burden. 4. Ability to assess the importance of antimicrobial activity of plant extracts on human/plant pathogens. 5. Ability to select and use appropriate laboratory methods for analysis of biologically important substances in plant extracts. 						
Link between learning outcomes, teaching and students' activities					Assessment		
	Learning outcome	Share of ECTS	Form of teaching	Activities of learning and teaching	Methods of monitoring and evaluation	Grading Points	
						min	max
	1-5	1.5	Lecture	Critical conversation and discussion; collaborative learning and reciprocal teaching; knowledge-based tasks	Records related to active and independent participation in lecture activities	5	10
	1-5	1	Seminar	Independent preparation of seminar paper and its presentation	Analysis of seminar paper with provision of feedback	20	30
	5,6	0.5	Practices	Independent performance of laboratory exercises	Records related to active and independent participation in practical activities	10	20
	1-6	0.5	Written exam	Exam preparation	Exam	20	30
	1-6	0.5	Oral exam	Preparation for oral exam	Oral exam	5	10
Total	4				60	100	
Final grade: 60-70 points: grade 2 (sufficient) 71-80 points: grade 3 (good) 81-90 points: grade 4 (very good) 91-100 points: grade 5 (excellent)							

Consultation hours	By appointment.		
Teaching	Lectures	Seminars	Practices
Hours - total	30	15	15
Course content / teaching units	<p>Lectures:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Plants as functional food and their importance for human health Antioxidants in food and biotechnological methods for achieving better food quality The influence of processing and storage on the quality of plant foods Traditional and modern use of medicinal plants and spices Biologically active substances in plants: isolation, classification of properties and the mechanism of action The study of the biological effects of the herbal products and their individual active components The use of herbs in alternative and complementary medicine Plant tissue culture in the production of biologically active substances Legislation in the field of herbal medicine, food supplements and cosmetics with special emphasis on the regulations in the EU and Croatia The organic principles and standards in the cultivation of plant food Extensive use of the fertilisers and chemical preparations for plant protection as a potential environmental problem Nitrates in the environment and the Nitrates Directive Environmentally friendly methods of plant protection Plants as a source of energy Energy crops in the production of biofuels, bioethanol, biomass and natural textiles Ecological potential of biofuels Other important plant products <p>Seminars:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Elaboration of course-related topics based on recent scientific literature <p>Practices:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Determination of antioxidants in plant foods by assessing the influence that environmental factors of cultivation, processing and storage have on plant foods Determination of nitrate in plants Preparation of the plant extracts and separation of the active components Determination of phenols, flavonoids and anthocyanins in the plant extracts Antioxidant activity of plant extracts (DPPH, FRAP, ABTS) Antimicrobial activity of plant extracts on human/plant pathogens Essential oils and their antimicrobial activity Plant tissue culture in production of biologically active substances 		
Recommended reading	<p>Kuštrak D. (2005) Farmakognozija-fitofarmacija. Golden Marketing-Tehnička knjiga d.d., Zagreb. Handa S.S., Singh S.P., Longo K.G., Rakesh D.D. (2008) Extraction Technologies for Medicinal and Aromatic Plants. International centre for science and high technology, Trst.</p>		
Optional reading	<p>Šubarić D., Babić J. (2019) Neke mogućnosti iskorištenja nusproizvoda prehrambene industrije. Knjiga 2. Sveučilište J.J. Strossmayera, Prehrambeno-tehnološki fakultet, Osijek. Mateljan G. (2019) Najzdravije namirnice svijeta. Zdravi grad i Mozaik knjiga. Joy P.P., Thomas J., Mathew S., Skaria B.P. (1998) Medicinal plants. Kerala Agricultural University. Relevant scientific papers referring to the subject area.</p>		
Conditions for obtaining teacher's signature	Students are obliged to participate in lectures actively and to fulfil all assignments within the course.		
Exam passing procedure	<p>During the course, the teacher monitors and evaluates the activities of students by awarding points according to determined criteria. The teacher thus provides continuous feedback, which students use to assess their learning progress and to create a portfolio to improve the learning process and their own professional development. At the end of the course, students shall pass the written exam, after which they take oral exam. During the oral exam, the teacher asks questions that are related to learning outcomes. The final grade is determined according to the number of points achieved at written and oral exam and the number of points gained during lectures.</p>		

Main language of instruction; other languages	Croatian language
Method of monitoring the quality and efficiency of teaching	During the course, the teacher performs evaluation for learning by continuous monitoring of the learning process and student achievement, thus determining and adapting his/her teaching. After the course, the teacher conducts a survey among students to evaluate their subjective impression about the teaching quality, all with the aim to improve future teaching.

Course title	Phytoplankton						
Code	BBZ36						
Study programme	University undergraduate study programme in Biology						
Semester	V semester						
Workload/ECTS credits	2						
Course status	Elective						
Course teacher	Assist. Prof. Dr. Filip Stević						
Associate teachers	Assoc. Prof. Dr. Dubravka Špoljarić Maronić						
Course entry requirements (Preceding courses)	Algae, Fungi and Lichens (attended)						
Course objective	To enable students to use the knowledge about phytoplankton ecology and to develop skills required for analysis of qualitative and quantitative composition of phytoplankton for the purpose of assessing the trophy and water quality.						
Learning outcomes	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Practical application of acquired basic knowledge in ecology of phytoplankton. 2. Skills to analyse the qualitative and quantitative composition of phytoplankton and the horizontal and vertical distribution of phytoplankton. 3. Ability to valorise the structure and seasonal dynamics of phytoplankton communities based on the most important abiotic and biotic factors. 4. Ability to assess the degree of trophy and water quality. 5. Ability to critically evaluate the relevant scientific literature. 						
Link between learning outcomes, teaching and students' activities					Assessment		
	Learning outcome	Share of ECTS	Form of teaching	Activities of learning and teaching	Methods of monitoring and evaluation	Grading Points	
						min	max
	1-4	0.5	Lecture	Critical conversation and discussion	Records related to active and independent participation in conversations and discussions	10	15
	2, 4, 5	0.5	Practices	Written report containing results and conclusions of performed analyses	Records related to students' activities within practices, evaluation of the report	10	15
	1-5	0.5	Written exam	Preparation for written exam	Written exam	15	25
1-5	0.5	Oral exam	Preparation for oral exam	Oral exam	25	45	
Total		2			60	100	
Final grade: 60-70 points: grade 2 (sufficient) 71-80 points: grade 3 (good) 81-90 points: grade 4 (very good) 91-100 points: grade 5 (excellent)							
Consultation hours	As agreed with students.						
Teaching	Lectures		Seminars		Practices		
Hours - total	15		0		15		

Course content / teaching units	<p>Lectures:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Phytoplankton – definition, classification, basic energy features in aquatic ecosystems • Adjustments to the phytoplankton life conditions • Phytoplankton communities – structure and seasonal dynamics in different ecosystems • Horizontal and vertical distribution of phytoplankton • Photosynthetic activity of phytoplankton • Influence of nutrients on phytoplankton development • Trophic interactions: phytoplankton – zooplankton – ichtyofauna • Phytoplankton as an indicator of the trophic condition in aquatic ecosystems <p>Practices:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Qualitative and quantitative analysis of phytoplankton • Determination of phytoplankton fresh-weight biomass • Analysis of chlorophyll -a, -b, -c in phytoplankton samples • Saprobiological analysis of phytoplankton • Usage of analyses results in the assessment of trophic condition of aquatic ecosystems
Recommended reading	<p>Reynolds C.S. (2006) <i>The Ecology of Phytoplankton</i>. Cambridge University Press, Cambridge. Sommer U. (eds) (1989) <i>Plankton Ecology: Succession in Plankton Communities</i>. Springer Verlag, Berlin.</p>
Optional reading	<p>Sommer U. (1984) <i>Planktologie</i>. Springer Verlag, Berlin. Reynolds C. S. (1984) <i>The Ecology of Freshwater Phytoplankton</i>. Cambridge University Press, Cambridge. Hindak F. (eds) (1978) <i>Slatkovodne riasy</i>. Slovenske pedagogicke nakladatelstvo, Bratislava. Viličić D. (2003) <i>Fitoplankton u ekološkom sustavu mora</i>. Sveučilište u Zagrebu, PMF, Zagreb. Viličić D. (2002) <i>Fitoplankton Jadranskog mora</i>. Biologija i taksonomija. Sveučilište u Zagrebu, PMF, Zagreb.</p>
Conditions for obtaining teacher's signature	<p>Students are obliged to participate in lectures actively and to fulfil all assignments within the course in order to achieve a minimum of 30 points.</p>
Exam passing procedure	<p>Students' performance is assessed during lectures and practices, and within written and oral exam.</p>
Main language of instruction; other languages	<p>Croatian language</p>
Method of monitoring the quality and efficiency of teaching	<p>Survey on the subjective impression about the organisation of the course will be carried out after the course; during the course, students will be given an opportunity to make oral or written remarks; the teacher monitors students' success at exams.</p>

Course title	Photosynthesis											
Code	BBZ45											
Study programme	University undergraduate study programme in Biology											
Semester	V semester											
Workload/ECTS credits	2											
Course status	Elective											
Course teacher	Assist. Prof. Dr. Selma Mlinarić											
Associate teachers	Assist. Prof. Dr. Zorana Katanić											
Course entry requirements (Preceding courses)	Cell Biology (passed exam), Biochemistry 2 (attended), Plant Physiology 1 (attended).											
Course objective	To develop students' ability to understand the organisation and function of photosynthetic apparatus and the regulation mechanisms of photosynthetic processes, and to enable students to carry out experiments by selecting appropriate analytical methods.											
Learning outcomes	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ability to critically evaluate the relations between molecular organisation and function of the photosynthetic apparatus. 2. Ability to review the process of photosynthesis of C3, C4, CAM and aquatic plants. 3. Knowledge about mechanisms of photosynthesis regulation in stress conditions. 4. Ability to select and apply appropriate experimental methods for analysis of photosynthesis processes in different physiological conditions. 											
Link between learning outcomes, teaching and students' activities		Learning outcome	Share of ECTS	Form of teaching	Activities of learning and teaching	Assessment						
						Methods of monitoring and evaluation	Grading Points					
							min	max				
						1-3	0.5	Lecture	Critical conversation and discussion	Records related to active participation in conversations and discussions	10	20
						4	0.5	Practices	Design and completion of an experimental task	Monitoring of student performance	20	30
						1-4	0.5	Written exam	Preparation for written exam	Written exam	20	30
1-4	0.5	Oral exam	Preparation for oral exam	Oral exam	10	20						
Total	2				60	100						
Final grade: 60-70 points: grade 2 (sufficient) 71-80 points: grade 3 (good) 81-90 points: grade 4 (very good) 91-100 points: grade 5 (excellent)												
Consultation hours	By appointment.											
Teaching	Lectures		Seminars		Practices							
Hours - total	15		0		15							
Course content / teaching units	Lectures: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Photosynthesis and evolution • Molecular organisation of the thylakoid membranes: photosynthetic pigments, photosystems, electron-transport chain 											

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Light-dependent and light-independent reactions • Characteristics of photosynthesis in C4, CAM and aquatic plants • Photosynthesis in abiotic stress conditions • Methods for determination of the photosynthetic efficiency <p>Practices:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Experimental techniques in the study of photosynthesis: chromatographic and spectrometric analysis of photosynthetic pigments, immunodetection of photosynthetic proteins; monitoring of primary reactions of photosynthesis
Recommended reading	Kalaji M.H., Goltsev V. N., Žuk-Gołaszewska K., Zivcak M., Brestic M. (2017) Chlorophyll fluorescence: understanding crop performance - basics and applications. CRC Press. Pevalek-Kozlina B. (2003) Fiziologija bilja. 1. izdanje. Profil, Zagreb.
Optional reading	Hopkins W.G. (2009) Plant Physiology 4th Edition. John Wiley & Sons, Inc. Hoboken, SAD. Raghavendra A.S. (2000) Photosynthesis: a comprehensive treatise. Cambridge University Press, Cambridge. Relevant scientific papers referring to the subject area.
Conditions for obtaining teacher's signature	Students are obliged to participate in lectures actively and to fulfil all assignments within the course.
Exam passing procedure	During the course, the teacher monitors and evaluates the activities of students by awarding points according to determined criteria. After lectures and practices, students take a written exam and then an oral exam. Points gained at written and oral exam are added to the points gathered up to the final exam, thus making a total number of points to be converted to final grade.
Main language of instruction; other languages	Croatian language, English language
Method of monitoring the quality and efficiency of teaching	After the course, an anonymous survey will be carried out among students to evaluate their subjective impression about the organisation and quality of teaching; during the lectures, students will have opportunity to make written or oral remarks; monitoring of students' success at exams.

Course title	Genetic Engineering						
Code	BBO630						
Study programme	University undergraduate study programme in Biology						
Semester	V semester						
Workload/ECTS credits	2						
Course status	Elective						
Course teacher	Assoc. Prof. Dr. Rosemary Vuković						
Associate teachers							
Course entry requirements (Preceding courses)							
Course objective	To enable students to understand basic concepts and principles of recombinant DNA technology, as well as to get an insight into wide application of this technology.						
Learning outcomes	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Knowledge about basic concepts and principles of recombinant DNA technology. 2. Ability to compare the principles, procedures and application of basic techniques and methods for gene cloning, transformation of microorganisms for production of recombinant proteins, production of transgenic plants and animals. 3. Ability to assess the importance of genetic engineering in biotechnology, medicine and forensics. 4. Development of knowledge and skills by using bioinformatics tools and databases relevant to genetic engineering. 5. Formed opinion on ethical issues related to the application of genetic engineering. 						
Link between learning outcomes, teaching and students' activities	Learning outcome	Share of ECTS	Form of teaching	Activities of learning and teaching	Assessment		
					Methods of monitoring and evaluation	Grading Points	
						min max	
	1-5	1	Lecture	Critical conversation and discussion; debate	Records related to student performance during lectures; Records related to engagement in debate	20	40
	1-5	0.75	Written exam	Preparation for written exam	Written exam	20	40
1-5	0.25	Oral exam	Preparation for oral exam	Oral exam	10	20	
Total	2				50	100	
	Final grade: 50.1-62.5 points: grade 2 (sufficient) 62.6-75 points: grade 3 (good) 75.1-87.5 points: grade 4 (very good) 87.6-100 points: grade 5 (excellent)						
Consultation hours	Two hours a week according to schedule defined at the beginning of the academic year and additional consultation hours as agreed with students.						
Teaching	Lectures		Seminars		Practices		
Hours - total	30		0		0		
Course content / teaching units	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction to genetic engineering • Basic concepts of genetic engineering and concepts of molecular biology • Working with nucleic acids - isolation, quality determination and quantification, PCR, RT-PCR • Enzymes in genetic engineering • Nucleic acid labelling 						

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hybridization techniques (probe preparation, Southern and Northern blotting) • DNA sequencing • New generation sequencing technologies • Bioinformatics • Hosts and vectors • Molecular cloning strategies • Selection, verification and analysis of recombinants • Genetic engineering in biotechnology • Use of gene manipulation in medicine and forensics • Transgenic plants and animals • Debate
Recommended reading	<p>Ambriović-Ristov A. et al. (2007) Metode u molekularnoj biologiji. Institut Ruđer Bošković, Zagreb.</p> <p>Delić V. (1997) Genetičko inženjerstvo u biotehnologiji. PMF, Zagreb.</p> <p>Nicholl D.S.T. (2008) Introduction to Genetic Engineering. Cambridge University Press, New York.</p> <p>Primrose S.B., Twyman R.M. (2008) Principles of gene manipulation and genomics. 7th ed. Blackwell Publishing, Oxford.</p>
Optional reading	<p>Brown T.A. (2006) Gene cloning and DNA analysis, 5th edition, Blackwell Publishing, Oxford.</p> <p>Lewis B. (2008) Genes IX . Oxford University & Cell Press.</p> <p>Sambrook J., Fritsch E. F., Maniatis T. (2001) Molecular cloning: A laboratory manual, 3rd ed. Vols 1, 2 and 3. Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory, Cold Spring Harbor, New York.</p> <p>Izvorni znanstveni i znanstveno-popularni članci</p>
Conditions for obtaining teacher's signature	<p>Students are obliged to participate in lectures actively and to fulfil all assignments within the course.</p>
Exam passing procedure	<p>During the lectures, the teacher monitors and evaluates the activities of students by awarding points according to determined criteria. After the course, students take written and oral exam.</p>
Main language of instruction; other languages	<p>Croatian language</p>
Method of monitoring the quality and efficiency of teaching	<p>During the course, the teacher continuously evaluates student achievement, and gives students the opportunity to make oral or written comments. After the course, students are given a survey in which they give their subjective opinion about quality and organisation of teaching, all with the aim to improve future teaching.</p>

Course title	Hematophagous arthropods (Arthropoda)						
Code	BBZ41						
Study programme	University undergraduate study programme in Biology						
Semester	IV semester						
Workload/ECTS credits	2						
Course status	Elective						
Course teacher	Prof. Dr. Stjepan Krčmar						
Associate teachers							
Course entry requirements (Preceding courses)							
Course objective	To enable students to understand and compare the developmental cycles and vector roles of hematophagous arthropods. To teach students how to classify certain groups of hematophagous arthropods into appropriate systematic categories. To develop students' skills in selection of appropriate sampling methods and procedures for analysing individual groups of hematophagous arthropods.						
Learning outcomes	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ability to identify groups of hematophagous arthropods. 2. Ability to compare the morphological and anatomical characteristics of hematophagous arthropods and to determine them accordingly. Based on those skills, students shall classify individual groups of hematophagous arthropods into appropriate systematic categories. 3. Knowledge about biological characteristics of hematophagous arthropods, and ability to compare the developmental cycles of hematophagous arthropods. 4. Ability to evaluate the vector role of hematophagous arthropods in the spread of infectious diseases. 5. Ability to select appropriate methods and procedures for sampling of individual groups of hematophagous arthropods. 						
Link between learning outcomes, teaching and students' activities					Assessment		
	Learning outcome	Share of ECTS	Form of teaching	Activities of learning and teaching	Methods of monitoring and evaluation	Grading Points	
						min	max
	1-4	0.5	Lecture	Lecture attendance and active participation	Records on and evaluation of active participation	15	25
	2,5	0.5	Practices	Practical classes attendance and active participation	Records on and evaluation of active participation	15	25
	1-5	0.5	Exam	Preparation for written exam	Written exam	15	25
1-5	0.5	Final exam	Preparation for final exam	Oral exam	15	25	
Total		2			60	100	
Final grade: 60-70 points: grade 2 (sufficient) 71-80 points: grade 3 (good) 81-90 points: grade 4 (very good) 91-100 points: grade 5 (excellent)							
Consultation hours	Regular consultation hours will be scheduled after being agreed with students.						
Teaching	Lectures		Seminars		Practices		
Hours - total	15		0		15		
Course content / teaching units	Lectures:						

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identification of systematic groups of hematophagous arthropods belonging to: Cheliceriformes (claw horns), Crustacea (crabs) and Hexapoda (six-legged insect) • Comparison of morphological and anatomical features of hematophagous arthropods and their developmental cycles • Parasitism as an ecological concept • Review and analysis of the vector role of individual groups of hematophagous arthropods in the spread of infectious diseases <p>Practices:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comparison of morphological and anatomical characteristics of individual groups of hematophagous arthropods belonging to: Cheliceriformes (claw horns), Crustacea (crabs) and Hexapoda (six-legged insect) • Classification of individual groups of hematophagous arthropods into appropriate systematic categories • Selection of methods and procedures for sampling of hematophagous arthropods • Determination of hematophagous arthropods.
Recommended reading	<p>Crosskey R.W. (1993) Medical Insects and Arachnids. Chapman & Hall, London.</p> <p>Gratz N.G. (2006) The vector and rodent-borne diseases of Europe and North America: their distribution and public health burden. Cambridge University Press, Cambridge, UK.</p> <p>Lane R. P., Lehane M. (2000) Biology of blood sucking insects. Chapman & Hall, London.</p>
Optional reading	<p>Habdija I., Primc-Habdija B., Radanović I., Špoljar M., Matoničkin-Kepčija R., Vujčić-Karlo S., Miliša M., Ostojić A., Sertić-Perić M. (2011) Protista-Protozoa, Metazoa-Invertebrata. Alfa d.d., Zagreb.</p>
Conditions for obtaining teacher's signature	<p>Students are obliged to participate in lectures actively and to fulfil all practical assignments.</p>
Exam passing procedure	<p>During lectures, the teacher monitors and evaluates performance of each student, which refers to 50% of the final grade. Passing of written exam refers to 25% of the final grade, and passing of oral exam refers to the remaining 25% of the final grade.</p>
Main language of instruction; other languages	<p>Croatian language</p>
Method of monitoring the quality and efficiency of teaching	<p>Evaluation form</p>

Course title	Comparative Anatomy of Vertebrates											
Code	BMZ66											
Study programme	University undergraduate study programme in Biology											
Semester	V semester											
Workload/ECTS credits	2											
Course status	Elective											
Course teacher	Assist. Prof. Dr. Olga Jovanović Glavaš											
Associate teachers												
Course entry requirements (Preceding courses)	Vertebrates											
Course objective	Acquisition of knowledge about the basic anatomical structure of vertebrates with emphasis on the evolutionary aspect.											
Learning outcomes	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Understanding of the topics taught within the course Vertebrates and its integration with the respective course contents. 2. Distinguishing between homologous and analogous anatomical structures and between evolutionarily primitive and developed forms. 3. Ability to valorise the evolution of vertebrates through processes of adaptation to specific environmental conditions and through development of unique anatomical structures in different groups of vertebrates. 											
Link between learning outcomes, teaching and students' activities		Learning outcome	Share of ECTS	Form of teaching	Activities of learning and teaching	Assessment						
						Methods of monitoring and evaluation	Grading Points					
							min	max				
						1-3	0.5	Lectures	Lecture attendance and active participation	Student attendance	5	10
						1-3	0.5	Practices	Practical classes attendance and active participation, written report containing obtained results	Records, evaluation	10	15
						1-3	0.5	Knowledge assessment (written exam)	Preparation for written exam	Written exam	20	40
						1-3	0.5	Final exam	Preparation for oral exam	Oral exam	25	35
Total	2				60	100						
Final grade: 60-70 points: grade 2 (sufficient) 71-80 points: grade 3 (good) 81-90 points: grade 4 (very good) 91-100 points: grade 5 (excellent)												
Consultation hours	By appointment											
Teaching	Lectures		Seminars		Practices							
Hours - total	15		0		15							
Course content / teaching units	Lectures: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction to comparative anatomy and phylogeny of vertebrates • Vertebrate integument • Skeletal and muscular system of vertebrates • Respiratory system of vertebrates • Cardiac and circulatory system of vertebrates 											

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Digestive system of vertebrates • Urogenital system of vertebrates • Nervous and sensory system of vertebrates • Endocrine system of vertebrates <p>Practices:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Skeletal system of vertebrates • Cardiac, circulatory and respiratory systems of vertebrates • Digestive and urogenital system of vertebrates • Nervous and sensory system of vertebrates • A review of anatomical adaptations of individual vertebrate groups in the context of phylogeny and evolution
Recommended reading	Kardong K. V. (2005) Vertebrates. Comparative anatomy, function, and evolution, 4th ed. Wm C. Brown/McGraw-Hill Publ.
Optional reading	Hildebrand M., Goslow G. (2001) Analysis of vertebrate structure, 5th ed. Wiley, New York. Liem K. F., Bemis W. E., Walker W. F. Jr., Grande L. (2001) Functional Anatomy of the Vertebrates. An Evolutionary Perspective, 3rd ed. Brooks/Cole, a division of Thomson Learning, Inc.
Conditions for obtaining teacher's signature	Regular attendance at lectures, successfully completed practices.
Exam passing procedure	During the course, the teacher monitors and evaluates the performance of each student, which makes up to 30% of the final grade. Passing of written exam refers to 40% of the final grade, and passing of oral exam refers to the remaining 30% of the final grade.
Main language of instruction; other languages	Croatian language, English language
Method of monitoring the quality and efficiency of teaching	Student survey to evaluate the overall quality of the course. Analysis of student success at the exams.

Course title	Land Vertebrates in Croatia						
Code	BBZ44						
Study programme	University undergraduate study programme in Biology						
Semester	V semester						
Workload/ECTS credits	2						
Course status	Elective						
Course teacher	Assist. Prof. Dr. Alma Mikuška						
Associate teachers							
Course entry requirements (Preceding courses)	Attended obligatory courses: General Zoology and Vertebrates, completed courses Field Work 1 – Zoology and Field Work 2 - Zoology.						
Course objective	To develop students' knowledge and skills in science literacy by elaborating topics referring to biological value of Croatian fauna of land vertebrates at the national and international level. To raise students' awareness of the importance of responsible behaviour in biodiversity protection.						
Learning outcomes	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ability to examine the reasons for the endangerment of land vertebrate taxa in Croatia. 2. Ability to use relevant scientific research methods in studying of biology and ecology of land vertebrates living in Croatia. 3. Ability to propose measures and activities for protection of land vertebrates living in Croatia. 4. Awareness about responsible social behaviour in terms of preserving the biological diversity of land vertebrates in Croatia 5. Ability to classify the species of land vertebrates of Croatia according to the endangerment status at national and global level. 						
Link between learning outcomes, teaching and students' activities					Assessment		
					Methods of monitoring and evaluation	Grading Points	
						min	max
	1-4	0.5	Lecture	Critical conversation and discussion, flipped classroom	Monitoring of students' activity during lectures (participation in discussions, asking of questions, involvement in analyses, etc.)	15	25
	2,3,4	0.5	Seminar	Preparation and presentation of a seminar paper	Analysis of seminar paper content by giving a feedback on student's progress in the learning process	15	25
	1-5	0.5	Written exam	Preparation for written exam	Analysis of written exam	15	25
	1-5	0.5	Oral exam	Preparation for oral exam	Oral exam	15	25
Total	2				60	100	
Final grade: 60-70 points: grade 2 (sufficient) 71-80 points: grade 3 (good) 81-90 points: grade 4 (very good) 91-100 points: grade 5 (excellent)							

Consultation hours	By appointment.		
Teaching	Lectures	Seminars	Practices
Hours - total	15	15	0
Course content / teaching units	<p>Lectures:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introductory lecture – course content, reading list and obligations of students • Systematic position and taxonomy of amphibians, reptiles, birds and mammals living in Croatia • Diversity of Croatian land vertebrate fauna in relation to the diversity of land vertebrate fauna in Europe and in the world • Croatian herpetofauna: history and research methods, general characteristics of amphibians and reptiles, their diversity in the world and in Croatia, zoogeographic analysis of Croatian herpetofauna, analysis of endangerment status and of protection of amphibians and reptiles in Croatia, areas of importance for protection of Croatian herpetofauna • Description of Croatian herpetofauna species • Croatian ornithofauna: history and methods of bird research in Croatia, analysis of endangerment status and of protection measures of Croatian birds, areas of importance for the protection of Croatian ornithofauna • Bird statuses in Croatian ornithofauna (nesting birds, non-nesting birds, wintering birds, migratory birds, resident birds) • Theriofauna of Croatia: history and methods of mammal research in Croatia, analysis of endangerment status and of protection measures of Croatian mammals, areas of importance for the protection of Croatian theriofauna • Endemic and allochthon species of land vertebrates in Croatia <p>Seminars:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student tasks: choosing of one group of the Croatian vertebrates, writing a seminar paper and presenting it in the class • In the seminar paper, students describe the biological, ecological and zoogeographical characteristics of one group of land vertebrates, status in the world compared with the status in Croatia, if the species is endangered, define the reasons of endangerment and overview the protection measures 		
Recommended reading	<p>Antolović J., Flajšman E., Frković A., Grgurev M., Grubešić M., Hamidović D., Holcer D., Pavlinić I., Tvrtković N., Vuković M. (2006) Crvena sisavaca Hrvatska. Ministarstvo zaštite prirode i okoliša i Državni zavod za zaštitu prirode, Zagreb</p> <p>Jelić D., Kuljerić M., T. Koren T., Treer D., Šalamon D., Lončar M., Podnar-Lešić M., Janev-Hutinec Lj., Bogdanović T., Mekinić S., Jelić K. (2013) Crvena knjiga vodozemaca i gmazova Hrvatska. Ministarstvo zaštite prirode i okoliša i Državni zavod za zaštitu prirode, Zagreb.</p> <p>Tutiš V., Kralj J., Čiković D., Barišić S. (2013) Crvena knjiga ptica Hrvatske. Ministarstvo zaštite prirode i okoliša i Državni zavod za zaštitu prirode, Zagreb.</p>		
Optional reading	<p>Clarke K.R., Gorely R.N. (2020) Primer 7. User Manual/ Tutorial. Primer-E Ltd.Plymouth.</p> <p>Holcer D., Pavlinić I. (2008) Fauna, Priručnik za inventarizaciju i praćenje stanja. Ministarstvo kulture, Državni zavod za zaštitu prirode, Zagreb.</p> <p>Purger J. (2007) Priručnik za istraživanje biološke raznolikosti duž rijeke Drave. Sveučilište u Peču. Pečuh</p> <p>Izvešće o stanju okoliša u RH za razdoblje 2013 -2016: http://www.haop.hr/sites/default/files/uploads/dokumenti/06_integrirane/dokumenti/niso/IZVJOKOLIS_2013-2016.pdf</p>		
Conditions for obtaining teacher's signature	Regular attendance and activity at lectures, presented seminar paper.		
Exam passing procedure	<p>During the presentation of the seminar paper, the teacher evaluates the activities of students by awarding points according to the determined criteria. The teacher provides feedback on students' progress, so that students have an insight into their advancement within the learning process for the purpose of improvement and professional development</p> <p>Within written and oral exam, the teacher defines tasks that are related to learning outcomes. The final grade refers to the sum of points that students achieve at the seminar paper presentation and at written and oral exam.</p>		

Main language of instruction; other languages	Croatian language
Method of monitoring the quality and efficiency of teaching	The teacher continuously monitors the learning process and students' achievement, thus directing and adapting the teaching. After the course, the teacher and students analyse the success of the teaching process and carry out a survey to evaluate students' subjective impression about the teaching quality. The results are used for improvement of teaching.

Course title	Neurobiology						
Code	BBZ61_2025						
Study programme	University undergraduate study programme in Biology						
Semester	VI semester						
Workload/ECTS credits	4						
Course status	Elective						
Course teacher	Prof. Dr. Marija Heffer						
Associate teachers	Assoc. Prof. Dr. Irena Labak Assist. Prof. Dr. Senka Blažetić						
Course entry requirements (Preceding courses)							
Course objective	To enable students to understand the basic concepts of neurobiology and to develop their skills required for experimental work, such as application of methods used in cell and molecular biology, overview of scientific literature and communication with experts and multidisciplinary teams.						
Learning outcomes	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ability to examine the molecular basis of processes that are characteristic for functioning of neurons and glial cells. 2. Ability to make connection between the structure and function of sensory organs and the processing of stimuli. 3. Ability to analyse the systems of motor neurons and their modulation levels. 4. Ability to explain speech, emotions and memory as complex brain functions. 5. Ability to critically evaluate the relevant scientific literature. 6. Ability to review the suitability of methods for solving of some experimental issues. 						
Link between learning outcomes, teaching and students' activities					Assessment		
	Learning outcome	Share of ECTS	Form of teaching	Activities of learning and teaching	Methods of monitoring and evaluation	Grading Points	
						min	max
	1-4	1.5	Lecture	Critical conversation and discussion	Records related to active participation in conversations and discussions	5	10
	1-5	1.5	Seminar	Interpretation of scientific papers and application of obtained results in concepts learned within lectures	Monitoring of student's interpretations and performance at tasks	10	20
	1-6	0.5	Written exam	Preparation for written exam	Written exam	10	20
	1-6	0.5	Oral exam	Preparation for oral exam	Oral exam	15	30
Total	4				50	100	
Final grade: 50.1-62.5 points: grade 2 (sufficient) 62.6-75 points: grade 3 (good) 75.1-87.5 points: grade 4 (very good) 87.6-100 points: grade 5 (excellent)							
Consultation hours	By appointment.						
Teaching	Lectures		Seminars		Practices		
Hours - total	40		20		0		
Course content / teaching units	Lecture topics include the basics of anatomy, physiology, molecular biology and genetics, maturation, regeneration and aging of the brain. Lectures: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Neuronal signalisation • Processing of stimuli 						

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • System of motoric control • Development, regeneration and plasticity • Complex brain functions <p>Seminars:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Each lecture unit is accompanied by mandatory scientific papers that present turning points in thinking or in laboratory methods <p>Practices:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conventional histology • Immunochemistry • Cell culture • Techniques of stereotaxic lesion and microdissection • Techniques of labelling the molecules and cells (tracing) • Behavioural tests • Gene manipulation and neurobiology databases
Recommended reading	Purves D., Augustine G.J., Fitzpatrick D., Hall W.C., LaMantia A.S., White L.E. (2012) Neuroscience, 5th ed. Sinauer Associates, INC, Sunderland, Massachusetts, U.S.A.
Optional reading	Judaš M., Kostović I. Temelji neuroznanosti. Udžbenik na Internetu (<a href="http://www.him.unizg.hr/dokumenti/<Judas&Kostovic-Temelji_Neuroznanosti.pdf">http://www.him.unizg.hr/dokumenti/<Judas&Kostovic-Temelji_Neuroznanosti.pdf) Kandel E.R., Schwartz J.H., Jessell T.M. (2000) Principles of Neural Science, 4th ed. McGraw-Hill, Health Professions Division, New York, London, Tokyo.
Conditions for obtaining teacher's signature	Students are obliged to participate in lectures actively and to fulfil all assignments within the course.
Exam passing procedure	Before taking oral exam, students are obliged to pass final written exam, which can be divided into two preliminary written exams. Points gained at written and oral exam are added to the points gathered up to the final exam, thus making a total number of points to be converted to final grade.
Main language of instruction; other languages	Croatian language, English language
Method of monitoring the quality and efficiency of teaching	Survey on the subjective impression about the organisation of the course will be carried out after the course; during the course, students will be given an opportunity to make oral or written remarks; the teacher monitors students' success at exams.

Course title	Poisonous Animals and Plants											
Code	BBZ51											
Study programme	University undergraduate study programme in Biology											
Semester	VI semester											
Workload/ECTS credits	2											
Course status	Elective											
Course teacher	Assist. Prof. Dr. Goran Palijan											
Associate teachers	Assist. Prof. Dr. Olga Jovanović Glavaš											
Course entry requirements (Preceding courses)	General Zoology, Invertebrates, General Botany, Microbiology											
Course objective	To teach students how to assess the toxicity of various organisms.											
Learning outcomes	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ability to examine the basic properties of toxic organisms. 2. Ability to compare various poisonous organisms. 3. Ability to assess the toxicity of various organisms. 4. Ability to critically evaluate the professional literature. 											
Link between learning outcomes, teaching and students' activities		Learning outcome	Share of ECTS	Form of teaching	Activities of learning and teaching	Assessment						
						Methods of monitoring and evaluation	Grading Points					
							min	max				
						1-3	0.5	Lecture	Critical conversation and discussion	Records related to active participation in conversations and discussions	5	10
						1-4	0.5	Seminar	Interpretation of scientific papers and application of obtained results in concepts learned within lectures	Monitoring of student's interpretations and performance at tasks	10	15
						1-4	0.5	Written exam	Preparation for written exam	Written exam	20	32.5
1-4	0.5	Oral exam	Preparation for oral exam	Oral exam	25	42.5						
Total	2				60	100						
Final grade: 60-70 points: grade 2 (sufficient) 71-80 points: grade 3 (good) 81-90 points: grade 4 (very good) 91-100 points: grade 5 (excellent)												
Consultation hours	By appointment.											
Teaching	Lectures		Seminars		Practices							
Hours/week total	15		15		0							
Course content / teaching units	Lecture: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Poisonous animals (fanerotoxic animals) • Poisonous animals in the narrow sense (cryptotoxic animals) 											

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Poisonous plants • Poisonous mushrooms • Mycotoxicosis • Bacterial toxins <p>Seminars:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Within the seminars, students shall independently prepare and present seminar papers referring to lecture topics, and participate in discussions
Recommended reading	Mallis A. (2011) Handbook of pest control. GIE Pub. Maretić Z. (1985) Naše otrovne životinje i bilje. Stvarnost, Zagreb.
Optional reading	Maretić Z, Lebez D. (1985) Otrovnj pauci. Pula. Maretić Z. (1988) Crna udovica ipak nije bauk. Stvarnost, Zagreb.
Conditions for obtaining teacher's signature	Students are obliged to participate in lectures actively and to fulfil all assignments within the course.
Exam passing procedure	Before taking oral exam, students are obliged to pass written exam.
Main language of instruction; other languages	Croatian language
Method of monitoring the quality and efficiency of teaching	Survey on the subjective impression about the organisation of the course will be carried out after the course; during the course, students will be given an opportunity to make oral or written remarks; the teacher monitors students' success at exams.

Course title	Pedobiology						
Code	BBZ64						
Study programme	University undergraduate study programme in Biology						
Semester	IV semester						
Workload/ECTS credits	2						
Course status	Elective						
Course teacher	Assoc. Prof. Dr. Davorka Hackenberger Kutuzović						
Associate teachers							
Course entry requirements (Preceding courses)							
Course objective	To understand biological, chemical and ecological processes, the circulation of matter and biodiversity in the soil, and to master methods of investigating the same.						
Learning outcomes	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> To analyse the basic soil structure, main soil types and humus types by respecting the principles of pedogenesis. To predict the influence of main abiotic and biotic factors on soil organisms. To assess the functional importance of main groups of soil organisms. To discuss the function of individual groups of organisms in the decomposition and mineralisation of soil. To apply standard methods in studying soil biodiversity. 						
Link between learning outcomes, teaching and students' activities	Learning outcome	Share of ECTS	Form of teaching	Activities of learning and teaching	Assessment		
					Methods of monitoring and evaluation	Grading Points	
						min	max
	1-4	0.5	Lecture	Participation in discussions	Records related to attendance and participation in discussions	10	20
	3-5	0.5	Practices	Solving of experimental tasks	Monitoring of student's performance at experimental tasks	20	30
	1-5	0.5	Written exam	Preparation for written exam	Written exam	20	30
	1-5	0.5	Oral exam	Preparation for oral exam	Oral exam	10	20
Total	2				60	100	
	Final grade: 60-70 points: grade 2 (sufficient) 71-80 points: grade 3 (good) 81-90 points: grade 4 (very good) 91-100 points: grade 5 (excellent)						
Consultation hours	By appointment.						
Teaching	Lectures		Seminars		Practices		
Hours - total	15				15		
Course content / teaching units	Lectures: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> What is soil: basics of pedology Soil as a habitat Diversity and interactions of soil organisms Functions and importance of soil organisms Decomposition of organic matter, vermicomposting Practices: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sampling of soil organisms by applying different methods 						

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Determination of organisms • Study of the functions of soil organisms in microcosmoses
Recommended reading	<p>Coleman D. C., Crossley Jr. D. A., Hendrix P. F. (2004) Fundamentals of soil ecology. Elsevier, USA.</p> <p>Jeffery S., Gardi C., Jones A., Montanarella L., Marmo L., Miko L., Ritz K., Peres G., Römbke J., van der Putten W. H. (eds.) (2010) European Atlas of Soil Biodiversity. European Commission, Publications Office of the European Union, Luxembourg.</p>
Optional reading	Lavelle P., Spain A.V. (2002) Soil ecology, Springer, New York.
Conditions for obtaining teacher's signature	Students are obliged to participate in lectures actively and to fulfil all assignments within the course.
Exam passing procedure	Before taking oral exam, students are obliged to pass written exam. Points gained at written and oral exam are added to the points gathered up to the final exam, thus making a total number of points to be converted to final grade.
Main language of instruction; other languages	Croatian language, English language
Method of monitoring the quality and efficiency of teaching	Survey on the subjective impression about the organisation of the course will be carried out after the course; during the course, students will be given an opportunity to make oral or written remarks; the teacher monitors students' success at exams.

Course title	Areas of Importance for Croatian Flora						
Code	BBZ68						
Study programme	University undergraduate study programme in Biology						
Semester	III semester						
Workload/ECTS credits	2						
Course status	Elective						
Course teacher	Assoc. Prof. Dr. Tanja Žuna Pfeiffer						
Associate teachers	Nikolina Bek, assistant						
Course entry requirements (Preceding courses)							
Course objective	To raise awareness of students about the importance of preserving natural and/or semi-natural habitats that are characterised by unique and diverse flora.						
Learning outcomes	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ability to associate flora with ecological conditions in botanically valuable areas. 2. Ability to review legal documents that define botanically important areas in Croatia. 3. Ability to compare characteristics and diversity of flora and the management models of botanically important areas in Croatia and in the world. 4. Ability to apply references for flora determination and to valorise professional and scientific papers. 5. Ability to examine the possibilities of preserving botanically valuable areas in Croatia. 						
Link between learning outcomes, teaching and students' activities					Assessment		
					Methods of monitoring and evaluation	Grading Points	
						min	max
	1-5	0.5	Lecture	Critical conversation and discussion	Records related to active and independent participation in conversations and discussions	5	10
	1-5	1	Seminars	Independent preparation of seminar paper	Records related to active and independent preparation of seminar paper with provision of feedback	25	40
	1-5	0.25	Written exam	Preparation for written exam	Written exam	15	25
	1-5	0.25	Oral exam	Preparation for oral exam	Oral exam	15	25
	Total	2			60	100	
	Final grade: 60-70 points: grade 2 (sufficient) 71-80 points: grade 3 (good) 81-90 points: grade 4 (very good) 91-100 points: grade 5 (excellent)						
Consultation hours	By appointment.						
Teaching	Lectures		Seminars		Practices		
Hours - total	15		15		0		
Course content / teaching units	Lectures: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Botanically important areas - definition, selection criteria, importance • Overview of botanically important areas in Croatia - habitats and taxa 						

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Management of botanically important areas in Croatia • Causes of endangerment of botanically important areas in Croatia <p>Seminars:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monitoring and study of botanically important areas in Croatia • Management and protection of botanically important areas in Croatia and in the world - comparison • Endangered and endemic plant species in botanically important areas • Botanically important areas and the local community - sustainable development of the area
Recommended reading	Alegro A., Bogdanović S., Brana S., Jasprica N., Katalinić A., Kovačić S., Nikolić T., Milović M., Pandža M., Posavec-Vukelić V., Randić M., Ruščić M., Šegota V., Šincek D., Topić J., Vrbek M., Vuković N. (2010) Botanički važna područja Hrvatske. Školska knjiga, Zagreb. Anonymous (2001) European Strategy for Plant Conservation adopted at the 3rd Conference Planta Europa (translated and commented by Nikolić, T. 2006.).
Optional reading	Anderson S. (2010) Identifying Important Plant Areas. Priručnik za odabir lokaliteta u Europi i osnova za razvoj smjernica za ostala područja svijeta (original translated by Nikolić T. (2004) – supported by the Regional Environmental Center) The Nature Protection Strategy and Action Plan of the Republic of Croatia for the period 2017-2025 (Official Journal 72/2017)
Conditions for obtaining teacher's signature	Students are obliged to attend and actively participate in lectures and seminars.
Exam passing procedure	During the course, the teacher monitors and evaluates the activities of students by awarding points according to determined criteria. After the lectures and seminars, students take the written exam, and proceed to the oral exam. The final grade is determined according to the number of points achieved at written and oral exam and the number of points gained during lectures and seminars.
Main language of instruction; other languages	Croatian language
Method of monitoring the quality and efficiency of teaching	During the course, the teacher continuously monitors the learning process and student achievement, thus determining and adapting his/her teaching. After each lecture, students have the opportunity to make oral or written remarks. During the last week of lectures, students are given an anonymous survey to evaluate the overall quality of the course. The teacher monitors the success of students at the exams.

Course title	Experimental Animals						
Code	BBZ62						
Study programme	University undergraduate study programme in Biology						
Semester	III semester						
Workload/ECTS credits	2						
Course status	Elective						
Course teacher	Assist. Prof. Dr. Senka Blažetić						
Associate teachers							
Course entry requirements (Preceding courses)	General Zoology (attended), Vertebrates (attended)						
Course objective	To introduce students to the principles of high-quality scientific research and ethically correct approach to handling of animals for experimental purposes.						
Learning outcomes	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ability to determine the biology of experimental animals (especially of mice and rats). 2. Knowledge about provisions of global, European and national Animal Protection Acts. 3. Ability to define basic concepts related to research on animals (experimental animals, laboratory animals, laboratory animal breeder, users, procedures). 4. Awareness on the importance of applying the 3R principle in handling of experimental animals. 5. Ability to assess published studies and students' scientific researches on experimental animals. 						
Link between learning outcomes, teaching and students' activities	Learnin g outcome	Share of ECTS	Form of teaching	Activities of learning and teaching	Assessment		
					Methods of monitoring and evaluation	Grading Points	
						min	max
	1-5	0.5	Lecture	Critical conversation and discussion	Records related to active participation in conversations and discussions	10	15
	1-5	0.5	Practices	Independent preparation of a scientific research on animals, data collection and analysis	Records related to activities during project preparation	20	45
	1-5	0.5	Written exam	Preparation for written exam	Written exam	10	20
1-5	0.5	Oral exam	Preparation for oral exam	Oral exam Project presentation	10	20	
Total	2				50	100	
Final grade: 50.1-62.5 points: grade 2 (sufficient) 62.6-75 points: grade 3 (good) 75.1-87.5 points: grade 4 (very good) 87.6-100 points: grade 5 (excellent)							
Consultation hours	By appointment.						
Teaching	Lectures		Seminars		Practices		
Hours - total	15		0		15		
Course content / teaching units	Lectures: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Biology of rodents (primarily of mouse and rat) • National, European and global legislation on the keeping and using animals in experiments • Ethical and bioethical justification of performing experiments on animals 						

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The GLP principles (Good Laboratory Practice) • Housing and zoohygienic conditions before and during the experiment • Health surveillance before and during the experiment • Research-conditioned animal diet • Animal diseases (zoonoses and allergoses) significant for humans • Surgical and non-surgical techniques applied in experiments • Pain caused by the experiment and its relief • Experimental design and statistical evaluation of results • Post-mortem techniques and procedures • Use of specific animals in biological experiments (nude mice, knockout mice, SCID, germ free, flora defined), and large animals (dog, monkey, cattle) <p>Practices:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Basic methods and tests applied in experiments on animals • Debate on the justification of using animals in scientific research
Recommended reading	<p>Hedrich J.H., Bullock G.R. (eds) (2004) <i>The Laboratory Mouse-Handbook of Experimental Animals</i>, Elsevier Academic Press.</p> <p>Radačić M., Bašić I., Eljuga D. (2000) <i>Pokusni modeli u biomedicini</i>. Medicinska naklada, Zagreb.</p> <p>Šuman L. (2011) <i>Uvod u znanost o laboratorijskim životinjama</i>. Udžbenik Sveučilišta u Rijeci. <i>Animal Protection Act</i>.</p>
Optional reading	<p>Hedrich H. (2004) <i>The Laboratory Mouse</i>. Elsevier Ltd., London.</p> <p>Pough F.H., Janis C.M., Heiser J.B. (2008) <i>Vertebrate life</i>. 8th edn. Pearson education Inc., San Francisco.</p>
Conditions for obtaining teacher's signature	Students are obliged to participate in lectures actively and to fulfil all assignments within the course.
Exam passing procedure	Before taking oral exam, students are obliged to pass final written exam, which can be divided into two preliminary written exams. Points gained at written and oral exam are added to the points gathered up to the final exam, thus making a total number of points to be converted to final grade.
Main language of instruction; other languages	Croatian language, English language
Method of monitoring the quality and efficiency of teaching	Survey on the subjective impression about the organisation of the course will be carried out after the course; during the course, students will be given an opportunity to make oral or written remarks; the teacher monitors students' success at exams.

Course title	Preparation and Production of Biological Collections						
Code	BBZ42						
Study programme	University undergraduate study programme in Biology						
Semester	VI semester						
Workload/ECTS credits	2						
Course status	Elective						
Course teacher	Assist. Prof. Dr. Goran Vignjević						
Associate teachers							
Course entry requirements (Preceding courses)							
Course objective	To enable students to successfully apply the methods of preparation and taxidermy of various biological material and to learn how to use such material in study.						
Learning outcomes	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Making collection of different biological samples by using appropriate tools. 2. Developed skills in preparation and stuffing of biological material by using appropriate taxidermy methods. 3. Usage of acquired knowledge and skills in selection of the most appropriate methods for stuffing of specific groups of animals. 4. Independent preparation of biological collection. 						
Link between learning outcomes, teaching and students' activities					Assessment		
	Learning outcome	Share of ECTS	Form of teaching	Activities of learning and teaching	Methods of monitoring and evaluation	Grading Points	
						min	max
	1-4	0.25	Lecture	Critical conversation and discussion; collaborative learning while performing analysis of different procedures of stuffing biological material	Records related to active participation in discussions and analysis	5	10
	1-4	0.25	Field-based teaching	Practical application of methods in sampling of biological material, selection of suitable biological material within field classes	Records related to active engagement in the field-based learning	5	10
	1-4	0.5	Practices	Independent preparation of biological collection	Analysis of stuffed material with provision of feedback, preparation of a small collection	10	20
1-4	1	Oral practice-based exam	Prepared student's own biological collection	Control of methods applied for taxidermy, determination and storage of collection	40	60	
Total		2			60	100	
Final grade: 60-70 points: grade 2 (sufficient) 71-80 points: grade 3 (good) 81-90 points: grade 4 (very good) 91-100 points: grade 5 (excellent)							

Consultation hours	By appointment.		
Teaching	Lectures	Seminars	Practices
Hours - total	15	0	15
Course content / teaching units	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is a biological collection, how it looks like, an overview of taxidermy methods, procedures for creating biological collection • Methods of stuffing of biological material (protozoa, plants, fungi and lichens, arthropods, vertebrates) • Production of permanent and semi-permanent microscopic preparations • Making aquariums, terrariums, and live corners • Selection of biological material that is suitable for field-based teaching 		
Recommended reading	Chinery M. (1989) 1000 ideja za prirodoslovca. Svjetlost, Sarajevo. Durrell G. (1990) Svijet prirode. GZH, Zagreb. Various authors (2015) Taxidermy Vol. 9 Bones and Skeletons - The Collection, Preparation and Mounting of Bones, Sigaud Press.		
Optional reading			
Conditions for obtaining teacher's signature	Students are obliged to participate in lectures actively and to fulfil all assignments within the course.		
Exam passing procedure	During the course, the teacher monitors and evaluates the activities of students by awarding points according to determined criteria. In this way, the teacher provides continuous feedback, which students use to assess their learning progress and to create their own biological collection. After having prepared their biological collection, students take the oral exam. During the oral exam, the teacher checks the applied methods that are related to learning outcomes. The final grade is determined according to the number of points gained during the course and at the oral exam, as well as for preparation of biological collection.		
Main language of instruction; other languages	Croatian language		
Method of monitoring the quality and efficiency of teaching	During the course, the teacher performs evaluation for learning by continuous monitoring of the learning process and student achievement, thus determining and adapting his/her teaching. After the course, the teacher conducts a survey among students to evaluate their subjective impression about the teaching quality, all with the aim to improve future teaching.		

Course title	Toxicology							
Code	BBZ46							
Study programme	University undergraduate study programme in Biology							
Semester	VI semester							
Workload/ECTS credits	2							
Course status	Elective							
Course teacher	Prof. Dr. Branimir Hackenberger Kutuzović							
Associate teachers	Assoc. Prof. Dr. Davorka Hackenberger Kutuzović							
Course entry requirements (Preceding courses)								
Course objective	To enable students to understand the multidisciplinary nature of toxicological sciences and the importance of basic biological principles in toxicological research.							
Learning outcomes	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ability to analyse basic concepts and principles in toxicology in the context of multidisciplinary. 2. Ability to examine the mechanism of toxic action on organ systems. 3. Ability to analyse the response of organ systems to exposure to various toxicants. 4. Ability to examine the mechanisms of toxicity of pesticides, metals, solvents and vapours, radiation and radioactive substances. 5. Ability to elaborate practical examples referring to toxicology. 							
Link between learning outcomes, teaching and students' activities	Learning outcome	Share of ECTS	Form of teaching	Activities of learning and teaching	Assessment			
					Methods of monitoring and evaluation	Grading Points		
		min	max					
	1-4	0.5	Lecture	Lecture attendance and active participation	Records related to student attendance and activity	5	10	
	5	0.5	Practices	Practical classes attendance, active participation in solving of tasks	Records related to student attendance and activity, interpretation of obtained results with provision of feedback	10	15	
	1-5	0.5	Written exam	Preparation for written exam	Written exam	20	35	
	1-5	0.5	Oral exam	Preparation for oral exam	Oral exam	25	40	
Total	2				60	100		
Final grade: 60-70 points: grade 2 (sufficient) 71-80 points: grade 3 (good) 81-90 points: grade 4 (very good) 91-100 points: grade 5 (excellent)								
Consultation hours	By appointment.							
Teaching	Lectures		Seminars			Practices		
Hours - total	15		0			15		
Course content / teaching units	Lectures: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction to toxicology and short historical overview of its development • Principles of toxicology • Mechanisms of toxicity • Toxicological risk, assessment and management • Absorption, distribution and excretion of toxins 							

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Xenobiotics biotransformation • Toxicokinetics • Acute, subacute, subchronic and chronic toxicity • Chemical carcinogenesis • Genetic toxicology • Developmental toxicology • Response of the organ systems on xenobiotics exposure • Immunotoxicology • Toxic effects of pesticides • Toxic effects of metals • Toxic effects of solvents and vapours • Toxic effect of radiation and radioactive substances • Animal and plant toxicology • Applied toxicology • Food toxicology • Analytical and forensic toxicology • Clinical toxicology • Regulations on toxicology <p>Practices:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students will be studying, discussing and analysing practical examples referring to toxicology
Recommended reading	Klaassen D.C. (2013) Casarett & Doull's Toxicology: The Basic Science of Poisons. McGraw-Hill, New York.
Optional reading	Wallace Hayes, A. (2007) Principles and Methods of Toxicology. Taylor & Francis, Philadelphia - London.
Conditions for obtaining teacher's signature	Regular attendance at lectures and successful completion of practical assignments.
Exam passing procedure	Before taking oral exam, students are obliged to pass final written exam, which can be divided into two preliminary written exams. Points gained at written and oral exam are added to the points gathered up to the final exam, thus making a total number of points to be converted to final grade.
Main language of instruction; other languages	Croatian language, English language
Method of monitoring the quality and efficiency of teaching	Survey on the subjective impression about the organisation of the course will be carried out after the course; during the course, students will be given an opportunity to make oral or written remarks; the teacher monitors students' success at exams.

Course title	Learning How to Learn											
Code	BBZ65_2024											
Study programme	University undergraduate study programme in Biology											
Semester	IV semester											
Workload/ECTS credits	2											
Course status	Elective											
Course teacher	Assoc. Prof. Dr. Irena Labak											
Associate teachers	Assist. Prof. Dr. Senka Blažetić Nataša Bušić, asistant											
Course entry requirements (Preceding courses)												
Course objective	To develop students' skills in acting as a creator and active participant in the learning process, to acquire knowledge and skills for efficient learning applicable in different situations and to develop skills required in managing one's own educational and professional development.											
Learning outcomes	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ability to use different strategies, methods, procedures and techniques in the learning process. 2. Ability to apply different evaluation methods for facilitation of effective learning. 3. Developed skills for self-motivation and self-encouragement for learning. 4. Ability to create a stimulating learning environment. 											
Link between learning outcomes, teaching and students' activities		Learnin g outcome	Share of ECT S	Form of teaching	Activities of learning and teaching	Assessment						
						Methods of monitoring and evaluation	Grading Points					
							min	max				
						1-4	0.75	Lecture	Critical conversation and discussion, collaborative learning and reciprocal teaching	Records related to active participation in discussions, to engagement in collaborative learning and reciprocal teaching	5	10
						1-4	1	Seminar	Case-study analysis and real-life situations, independent work on tasks for learning process improvement	Records related to engagement in the analysis; monitoring and provision of feedback about performance; portfolio	15	20
1-4	0.25	Written exam	Interpretation of a case-study	Case-study analysis	20	35						
Total	2				60	100						
Final grade: 60-70 points: grade 2 (sufficient) 71-80 points: grade 3 (good) 81-90 points: grade 4 (very good) 91-100 points: grade 5 (excellent)												
Consultation hours	By appointment.											
Teaching	Lectures		Seminars		Practices							
Hours - total	15		15		0							
Course content / teaching units	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strategies, methods and procedures for learning • Learning techniques (procedures for comparing, summarising and making notes, non-linguistic presentations, fast memory techniques) 											

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Metacognitive strategies for planning, monitoring, self-regulation and self-evaluation of learning • Skills for monitoring the teaching process and independent learning • Creative thinking • Critical thinking • Active learning (collaborative learning; problem-solving strategies, empirical learning; workshops; debates, project-based learning) • Neurobiological version of learning (skills for successful memory consolidation, skills of storing information into the long-term memory, attention and neural networks, motivation and emotions in the learning process)
Recommended reading	<p>Bognar L, Matijević M. (2002) Didaktika (II. izdanje). Školska knjiga, Zagreb.</p> <p>Desforges C. (2001) Uspješno učenje i poučavanje: psihologijski pristupi. Educa, Zagreb.</p> <p>Purves D., Augustine D. J., Fitzpatrick D., Hall W. C., LaMantia A. S., White L. E. (2016) Neuroznanost. Medicinska naklada, Zagreb.</p> <p>Vizek Vidović V., Rijevac M., Vlahović-Štetić V., Miljković D. (2014) Psihologija obrazovanja. IEP, Zagreb.</p>
Optional reading	<p>Biggs J., Tang C. (2011) Teaching for Quality Learning at University: What the Student Does, 4th ed. Society for Research into Higher Education & Open University Press.</p> <p>Dryden G., Vos J. (2001) Revolucija u učenju. Educa, Zagreb.</p> <p>Kuhn D. (2005) Education for Thinking. MA: Harvard University Press, Cambridge.</p>
Conditions for obtaining teacher's signature	<p>Students are obliged to participate in lectures actively and to fulfil all assignments within the course.</p>
Exam passing procedure	<p>During the course, the teacher monitors and evaluates the activities of students by awarding points according to determined criteria. The teacher thus provides continuous feedback, which students use to assess their learning progress with the aim to improve their learning process and professional development. At the end of the course, students perform a case-study analysis. The final grade is determined according to the number of points gained during the course and at the written exam.</p>
Main language of instruction; other languages	<p>Croatian language</p>
Method of monitoring the quality and efficiency of teaching	<p>During the course, the teacher performs evaluation for learning by continuous monitoring of the learning process and student achievement, thus determining and adapting his/her teaching. After the course, the teacher conducts a survey among students to evaluate their subjective impression about the teaching quality, all with the aim to improve future teaching.</p>

Course title	Ultrastructure of Cell Organelles							
Code	BBZ38_2025							
Study programme	University undergraduate study programme in Biology							
Semester	VI semester							
Workload/ECTS credits	2							
Course status	Elective							
Course teacher	Assist. Prof. Dr. Selma Mlinarić							
Associate teachers								
Course entry requirements (Preceding courses)	Cell Biology (passed exam), Physical Foundations of Instrumental Methods in Biology (passed exam)							
Course objective	To enable students to understand the function of cell structures, and to train students for experimental work by elaborating appropriate methods used in preparation and observation of cell structures.							
Learning outcomes	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ability to examine the relations between cell structures and their functions. 2. Ability to critically assess the learned theoretical knowledge about cell ultrastructure. 3. Ability to distinguish and analyse cell structures on micrographs. 4. Ability to select and apply appropriate methods for tissue preparation, contrast techniques and production of ultrathin preparations. 							
Link between learning outcomes, teaching and students' activities		Learning outcome	Share of ECTS	Form of teaching	Activities of learning and teaching	Assessment		
						Methods of monitoring and evaluation	Grading Points	
							min	max
		1-3	0.5	Lecture	Critical conversation and discussion, flipped classroom	Records related to active participation in conversations and discussions	10	20
		3	0.5	Practices	Interpretation of scientific papers and application of obtained results at concepts learned within lectures	Monitoring of student's interpretations and performance at tasks	20	30
		1-4	0.5	Written exam	Preparation for written exam	Written exam	20	30
		1-4	0.5	Oral exam	Preparation for oral exam	Oral exam	10	20
	Total	2				60	100	
	Final grade: 60-70 points: grade 2 (sufficient) 71-80 points: grade 3 (good) 81-90 points: grade 4 (very good) 91-100 points: grade 5 (excellent)							
Consultation hours	By appointment.							
Teaching	Lectures		Seminars			Practices		
Hours - total	15		0			15		
Course content / teaching units	Lecture: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ultrastructure of biomembranes: lipid bilayer, membrane proteins and their functions in transport through the biomembrane 							

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Structural and functional connection between the nucleus and the endoplasmic reticulum: analysis of electron microscopic images, transport of molecules from and into the nucleus • Ultrastructure of the Golgi apparatus and its products • Mitochondria and plastids: characteristics of ultrastructure under the influence of various factors • Cytoskeleton and cell differentiation <p>Practices:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fixation of live material, preparation of blocks, cutting on ultramicrotome, site-visit to the Ruder Bošković Institute, working with an electron microscope, interpretation of microphotographs. Making of conclusions.
Recommended reading	Cooper G.M. (2004) Stanica – molekularni pristup, 3. izdanje. Medicinska naklada, Zagreb. Taylor N., Millar A. (2017) Isolation of Plant Organelles and Structures. Methods in Molecular Biology, Humana Press, New York.
Optional reading	Yeung E.C.T., Stasolla C., Sumner M.J., Huang B.Q. (eds.) (2015) Plant microtechniques and protocols. Springer International Publishing, Switzerland. Pifat-Mrzljak G. (ed.) (2004) Supramolecular structure and function 8. Kluwer Academic. Relevant scientific papers referring to the subject area.
Conditions for obtaining teacher's signature	Students are obliged to participate in lectures actively and to fulfil all assignments within the course.
Exam passing procedure	During the course, the teacher monitors and evaluates the activities of students by awarding points according to determined criteria. After lectures and practices, students take a written exam and then an oral exam. Points gained at written and oral exam are added to the points gathered up to the final exam, thus making a total number of points to be converted to final grade.
Main language of instruction; other languages	Croatian language, English language
Method of monitoring the quality and efficiency of teaching	After the course, an anonymous survey will be carried out among students to evaluate their subjective impression about the organisation and quality of teaching; during the lectures, students will have opportunity to make written or oral remarks; monitoring of students' success at exams

Course title	Computer-aided Biology						
Code	BBZ67						
Study programme	University undergraduate study programme in Biology						
Semester	III semester						
Workload/ECTS credits	2						
Course status	Elective						
Course teacher	Prof. Dr. Branimir K. Hackenberger						
Associate teachers	Assist. Prof. Dr. Željka Lončarić						
Course entry requirements (Preceding courses)							
Course objective	The primary goal of the course is to facilitate acquisition of knowledge needed for working on computers, and to educate students to collect, format, analyse and graphically display data in biology.						
Learning outcomes	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Knowledge about basic concepts related to computers and working on computers, and ability to process and design biology-related data by using computers. 2. Ability to search biological databases, to collect, format, analyse and graphically display data. 3. Developed skills in searching of scientific papers in the field of biology/ecology. 4. Ability to create the most commonly used graphic presentations in biology/ ecology. 5. Knowledge about basic presentation of biological/ecological data. 						
Link between learning outcomes, teaching and students' activities	Learning outcome	Share of ECTS	Form of teaching	Activities of learning and teaching	Assessment		
					Methods of monitoring and evaluation	Grading Points	
						min	max
	1-4	1	Practices	Solving of tasks	Records related to attendance of practices	30	50
	1-4	1	Written exam	Preparation for written exam	Written exam	30	50
Total	2				60	100	
Final grade: 60-70 points: grade 2 (sufficient) 71-80 points: grade 3 (good) 81-90 points: grade 4 (very good) 91-100 points: grade 5 (excellent)							
Consultation hours	By appointment						
Teaching	Lectures		Seminars		Practices		
Hours - total	0		0		30		
Course content / teaching units	Practices: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Defining basic concepts and getting acquainted with basic work on computers • Basics of text formatting (formatting of a scientific paper in the field of biology/ecology) • Searching for data in biological/ecological databases, data processing and presentation in tables • Biological data management, theory and data processing • Methods of biological data analysis • Graphical presentation of data as of the most commonly used types of graphs in scientific papers dealing with biological and ecological topics • Searching of biological databases and databases containing professional and scientific papers in the field of biology • Presentation of biological/ecological data 						
Recommended reading	Wang Z., Zhang L. (2018) Essential Computing Skills for Biologists (Series on Advances in Bioinformatics and Computational Biology). Imperial College Press.						
Optional reading	Gookin D. (2015) Word 2016 For Dummies, For Dummies. Harvey G., (2016) Excel 2016 For Dummies, For Dummies.						

Conditions for obtaining teacher's signature	Regular attendance at lectures, successfully completed practices.
Exam passing procedure	During the course, the teacher monitors and evaluates performance of each student, which refers to 50% of the final grade and passing of written exam refers to the remaining 50% of the final grade.
Main language of instruction; other languages	Croatian language, English language
Method of monitoring the quality and efficiency of teaching	Student survey to evaluate the overall quality of the course. Analysis of student success at the exam.

Course title	Protected Animal Species						
Code	BBZ48						
Study programme	University undergraduate study programme in Biology						
Semester	III semester						
Workload/ECTS credits	2						
Course status	Elective						
Course teacher	Prof. Dr. Enrih Merdić						
Associate teachers							
Course entry requirements (Preceding courses)							
Course objective	To develop students' ability to valorise protected and endangered animal species in Croatia.						
Learning outcomes	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ability to critically assess the criteria defined out by the IUCN for threatened species. 2. Knowledge about legal provisions for animal protection in Croatia. 3. Ability to justify the endangerment status of certain groups of animals. 4. Ability to define the most important protected animals and to explain the reasons for their protection. 5. Ability to review the status of protected animal species by making comparison with the endangered species on the red lists. 						
Link between learning outcomes, teaching and students' activities	Learning outcome	Share of ECTS	Form of teaching	Activities of learning and teaching	Assessment		
					Methods of monitoring and evaluation	Grading Points	
			min	max			
	1-5	0.5	Lecture	Attendance of lectures	Records	18	30
	4-5	0.5	Seminar	Independent research work	Assessment of seminar paper	24	40
	1-5	1	Final exam	Preparation for final exam	Oral presentation	18	30
Total	2				60	100	
Final grade: 60-65 points: grade 2 (sufficient) 66-75 points: grade 3 (good) 76-85 points: grade 4 (very good) 86-100 points: grade 5 (excellent)							
Consultation hours	The schedule of consultation hours is announced at the teacher's office door.						
Teaching	Lectures		Seminars		Practices		
Hours - total	15		15		0		
Course content / teaching units	Lectures: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reasons of the animal endangerment • Models of protection • Determination of the endangerment criteria • Protection mechanism assured within international conventions and agreements, especially within the EU legislation (the EU Birds and Habitats Directives) • Action plan for the protection of the special animals • Legislative framework in the Republic of Croatia • Overview of protected animals in the world and Croatia Seminars: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students shall present seminar papers about topics of their interest 						
Recommended reading	Radović J. (ed.) (1999) Pregled stanja biološke i krajobrazne raznolikosti Hrvatske sa strategijom i akcijskim planovima zaštite. Državna uprava za zaštitu prirode i okoliša. Radović D., Kralj J., Tutiš V., Čiković D. (2003) Crvena knjiga ugroženih ptica Hrvatske. MZOiPO, Zagreb.						

Optional reading	www.iucn.org www.redlist.org www.dzpz.hr
Conditions for obtaining teacher's signature	Students are obliged to participate in lectures actively.
Exam passing procedure	Students shall deliver an oral presentation about the topic of their choice. Presentations are evaluated according to criteria valid for the assessment of seminar papers. Monitoring of students' performance during the course refers to 40% of the final grade, and the remaining 60% refers to success at the final exam.
Main language of instruction; other languages	Croatian language
Method of monitoring the quality and efficiency of teaching	Evaluation form

Facultative Module Chemistry

Course title	Analytical Chemistry 1						
Code	K031						
Study programme	University undergraduate study programme in Biology						
Semester	IV semester						
Workload/ECTS credits	2						
Course status	Elective						
Course teacher	Assoc. Prof. Dr. Maja Molnar						
Associate teachers							
Course entry requirements (Preceding courses)	General (1) and Inorganic Chemistry (1) (attended)						
Course objective	To acquire basic knowledge necessary for understanding and performing regular methods of chemical analysis, and to enable students to think critically about conducting sample analysis in the laboratory.						
Learning outcomes	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ability to recommend an analytical method or several ones for processing of various types of samples. 2. Ability to evaluate and determine the type of analytical method based on types of chemical reactions and chemical equilibrium. 3. Ability to solve computational problems related to particular course unit. 4. Ability to compare and assess certain types of qualitative and quantitative analytical methods, and to apply them in analytical calculations. 5. Ability to identify errors in quantitative analysis, including the basics of statistical processing of analytical results. 						
Link between learning outcomes, teaching and students' activities					Assessment		
					Methods of monitoring and evaluation	Grading Points	
						min	max
	1-5	0.5	Lecture	Lecture attendance and active participation in critical discussion, and presentation of seminar paper	Records, evaluation	10	20
	1-5	5	Exam	Written exam	Written exam	15	30
1-5	1.0	Final exam	Oral exam	Oral exam	25	50	
	Total	2			50	100	
	Final grade: 50-69.9 points: grade 2 (sufficient) 70-79.9 points: grade 3 (good) 80-89.9 points: grade 4 (very good) 90-100 points: grade 5 (excellent)						
Consultation hours	By appointment.						
Teaching	Lectures		Seminars		Practices		
Hours - total	30		0		0		

Course content / teaching units	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The role of analytical chemistry in science, • Sampling, sample decomposition and solution • Chemicals, devices, basic operations and calculations in analytical chemistry, • Chemical equilibrium in solutions that are significant for chemical analysis (acid-base, redox, complex formation, solubility), • Titrimetric methods of analysis - theory and practice • Neutralising, redox titrations, complexometric and precipitation titrations • Principles of the gravimetric analysis
Recommended reading	Skoog D.A., West D.M., Holler F. J. (1999) Osnove analitičke kemije. Školska knjiga, Zagreb.
Optional reading	Radić Nj., Kukoč Modun L. Uvod u analitičku kemiju. Školska knjiga, Zagreb. Šoljić Z. (1998) Računanje u analitičkoj kemiji. FKIT, Zagreb.
Conditions for obtaining teacher's signature	Lecture attendance and presentation of seminar paper.
Exam passing procedure	Based on the attendance records and the presented seminar paper, the students proceed with the written exam. If achieving sufficient number of points (min. 60%) at the written exam, they take the oral exam, which makes the major share in the final grade.
Main language of instruction; other languages	Croatian language, English language
Method of monitoring the quality and efficiency of teaching	Student survey after the course; reviews during the course and possibility to give oral or written remarks after lectures; monitoring of student success at exams.

Course title	Analytical Chemistry 2						
Code	K032						
Study programme	University undergraduate study programme in Biology						
Semester	IV semester						
Workload/ECTS credits	2						
Course status	Elective						
Course teacher	Assist. Prof. Dr. Olivera Galović						
Associate teachers							
Course entry requirements (Preceding courses)	General Chemistry (attended), Analytical Chemistry 1 (attended)						
Course objective	To enable students to understand the basic principles of instrumental methods that are applied in analytical chemistry and to teach them how to select appropriate analytical techniques for sample analysis and how to use the scientific literature.						
Learning outcomes	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ability to compare the principles of instrumental methods that are used for analysis of various samples. 2. Ability to select an instrumental method, which is the most suitable for the analysis of specific samples. 3. Ability to define the most common instrumental methods. 4. Ability to apply the learned concepts in solving of calculus tasks. 						
Link between learning outcomes, teaching and students' activities					Assessment		
	Learning outcome	Share of ECTS	Form of teaching	Activities of learning and teaching	Methods of monitoring and evaluation	Grading Points	
						min	max
	1-3	1	Lecture	Discussion	Records related to students' engagement in discussions	6	10
	1-4	0.5	Seminar	Solving of calculus tasks by applying concepts learned within lectures	Records related to students' performance at solving of tasks	6	10
1-4	0.5	Written exam	Preparation for written exam	Written exam	48	80	
	Total	2				60	100
	Final grade: 60-70.9 points: grade 2 (sufficient) 71-80.9 points: grade 3 (good) 81-90.9 points: grade 4 (very good) 91-100 points: grade 5 (excellent)						
Consultation hours	By appointment.						
Teaching	Lectures		Seminars		Practices		
Hours - total	30		15		0		
Course content / teaching units	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Separation techniques, introduction to analytical separations (precipitation, distillation, extraction, ion exchange) • Spectrochemical methods, introduction to the spectrochemical methods, instrumentation for optical spectrometry, molecular absorption spectrometry (UV-VIS spectroscopy, IR spectroscopy) • Electrochemical methods, introduction to electrochemistry, potentiometry, amperometry, voltammetry. 						
Recommended reading	Radić Nj., Kukoč Modun L. (2016) Uvod u analitičku kemiju. Školska knjiga, Zagreb. Skoog D.A., West D.M., Holler F. J. (1999) Osnove analitičke kemije. Školska knjiga, Zagreb.						

Optional reading	Douglas A., Skoog F., Holler J., Crouch S.R. (2017) Principles of Instrumental Analysis, 7th ed. Cengage Learning, US. Harris D.C. (2010) Quantitative Chemical Analysis, 8th ed. W.H.Freeman and Company.
Conditions for obtaining teacher's signature	Active participation in classes and completion of all assignments within the course.
Exam passing procedure	Two preliminary exams passed during the course, or final written exam after lectures. The final grade comprises points that students collect during lectures and seminars (points referring to active participation in classes).
Main language of instruction; other languages	Croatian language
Method of monitoring the quality and efficiency of teaching	Conversation with students during lectures, student survey after the course.

Course title	Inorganic Chemistry 2					
Code	K021					
Study programme	University undergraduate study programme in Biology					
Semester	V semester					
Workload/ECTS credits	3					
Course status	Elective					
Course teacher	Assoc. Prof. Dr. Tomislav Balić					
Associate teachers						
Course entry requirements (Preceding courses)	Passed exams within the courses General and Inorganic Chemistry 1 and 2					
Course objective	To enable students to understand basic concepts of structure and properties of inorganic substances and elements. To enable students to independently search the scientific literature in the field of inorganic chemistry and to write and present current scientific issues within their seminar papers.					
Learning outcomes	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ability to explain and describe the electronic structure of atoms, ions and molecules and the structure of crystalline matter. 2. Skills required for reviewing the differences in atomic structure of metals, non-metals, transition metals and noble gases. 3. Knowledge about the structure of ionic, metallic and molecular compounds. 4. Ability to analyse and apply the basic coordination polyhedra. 5. Knowledge about the principles of the X-ray diffraction method. 6. Widening of the acquired knowledge within the preparation of seminar paper and at problem solving. 7. Ability to critically assess the relevant scientific literature. 					
Link between learning outcomes, teaching and students' activities	Learning outcome	Share of ECTS	Form of teaching	Activities of learning and teaching	Assessment	
					Methods of monitoring and evaluation	Grading Points
						min max
	1-5	1	Lecture	Lecture attendance and active participation	Records related to students' attendance and activities	5 10
	1-6	0.5	Knowledge assessment (preliminary exams)	Preparation for knowledge assessment (preliminary exams)	Preliminary written exam	15 30
	6,7	0.5	Writing and presenting a seminar paper	Writing of seminar paper	Oral presentation	10 20
1-7	1	Final exam	Preparation for written and oral exam	Written and oral exam	20 40	
Total	3				50 100	
	Final grade: 50-60 points: grade 2 (sufficient) 61-75 points: grade 3 (good) 76-90 points: grade 4 (very good) 91-100 points: grade 5 (excellent)					
Consultation hours	By appointment.					
Teaching	Lectures		Seminars		Practices	

Hours - total	30	15	0
Course content / teaching units	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Basic concepts of the electronic structure, chemical bonding, molecular and crystal structure • Bonds, structures and properties of elements and compounds • Chemistry of selected anions • Coordination chemistry • Solutions, acids and bases • Periodic Table of Chemical Elements • Chemistry of the Main Group elements: Hydrogen, Group 1, Group 2, Boron and Group 13, Carbon and Group 14 • Within the seminars, current topics published in journals of Inorganic Chemistry will be discussed (students deliver presentations of their seminar papers). Students will be engaged in solving of tasks. 		
Recommended reading	<p>Cotton F. A., Wilkinson G., Gaus P. L. (1995) Basic Inorganic Chemistry, 3. ed. John Wiley & Sons, New York.</p> <p>Filipović I., Lipanović S. (1995) Opća i anorganska kemija, 9. izd. Školska knjiga, Zagreb.</p> <p>Grdenić D. (2005) Molekule i kristali, 5. izd. Školska knjiga, Zagreb.</p> <p>Houscroft C. E., Sharp A. G. (2005) Inorganic Chemistry. Prentice Hall.</p> <p>West A.R. (1998) Solid State Chemistry and its Applications. Wiley, New York.</p>		
Optional reading	<p>Cotton F. A., Wilkinson G. (1999) Advanced Inorganic Chemistry, 6. ed. John Wiley & Sons, New York.</p> <p>Shriver D.F., Atkinson P.W. (2006) Inorganic Chemistry, 4. ed., Oxford University Press, Oxford.</p>		
Conditions for obtaining teacher's signature	Students are obliged to participate in lectures actively and to fulfil all assignments within the course (seminar tasks and seminar papers).		
Exam passing procedure	Written and oral exams are taken after the attended lectures. The final grade refers to: regular attendance and active participation in lectures – 10%, seminar paper – 20%, preliminary exams in the middle and at the end of semester - 30% and success at the final exam – 40%.		
Main language of instruction; other languages	Croatian language, English language		
Method of monitoring the quality and efficiency of teaching	Student survey after the course; reviews during the course and possibility to give oral or written remarks after lectures; monitoring of student success at exams.		

Course title	Inorganic Chemistry 3						
Code	K022						
Study programme	University undergraduate study programme in Biology						
Semester	VI semester						
Workload/ECTS credits	4						
Course status	Elective						
Course teacher	Assoc. Prof. Dr. Elvira Kovač-Andrić						
Associate teachers							
Course entry requirements (Preceding courses)	Passed exam within General and Inorganic Chemistry, and attended course Inorganic Chemistry 2						
Course objective	To enable students to understand basic concepts related to the chemistry of coordination compounds and properties of element groups.						
Learning outcomes	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ability to discuss coordination compounds and compare the structure of coordination compounds. 2. Integrated knowledge about atomic structure between elements of groups 15 and 16 and their properties. 3. Written and explained electronic structure of transition metals and magnetic and spectroscopic properties arising from it. 4. Ability to compare the crystal and ligand field and to explain the consequences of their properties on the solid state. 5. Ability to determine electronic states of individual coordination compounds. 6. Application of acquired knowledge in performing of laboratory practices. 						
Link between learning outcomes, teaching and students' activities					Assessment		
	Learning outcome	Share of ECTS	Form of teaching	Activities of learning and teaching	Methods of monitoring and evaluation	Grading Points	
						min	max
	1-6	1.5	Lecture	Critical conversation and discussion	Records related to student performance during discussion and analysis	15	30
	1-6	1	Seminar	Interpretation of problem-based tasks	Monitoring of student's interpretations and performance at tasks	20	40
	1-6	1	Written exam	Preparation for written exam	Written exam	10	20
1-6	0.5	Oral exam	Preparation for oral exam	Oral exam	5	10	
	Total	4				50	100
Final grade: 50-60 points: grade 2 (sufficient) 61-75 points: grade 3 (good) 76-90 points: grade 4 (very good) 91-100 points: grade 5 (excellent) Final exam: minimum number of points refers to the lowest grade (sufficient), and maximum number of points refers to the highest grade (excellent).							
Consultation hours	By appointment.						
Teaching	Lectures		Seminars			Practices	

Hours - total	45	15	0
Course content / teaching units	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chemistry of the main group elements: nitrogen and Group 15, oxygen and Group 16, halogens, noble gases, chemistry of the selected metals • Transition metals and properties of complex compounds in relation to their structure, nature of chemical bonds, spectroscopic and magnetic-chemical behaviour • Crystal and ligand field theories in the chemistry of coordination compounds • Electron spectroscopy • Introduction to the solid state chemistry; • Introduction to the bioinorganic chemistry • Within the seminars, current topics published in journals of inorganic chemistry will be discussed (students deliver presentations of their seminar papers). Students will be engaged in solving of tasks. 		
Recommended reading	<p>Cotton F.A., Wilkinson G., Gaus P.L. (1995) Basic Inorganic Chemistry, 3rd ed. John Wiley & Sons, New York.</p> <p>Filipović I., Lipanović S. (1995) Opća i anorganska kemija, 9. izd. Školska knjiga, Zagreb.</p> <p>Grdenić D. (2005) Molekule i kristali, 5. izd.. Školska knjiga, Zagreb.</p> <p>Rayner-Canham G., Overton T. Descriptive Inorganic Chemistry. Freeman & Co., New York.</p>		
Optional reading	<p>Cotton F.A., Wilkinson G. (1999) Advanced Inorganic Chemistry, 6th ed., John Wiley & Sons, New York.</p> <p>Rodgers E. (2002) Descriptive Inorganic, Coordination, and Solid State Chemistry, 2. izd., Brooks Cole, Belmont.</p> <p>Shriver D.F., Atkinson P.W. (2006) Inorganic Chemistry, 4th ed. Oxford University Press, Oxford.</p>		
Conditions for obtaining teacher's signature	Students are obliged to participate in lectures actively and to fulfil all assignments within the course (practices, seminar tasks).		
Exam passing procedure	Written and oral exams are taken after the attended lectures. The final grade refers to: regular attendance and active participation in lectures – 10 %, seminar paper – 25 %, preliminary exam in the middle of semester – 25 % and success at the final exam – 40 %.		
Main language of instruction; other languages	Croatian language		
Method of monitoring the quality and efficiency of teaching	Student survey after the course; reviews during the course and possibility to give oral or written remarks after lectures; monitoring of student success at exams.		

Course title	Chemistry in Everyday Life											
Code	K083											
Study programme	University undergraduate study programme in Biology											
Semester	III semester											
Workload/ECTS credits	2											
Course status	Elective											
Course teacher	Assist. Prof. Dr. Olivera Galović											
Associate teachers												
Course entry requirements (Preceding courses)	Courses related to chemistry											
Course objective	To enable students to understand basic concepts in chemistry that are applicable to everyday situations.											
Learning outcomes	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ability to compare the daily activities of humans and chemical processes that take place in their environment. 2. Ability to assess positive and negative impact of humans on nature and natural processes. 3. Ability to analyse the relevant scientific literature. 4. Ability to apply knowledge in solving of simpler problem-based tasks. 											
Link between learning outcomes, teaching and students' activities		Learning outcome	Share of ECTS	Form of teaching	Activities of learning and teaching	Assessment						
						Methods of monitoring and evaluation	Grading Points					
							min	max				
						1-3	1	Lecture	Discussion	Records related to students' engagement in discussions	6	10
						1-4	0.5	Practices	Working on tasks by applying knowledge acquired during lectures	Records related to performance at solving of tasks	6	10
1-4	0.5	Written exam	Preparation for written exam	Written exam	48	80						
Total	2				60	100						
Final grade: 60-70.9 points: grade 2 (sufficient) 71-80.9 points: grade 3 (good) 81-90.9 points: grade 4 (very good) 91-100 points: grade 5 (excellent)												
Consultation hours	By appointment											
Teaching	Lectures		Seminars		Practices							
Hours - total	15		0		15							
Course content / teaching units	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • By using examples from everyday life (medications, detergents, plastics, food additives, cosmetic products, fertilisers), as well as by elaborating selected issues and solutions, students will be introduced to the role of chemistry in criminology, ecology, technology, transport, waste management, food production and other industries. • Better understanding of chemistry and chemistry laws for better control of chemicals in everyday life situations and for achievement of maximum benefit and minimum risk of their usage. 											

Recommended reading	American Chemical Society (2018) Chemistry in context - Applying Chemistry to Society, 9th ed. Hill J.W., McCreary T.W., Kolb D.K. (2016) Chemistry for Changing Time (Global Edition). Pearson Higher Ed.
Optional reading	Lee H.C., Gaensslen R.E. (2013) Advances in Fingerprint Technology, 3rd ed. CRC Press, New York. Journal of Chemical Education
Conditions for obtaining teacher's signature	Active participation in classes and completion of all assignments within the course.
Exam passing procedure	Passed two preliminary exams during the course or final written exam after the attended lectures. The final grade also includes the points obtained for active participation in lectures and seminars.
Main language of instruction; other languages	Croatian language
Method of monitoring the quality and efficiency of teaching	Conversation with students during lectures, student survey after the course.

Course title	General Chemistry 2							
Code	K016							
Study programme	University undergraduate study programme in Biology							
Semester	III semester							
Workload/ECTS credits	3							
Course status	Elective							
Course teacher	Assoc. Prof. Dr. Maja Molnar							
Associate teachers								
Course entry requirements (Preceding courses)	General Chemistry (1)							
Course objective	Students that attended the course General Chemistry (1) will expand their basic knowledge about concepts, phenomena and laws of general chemistry. Such widened knowledge students will use in further studies.							
Learning outcomes	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ability to determine the substance based on the structure of pure substances, and to distinguish types of chemical bonding in characterisation of individual substances and groups. 2. Ability to determine properties of elements and their position in the periodic table of elements, and vice versa. 3. Ability to determine the type of chemical equilibrium in a system (homogeneous /heterogeneous), and to predict the behaviour of a system based on the type of equilibrium, with emphasis on the equilibrium in electrolyte solutions. 4. Ability to assess the influence of specific factors on the chemical reaction rate. 5. Ability to determine the reactivity and stability of complex compounds based on their structure. 6. Ability to distinguish basic concepts of nuclear and radio chemistry. 7. Application of acquired knowledge in solving of calculus tasks in General Chemistry 2. 							
Link between learning outcomes, teaching and students' activities			Assessment					
	Learning outcome	Share of ECTS	Form of teaching	Activities of learning and teaching	Methods of monitoring and evaluation	Grading Points		
						min	max	
	1-7	1	Lecture	Attendance of lectures, and active participation in discussions	Records	10	15	
	1-7	1.5	Seminars	Attendance of lectures, preparation and presentation of seminar paper, and completion of tasks	Records, assessment of seminar paper presentation	20	35	
1-7	0.5	Final exam	Exam preparation	Oral exam	30	50		
Total		3				60	100	
Final grade: 60-70 points: grade 2 (sufficient) 71-80 points: grade 3 (good) 81-90 points: grade 4 (very good) 91-100 points: grade 5 (excellent) Final exam: minimum number of points refers to the lowest grade (sufficient), and maximum number of points refers to the highest grade (excellent).								
Consultation hours	By appointment.							

Teaching	Lectures	Seminars	Practices
Hours - total	30	15	0
Course content / teaching units	Lectures: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Advanced study in general chemistry involves acquisition of knowledge referring to the structure of matter, chemical bonding, molecular orbitals and the periodic table of elements. The teaching units refer to gas laws, properties of solids and solutions, electrochemistry, chemical kinetics and equilibrium. Students shall acquire knowledge about the chemistry of complex compounds, radio and nuclear chemistry. Seminars: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> At seminars, students will develop skills in solving stoichiometric tasks related to the above-mentioned teaching units, and they will apply the acquired knowledge in the interpretation of specific everyday phenomena. 		
Recommended reading	Filipović I., Lipanović S. (1995) Opća i anorganska kemija I. Dio. Školska knjiga, Zagreb. Silberberg M. (2000) Chemistry, 2nd ed. McGraw-Hill, Inc., New York. Sikirica M. (1989) Stehiometrija. Školska knjiga, Zagreb.		
Optional reading	Eatough N. (1992) Study Guide to Accompany Russel General Chemistry, 2nd ed. McGraw-Hill, Inc., New York. Mortimer C.H. (1996) Chemistry, 6th ed. Wadsworth, Inc., Belmont. Rusell J.B. (1992) General Chemistry, 2nd ed. McGraw-Hill, Inc., New York. Weiss R. (1992) Student Solution Manual to Accompany Russel General Chemistry, 2nd ed. McGraw-Hill, Inc., New York.		
Conditions for obtaining teacher's signature	Attendance of lectures and presentation of a seminar paper.		
Exam passing procedure	Based on the attendance records and the presented seminar paper, the students proceed with the written exam. If achieving sufficient number of points (min. 60%) at the written exam, they take the oral exam, which makes the major share in the final grade.		
Main language of instruction; other languages	Croatian language, English language		
Method of monitoring the quality and efficiency of teaching	Student survey after the course; reviews during the course and possibility to give oral or written remarks after lectures; monitoring of student success at exams.		

Course title	Organic Chemistry 2						
Code	K042						
Study programme	University undergraduate study programme in Biology						
Semester	III semester						
Workload/ECTS credits	3						
Course status	Elective						
Course teacher	Assoc. Prof. Dr. Dajana Gašo-Sokač						
Associate teachers							
Course entry requirements (Preceding courses)	General (1) and Inorganic Chemistry (1) (attended), Organic Chemistry 1 (attended)						
Course objective	Acquisition of knowledge about the structure and reactivity of organic molecules, with special emphasis on the mechanisms of reactions. Acquisition of knowledge about natural organic compounds present in organisms and in food.						
Learning outcomes	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ability to define and classify individual organic compounds according to the type of bonding and functional group. 2. Ability to predict the reactivity of a particular group of compounds with respect to their structure. 3. Ability to distinguish stereoisomers and to recognise elements of symmetry; ability to determine the absolute and relative configuration of chiral compounds. 4. Skills required to demonstrate and interpret mechanisms of chemical reactions. 5. Knowledge about properties of individual compounds and their dependence on the structure. 6. Ability to apply the acquired knowledge in solving tasks related to reactivity of individual compounds and their stereochemical characteristics. 7. Skills in designing a chemical synthesis (selection of reactants and calculation of their amounts with respect to the desired amount of product and the reaction rate). 						
Link between learning outcomes, teaching and students' activities					Assessment		
	Learning outcome	Share of ECTS	Form of teaching	Activities of learning and teaching	Methods of monitoring and evaluation	Grading Points	
						min	max
	1-7	1	Lectures	Critical conversation and discussion	Records related to active participation in conversations and discussions	2,5	5
	1-7	0.5	Seminar	Solving of tasks and their interpretation	Monitoring of student's interpretations and performance at tasks	2,5	5
	1-7	0.5	Written exam	Preparation for written exam	Written exam	25	30
1-7	1	Oral exam	Preparation for oral exam	Oral exam	30	60	
Total	3				60	100	
	Final grade: 60-70 points: grade 2 (sufficient) 71-80 points: grade 3 (good) 81-90 points: grade 4 (very good) 90-100 points: grade 5 (excellent)						
Consultation hours	Two hours a week (according to schedule defined at the beginning of the academic year) and additional consultation hours as agreed with students.						
Teaching	Lectures		Seminars		Practices		

Hours - total	30	15	0
Course content / teaching units	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction to the course • Carboxylic acids and functional derivatives of carboxylic acids, reactivity of carboxylic acids and derivatives, mechanisms of nucleophilic acyl substitution • Amines and diazonium salts, organic dyes • Phenols, phenolic acidity • Carbohydrates, monosaccharides, disaccharides, polysaccharides, starch and cellulose, reducing and non-reducing sugars • Heterocyclic compounds, pyrrole, pyridine, purine and pyrimidine bases, reactions of electrophilic and nucleophilic aromatic substitution • Lipids, division of lipids, fats and oils, essential fatty acids • Terpenes • Carboxylic acids with several functional groups (dicarboxylic acids, oxy-, oxo-amino acids) 		
Recommended reading	<p>Klein D.R. (2013) Organic chemistry. John Wiley and Sons. Pine S. (1994) Organska kemija. Školska knjiga, Zagreb. Smith J.G. (2010) Organic chemistry, 3rd ed. McGraw-Hill. Wade L.G. ml (2017) Organska kemija. Školska knjiga, Zagreb. Skupina autora (2002) Vodič kroz IUPAC-ovu nomenklaturu organskih spojeva, Školska knjiga, Zagreb.</p>		
Optional reading	<p>Carey F.A. (2000) Organic Chemistry, McGraw Hill. Clayden J., Greeves N., Warren S., Wothers P. (2001) Organic Chemistry. Oxford University Press. Solomons T.W.G., Fryhle C.B. (2000) Organic Chemistry, 10 ed. John Wiley & Sons, New York. Lewis D.E. (1996) Organic Chemistry: a modern Perspective. Brown Publishers, USA.</p>		
Conditions for obtaining teacher's signature	<p>Students are obliged to participate in lectures actively and to attend minimum 70% of lectures and 70% of seminars.</p>		
Exam passing procedure	<p>The exam is divided into the written and oral part. Within the written exam, students need to achieve minimum 60% of total points in order to proceed with the oral exam.</p>		
Main language of instruction; other languages	<p>Croatian language, English language</p>		
Method of monitoring the quality and efficiency of teaching	<p>Survey on the subjective impression about the organisation of the course will be carried out after the course; during the course, students will be given an opportunity to make oral or written remarks; the teacher monitors students' success at exams.</p>		

Course title	Analytical Chemistry Laboratory Practice 1											
Code	K033											
Study programme	University undergraduate study programme in Biology											
Semester	IV semester											
Workload/ECTS credits	2											
Course status	Elective											
Course teacher	Assoc. Prof. Dr. Maja Molnar											
Associate teachers												
Course entry requirements (Preceding courses)	General (1) and Inorganic Chemistry (1), Analytical Chemistry (1), Analytical Chemistry (2) (attended)											
Course objective	To enable students to develop skills referring to application of basic methods and procedures of chemical analysis, and to study qualitative methods of analysis by separation of cations and anions.											
Learning outcomes	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ability to perform specific method of analysis to prove cations and anions individually and in a mixture. 2. Skills required to carry out elementary chemical analysis of unknown salts. 3. Skills required to carry out organic elemental analysis. 4. Ability to compare different methods in qualitative analysis with an example for method innovation. 											
Link between learning outcomes, teaching and students' activities		Learning outcome	Share of ECTS	Form of teaching	Activities of learning and teaching	Assessment						
						Methods of monitoring and evaluation	Grading Points					
							min	max				
						1-4	1	Practices	Practical classes attendance and active engagement	Records, evaluation of performed analyses	15	30
						1-4	1	Exam	Preparation for written exam	Written exam	45	70
Total	2				60	100						
Final grade: 60-70 points: grade 2 (sufficient) 71-80 points: grade 3 (good) 81-90 points: grade 4 (very good) 91-100 points: grade 5 (excellent)												
Consultation hours	By appointment.											
Teaching	Lectures		Seminars		Practices							
Hours - total	0		0		30							
Course content / teaching units	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Qualitative chemical analysis, separation and detection of cations and anions individually by groups and in a mixture • Selected methods of classical chemical analysis • Application of chemical and physical principles of qualitative analysis 											
Recommended reading	Skoog D.A., West D.M., Holler F.J. (1999) Osnove analitičke kemije. Školska knjiga, Zagreb. Praktikum iz analitičke kemije, skripta za internu uporabu.											
Optional reading	Šoljić Z. (2003) Kvalitativna kemijska analiza anorganskih tvari. FKIT, Zagreb.											
Conditions for obtaining teacher's signature	Completion of laboratory practices.											

Exam passing procedure	During the course, the teacher monitors the activities of each student and evaluates performance at experiments. Upon successfully completed experiments, students proceed with the written exam in qualitative chemical analysis.
Main language of instruction; other languages	Croatian language, English language
Method of monitoring the quality and efficiency of teaching	Student survey after the course; reviews during the course and possibility to give oral or written remarks after lectures; monitoring of student success at exams.

Course title	Analytical Chemistry Laboratory Practice 2 and Seminar						
Code	K099						
Study programme	University undergraduate study programme in Biology						
Semester	V semester						
Workload/ECTS credits	3						
Course status	Elective						
Course teacher	Assoc. Prof. Dr. Maja Molnar						
Associate teachers							
Course entry requirements (Preceding courses)	General (1) and Inorganic Chemistry (1), Analytical Chemistry (1), Analytical Chemistry (2) (attended), Analytical Chemistry Laboratory Practice (1)						
Course objective	To introduce students to basic analytical techniques and procedures of quantitative chemical analysis. To enable students to critically evaluate the application of individual methods, and to perform calculations within analytical tasks and problems.						
Learning outcomes	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ability to evaluate and apply certain type of qualitative and quantitative chemical analysis based on the composition of analysed sample. 2. Skills in using instruments to perform standard laboratory procedures. 3. Ability to monitor chemical processes or changes, and to critically analyse them in order to obtain data on the qualitative and quantitative sample composition. 4. Ability to interpret and analyse data obtained by laboratory observation and measurements. 5. Ability to calculate and evaluate the accuracy of data obtained by electroanalytical, gravimetric and titrimetric methods of analysis. 						
Link between learning outcomes, teaching and students' activities					Assessment		
	Learning outcome	Share of ECTS	Form of teaching	Activities of learning and teaching	Methods of monitoring and evaluation	Grading Points	
						min	max
	1-5	0.5	Seminar	Practical classes attendance and active participation	Records, evaluation	15	25
	1-5	1	Practices	Completion of tasks and getting results with minimum deviation	Evaluation of analysis results	15	25
1-5	1.5	Written exam	Preparation for written exam	Written exam	30	50	
Total	3				60	100	
Final grade: 60-70 points: grade 2 (sufficient) 71-80 points: grade 3 (good) 81-90 points: grade 4 (very good) 91-100 points: grade 5 (excellent)							
Consultation hours							
Teaching	Lectures		Seminars		Practices		
Hours - total	0		15		30		
Course content / teaching units	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quantitative chemical analysis • Selected methods of classical chemical analysis • Procedures based on chemical and physical principles of quantitative analysis • Acid-base titrations • Redox titrations 						

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complexometric titrations • Precipitation titrations • Solution preparation, calculation and standardisation • Tasks referring to application of electroanalytical methods • Tasks referring to gravimetry • Tasks referring to volumetry (neutralisation titration, redox titration, complexometric titration, precipitation titration, standardisation)
Recommended reading	Skoog D.A., West D.M., Holler F.J. (1999) Osnove analitičke kemije. Školska knjiga, Zagreb. Praktikum iz analitičke kemije, skripta za internu uporabu
Optional reading	Šoljić Z. (1998) Računanje u analitičkoj kemiji. FKIT, Zagreb.
Conditions for obtaining teacher's signature	Students are obliged to participate in lectures actively and to fulfil all assignments within the course
Exam passing procedure	During the course, the teacher monitors the activities of each student and evaluates performance at experiments (deviations of experiment results, solving of calculus tasks). The final grade refers to assessment of performed activities and achieved success at the written exam.
Main language of instruction; other languages	Croatian language, English language
Method of monitoring the quality and efficiency of teaching	Student survey after the course; reviews during the course and possibility to give oral or written remarks after lectures; monitoring of student success at exams.

Course title	Inorganic Chemistry Laboratory Practice						
Code	K023						
Study programme	University undergraduate study programme in Biology						
Semester	VI semester						
Workload/ECTS credits	4						
Course status	Elective						
Course teacher	Assist. Prof. Dr. Anamarija Stanković						
Associate teachers	Željka Maduna, laboratory technician						
Course entry requirements (Preceding courses)	Passed exams within courses General and Inorganic Chemistry, and General Chemistry 2						
Course objective	To enable students to work independently in the laboratory by applying basic synthetic and analytical procedures and to predict the course of a chemical reaction by consulting scientific references.						
Learning outcomes	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ability to explain complex compounds coordination based on oxidation-reduction changes that occur in the chemical reactions of inorganic compounds. 2. Ability to compare the observed changes that occur during coordination of ligand to the metal cation. 3. Ability to assess suitability of methods for solving of experimental problems and apply them in other areas of chemistry 4. Skills required for analysis of obtained products by applying analytical methods, such as FTIR, TGA/DSC methods. 5. Ability to carry out experiments correctly and independently by complying with all safety measures. 						
Link between learning outcomes, teaching and students' activities					Assessment		
	Learning outcome	Share of ECTS	Form of teaching	Activities of learning and teaching	Methods of monitoring and evaluation	Grading Points	
						min	max
	1-5	2	Practices	Attendance, participation in classes by asking questions or giving suggestions, experimental work	Records related to attendance, evaluation of workbooks and practices, analysis of samples	5	10
	1-5	1	Periodic exams (preliminary exam, oral exam, practical exam)	Preparation for laboratory practices, taking of preliminary written/oral/practical exams during or prior to practical classes	Written preliminary exams, records referring to performance at practices	45	90
	1-5	1	Final exam*	Repetitions; written and/or oral exams	Written and/or oral exam*	45*	90*
*This teaching activity will be carried out only if a student has not achieved minimum number of points within a certain time span of the teaching activity: Periodic exams.							
Total	4				50	100	
Final grade: 50-60 points: grade 2 (sufficient) 61-75 points: grade 3 (good) 76-90 points: grade 4 (very good) 91-100 points: grade 5 (excellent)							
Consultation hours	By appointment.						

Teaching	Lectures	Seminars	Practices
Hours - total	0	0	60
Course content / teaching units	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Synthesis of potassium tetraperoxochromate (V), $K_3[Cr(O_2)_4]$ (+experiment) • Analysis of potassium content in the complex • Synthesis of oxobis(2,4-pentandionato)vanadium(IV) $[VO(C_5H_7O_2)_2]$ (+experiment) • Synthesis of oxobis(2,4-pentadionato)vanadium(IV), determination of vanadium • Synthesis of copper(I) chloride, CuCl • Synthesis of hexaamminecobalt(III) nitrate, $[Co(NH_3)_6](NO_3)_3$ • Analysis of the ammonium content • Analysis of the cobalt content • Synthesis of potassium tris(oxalato)chromate(III) trihydrate, $K_3[Cr(C_2O_4)_3] \cdot 3H_2O$ (+experiment) • Analysis of the chromium content • Synthesis of potassium bis(oxalato)copper(II) dihydrate, $K_2[Cu(C_2O_4)_2] \cdot 2H_2O$ • Analysis of the oxalate content • Complexes identification by using FTIR, DSC/TGA instruments 		
Recommended reading	<p>Cindrić M., Popović Z., Vrdoljak V. (2007) Priprava anorganskih spojeva (Upute za internu upotrebu u praktikumu iz anorganske kemije), Zagreb.</p> <p>Filipović I., Lipanović S. (1995) Opća i anorganska kemija, I i II. dio. Školska knjiga, Zagreb.</p> <p>Cotton F.A., Wilkinson G., Gaus P.L. (1995) Basic Inorganic Chemistry, 3rd. ed. John Wiley & Sons., New York.</p> <p>Housecroft C.E., Sharpe A.G. (2005) Inorganic Chemistry, Pearson Education Limited, 2nd ed. Harlow, England, str. 922-924.</p> <p>Šter A. (2014) Interni nastavni radni materijal iz praktikuma anorganske kemije 2 za studente preddiplomskog studija kemije s Odjela za kemiju / Vicković I., Marković B. (ed.). Osijek: Sveučilište J. J. Strossmayera u Osijeku, Odjel za kemiju.</p> <p>Šter A., Balić, T. (2015) Interni nastavni radni materijal iz praktikuma anorganske kemije 1 za studente preddiplomskog studija kemije s Odjela za kemiju / Vicković I., Marković B. (ed.). Osijek: Sveučilište J. J. Strossmayera u Osijeku, Odjel za kemiju.</p>		
Optional reading	<p>Grdenić D. (2005) Molekule i kristali, 5. izd. Školska knjiga, Zagreb.</p> <p>Rayner-Canham G., Overton T. (2006) Descriptive Inorganic Chemistry, Freeman & Co., New York.</p> <p>Silberberg M. (2003) Chemistry, 3. rd.ed. McGraw-Hill, Inc., New York.</p>		
Conditions for obtaining teacher's signature	Students are obliged to participate in lectures actively and to fulfil all assignments within the course (practices, workbooks).		
Exam passing procedure	<p>Preliminary exams are taken prior to each practical class.</p> <p>The final grade refers to the average grade achieved at each practice, including all preliminary exams, results and performance of exercises, and completed workbooks.</p>		
Main language of instruction; other languages	Croatian language, English language		
Method of monitoring the quality and efficiency of teaching	Survey on the subjective impression about the organisation of the course will be carried out after the course; during the course, students will be given an opportunity to make oral or written remarks; the teacher monitors students' success at exams.		

Course title	Organic Chemistry Laboratory Practice 2											
Code	K043											
Study programme	University undergraduate study programme in Biology											
Semester	V semester											
Workload/ECTS credits	2											
Course status	Elective											
Course teacher	Assoc. Prof. Dr. Dajana Gašo-Sokač											
Associate teachers												
Course entry requirements (Preceding courses)	General (1) and Inorganic Chemistry (1) (attended), Organic Chemistry 1 (attended), Organic Chemistry 2 (attended)											
Course objective	Acquisition of knowledge about the reactivity of organic molecules, types of reactions and the ways in which they are performed in the laboratory. Learning about methods applied in organic laboratory.											
Learning outcomes	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Knowledge about methods of purification of solids and liquids. 2. Ability to calculate the yield of chemical reaction, the required amount of reactants and catalysts. 3. Knowledge about the mechanisms of organic reactions. 4. Ability to identify organic compounds. 5. Ability to connect chemical structure of compounds and the choice of method for synthesis and purification. 6. Ability to predict the factors that influence chemical reaction and to apply the acquired knowledge in the practical work on the synthesis of organic compounds. 											
Link between learning outcomes, teaching and students' activities		Learning outcome	Share of ECTS	Form of teaching	Activities of learning and teaching	Assessment						
						Methods of monitoring and evaluation	Grading Points					
							min	max				
						1-6	1	Practices	Practical work	Monitoring of student performance in laboratory	30	60
						1-6	0.25	Reports on completed practices	Solving and interpreting the tasks	Monitoring of student's interpretations and performance at tasks	10	15
1-6	0.75	Final exam	Preparation for written exam	Written exam	20	35						
	Total	2				60	100					
Final grade: 60-70 points: grade 2 (sufficient) 71-80 points: grade 3 (good) 81-90 points: grade 4 (very good) 90-100 points: grade 5 (excellent)												
Consultation hours	Two hours a week (according to schedule defined at the beginning of the academic year) and additional consultation hours as agreed with students.											
Teaching	Lectures		Seminars		Practices							
Hours - total	0		0		30							
Course content / teaching units	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introductory lecture • General reactions of purification of the organic compounds, distillation, simple vacuum distillation, fractional distillation • Grignard reaction 											

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cannizzaro reaction • Synthesis of β-naphtholorange, diazocouplation reactions • Isolation of lactose from evaporated milk, casein isolation, preparation of osazone • Melting point determination
Recommended reading	Rapić V. (1994) Postupci priprave i izolacije prirodnih spojeva. Školska knjiga, Zagreb. Smith J.G. (2010) Organic chemistry, 3rd ed. McGraw-Hill. Wade L.G. ml. (2017) Organska kemija. Školska knjiga, Zagreb.
Optional reading	Carey F.A. (2000) Organic Chemistry. McGraw Hill. Clayden J., Greeves N., Warren S., Wothers P. (2001) Organic Chemistry. Oxford University Press. Lewis D.E. (1996) Organic Chemistry: a modern Perspective. Brown Publishers, USA. Solomons T.W.G., Fryhle C.B. (2000) Organic Chemistry, 10 ed. John Wiley & Sons, New York.
Conditions for obtaining teacher's signature	Students are obliged to participate actively in lectures and to attend all practical classes.
Exam passing procedure	Student is required to perform practices independently and to submit reports on each performed practice, based on which the teacher evaluates the quality of prepared or isolated compound and of applied reaction of synthesis or isolation. Final exam is taken in the written form, and student can pass the exam with a min. 60% of points. The final grade refers to the average grade obtained for the experimental work, for the reports about performed practical tasks and for the success achieved at the final written exam.
Main language of instruction; other languages	Croatian language, English language
Method of monitoring the quality and efficiency of teaching	Survey on the subjective impression about the organisation of the course will be carried out after the course; during the course, students will be given an opportunity to make oral or written remarks; the teacher monitors students' success at exams.

Course title	Toxicology and Environmental Chemistry											
Code	K081											
Study programme	University undergraduate study programme in Biology											
Semester	VI semester											
Workload/ECTS credits	2											
Course status	Elective											
Course teacher	Assoc. Prof. Dr. Mirna Velki											
Associate teachers												
Course entry requirements (Preceding courses)												
Course objective	Acquisition of knowledge about poisons and their impact on living organisms and on the environment.											
Learning outcomes	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ability to predict how poisons affect the organisms. 2. To determine the precautions and protection measures, and proper handling of harmful substances. 3. Ability to analyse the principles of classification of toxic substances. 4. Ability to explain the methods of extraction and detection of toxic substances, as well as methods of sampling for toxicological analysis. 5. Analysed basic concepts of ecotoxicology. 											
Link between learning outcomes, teaching and students' activities		Learning outcome	Share of ECTS	Form of teaching	Activities of learning and teaching	Assessment						
						Methods of monitoring and evaluation	Grading Points					
							min	max				
						1-5	0.5	Lecture	Critical conversation and discussion	Records related to active participation in conversations and discussions	5	10
						1-5	0.5	Seminar	Interpretation of course-related scientific papers	Monitoring of student's interpretations	15	30
						1-5	0.5	Written exam	Preparation for written exam	Written exam	20	30
1-5	0.5	Oral exam	Preparation for oral exam	Oral exam	20	30						
Total	2				60	100						
Final grade: 60-70 points: grade 2 (sufficient) 71-80 points: grade 3 (good) 81-90 points: grade 4 (very good) 91-100 points: grade 5 (excellent)												
Consultation hours	Mondays, 10.00 – 11.00 a.m.											
Teaching	Lectures		Seminars		Practices							
Hours - total	15		15		0							
Course content / teaching units	Lectures: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction to toxicology and historical overview of toxicology development • Classification of poisons • Sampling, extraction and detection of toxins • Absorption, distribution, metabolism and excretion of toxicants 											

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Toxicodynamics • Ecotoxicology • Military toxicology <p>Seminars:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inorganic substances • Gaseous poisons • Industrial organic chemicals • Drugs • Addictive substances • Pesticides • Poisons of living organisms
Recommended reading	Hayes W.A. (2007) Principles and Methods of Toxicology, 5th ed. Informa Healthcare. Plavšić F., Žuntar I. (2006) Uvod u analitičku toksikologiju. Školska knjiga, Zagreb.
Optional reading	Plavšić F. (2009) Bojite li se otrova? Hrvatski zavod za toksikologiju, Zagreb. Hrvatski zavod za toksikologiju (2008) Bez opasnih kemikalija se ne može, ali paziti se mora, Zagreb. Scientific papers and review papers.
Conditions for obtaining teacher's signature	Students are obliged to participate in lectures actively and to fulfil all assignments within the course.
Exam passing procedure	Before taking oral exam, students are obliged to pass written exam. Writing of a seminar paper can be taken as a substitute for written exam. The final grade refers to the points achieved on written and oral exam and the points obtained during lectures.
Main language of instruction; other languages	Croatian language
Method of monitoring the quality and efficiency of teaching	Student survey, possibility to make oral or written remarks after lectures. Monitoring of students' success at exams.