



OPIS PREDMETA / SUBJECT SPECIFICATION

Predmet:	<b>Senzorični sistemi</b>
Subject Title:	<b>Sensory Systems</b>

Študijski program Study programme	Študijska smer Study field	Letnik Year	Semester Semester
Biologija in ekologija z naravovarstvom /Biology and ecology with nature conservation	Biologija /Biology	1	1

Univerzitetna koda predmeta / University subject code:

Predavanja Lectures	Seminar Seminar	Sem. vaje Tutorial	Lab. vaje Lab. work	Teren. vaje Field work	Samost. delo Individ. work	ECTS
30	15		30		135	7

Nosilec predmeta / Lecturer:

Jeziki / Predavanja / Lecture:   
Languages: Vaje / Tutorial:

Pogoji za vključitev v delo oz. za opravljanje študijskih obveznosti:

**Vsebina:**

- Celična in molekularna biologija nevrona. Nastanek in prevajanje živčnih impulzov.
- Komunikacija med nevroni, sinaptični prenos. Posinaptični mehanizmi; integracija in sinaptična plastičnost.
- Senzorični receptorji: zgradba in senzorična transdukcija. Razmerje med jakostjo dražljaja in odgovorom. Adaptacija. Senzorični vzdražni prag.
- Mehanorecepcija. Mehanotransdukcija. Mehanoreceptorji nevretenčarjev. Mehanoreceptorji vretenčarjev.
- Fotorecepcija. Svetloba. Fotokemija. Elektrofiziologija. Nastanek slike. Barvno gledanje

**Contents (Syllabus outline):**

- Cell and molecular biology of the neuron. Generation and conduction of the nerve impulses.
- **Communication between neurons, synaptic transmission. Postsynaptic mechanisms; integration and synaptic plasticity.**
- Sensory receptors: structure and sensory transduction. Relationship between stimulus intensity and response. Adaptation. Sensory threshold.
- Mechanoreceptors. Mechanotransduction. Invertebrate mechanoreceptors. Vertebrate mechanoreceptors.
- Phororeception. Light. Photochemistry. Electrophysiology. Image formation. Colour vision.

Temeljni študijski viri / Textbooks:

- Halliday, T. 1998: The senses and communication. Springer and The Open University, Berlin, New York.
- Kandell, E. R., J. H. Schwartz, T. M. Jessel, 2000: Principles of Neural Science: 4th edition. McGraw-Hill Professional Publishing
- Withers, P. C., 2002: Comparative Animal Physiology. Saunders College Publishing, Philadelphia, New York.

**Cilji:**

- Predstaviti raznolikost in kompleksnost senzoričnih sistemov
- Podati povezavo med živalskim organizmom in njegovim zunanjim in notranjim okoljem
- Pojasniti integracijsko vlogo senzoričnega sistema, živčevja ter motoričnega sistema

**Predvideni študijski rezultati:**

Znanje in razumevanje:

- Povezava med organizmom in njegovim zunanjim in notranjim okoljem
- Vloga integracijskih sistemov - senzoričnega sistema in živčevja ter motoričnega sistema
- Kompleksnost centralnega živčnega sistema

Prenesljive/ključne spretnosti in drugi atributi:

- Sposobnost načrtovati in izvesti preproste eksperimente za testiranje odzivov oseba na kontrolirane spremembe v njegovem okolju
- Sposobnost ovrednotiti rezultate fiziološkega poskusa

**Metode poučevanja in učenja:**

- Predavanja
- Laboratorijske vaje – individualno eksperimentalno delo

**Načini ocenjevanja:**

- Kolokvij iz vaj
- Seminarska naloga
- Pisni izpit

Delež (v %) /  
Weight (in %)

30  
30  
40

**Objectives:**

- To present diversity and complexity of the sensory systems
- To give the connection between animal organism and its internal and external environment
- To explain integrative role of sensory system, nervous system and motor system

**Intended learning outcomes:**

Knowledge and Understanding:

- Connection between organism and its internal and external environment
- Integrative role of sensory system, motor system and nervous system
- Complexity of central nervous system

Transferable/Key Skills and other attributes:

- Ability to arrange simple experiments testing responses of an individual to controlled changes of its environment
- Ability to evaluate results of an experiment in animal physiology

**Learning and teaching methods:**

- Lectures
- Laboratory excersises – individual experimental practice

**Assessment:**

- Partial examination of experimental practice
- Seminar essay
- Written exam

**Materialni pogoji za izvedbo predmeta :**

**Material conditions for subject realization**

- *Multimedijska predavalnica*
- *Laboratorij za fiziologijo živali*

- *Lecture hall for multimedia presentation*
- *Laboratory for animal physiology*

**Obveznosti študentov:**

**Students' commitments:**

*(pisni, ustni izpit, naloge, projekti)*

*(written, oral examination, coursework, projects):*

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