



Univerza v Mariboru

Fakulteta za naravoslovje  
in matematiko

### UČNI NAČRT PREDMETA / COURSE SYLLABUS

<b>Predmet:</b>	Izbrana poglavja iz metod znanstvenoraziskovalnega dela v biologiji in ekologiji
<b>Course title:</b>	Selected Topics in Methods of Scientific Research in Biology and Ecology

Študijski program in stopnja Study programme and level	Študijska smer Study field	Letnik Academic year	Semester Semester
Doktorski študij Ekološke znanosti, 3. stopnja		1	1
Doctoral Study Ecological Sciences, 3rd degree			

**Vrsta predmeta / Course type**

Obvezni/Obligatory

**Univerzitetna koda predmeta / University course code:**

Predavanja Lectures	Seminar Seminar	Vaje Tutorial	Lab. vaje Laboratory work	Terenske vaje Field work	Samost. delo Individ. work	ECTS
10	10				130	5

**Nosilec predmeta / Lecturer:**

Dušan DEVETAK

**Jeziki /**

**Predavanja / Lectures:**

slovenski / Slovene

**Languages:**

**Vaje / Tutorial:**

slovenski / Slovene

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

Poznavanje biologije in ekologije na ravni univerzitetnega programa

**Prerequisites:**

Knowledge of biology and ecology at graduate level

**Vsebina:**

Obravnavana so izbrana poglavja iz naslednjih sklopov.

- Metode znanstveno-raziskovalnega dela v biologiji in ekologiji so vsebinsko ciljno zasnovane glede na predvideno usmeritev posamezne/ga študenta/tke in obsegajo predstavitev temeljnih raziskovalnih metod v biologiji in ekologiji, ter pregled podrobne metodologije, ki jo bo študent/ka uporabil/a pri svojem raziskovalnem delu.
- Glede na vsebinsko usmeritev študenta/ke so

**Content (Syllabus outline):**

Selected topics in the following chapters are discussed.

- Methods of scientific research in biology are based upon the prospective individual student research. They are dealing with the selected themes on general research methods, and with an overview of the special methodologies in use by a student during his/her research work.
- In accordance with the selected scientific field of investigation, the consideration of methods is focused on the following areas: light and electron

selektivno obravnavane metode in tehnike z naslednjih področij: svetlobna in elektronska mikroskopija, citologija in histologija, izbrana biokemijska, biometrijska, fiziološka ter ekološka področja.

- "Izbrane tehnike izolacije in identifikacije naravnih substanc" obsegajo predstavitev aparatur, pripomočkov in kemikalij za izolacijo proteinov z gelsko in ionsko izmenjevalno kromatografijo ter njihovo analizo s pomočjo fotospektrometrije in elektroforeze.
- Izolacija in identifikacija lipidov in živalskih pigmentov s tankoplastno kromatografijo in s kemijsko in fluorescenčno detekcijo.
- Izbrane metode v morfometriji in statistična analiza enorazsežnih spremenljivk.
- Geometrijske morfometrične metode in statistična analiza dvorazsežnih spremenljivk.
- "Izbrane metode v nevrofiziologiji" ter "Bioakustične meritve in analiza" so tematsko prirejeni pregledi metod in tehnik.
- Metode vzorčenja in numerične analize biodiverzitete (favne, flore in vegetacije).
- Morfološke metode na nivoju osebka obsegajo standardno zajemanje in obdelavo biometrijskih podatkov različnih vegetativnih, reproduktivnih in drugih znakov osebkov.
- "Izbrane metode v ekologiji" so pregledna obravnava standardnih metod ekološkega vzorčevanja in obdelave podatkov s poudarkom na terestričnih habitatih.
- Predstavitev metod v fitocenologiji, njena tipološka obravnava na krajinskem nivoju in obdelava v GIS.
- "Izbrane metode iz biotehnologije rastlin" se osredotoča na tehniko rastlinskih tkivnih kultur in njeno uporabo v biotehnologiji.

microscopy, cytology and histology, and selected domains of biochemistry, biometry, physiology and ecology.

- The chapter "Selected techniques for isolation and identification of natural substances" includes the presentation of the equipment and chemicals used in protein gel plate and column chromatography, and the protein analysis using photospectrometry and electrophoresis.
- The use of thin layer chromatography with a chemical and fluorescent detection is discussed in the context with the isolation and identification of lipids and animal pigments.
- Selected methods in morphometry, and statistical analysis of one-dimensional parameters.
- Geometrical morphometrical methods, and statistical analysis of two-dimensional parameters.
- "Selected methods in neurophysiology", and "Bioacoustic recordings and analysis" represent an overview of the topic methods and techniques.
- Methods of sampling and numerical analysis of biota (fauna, flora and vegetation) are discussed in the chapter of "Biodiversity".
- Morphological methods on the individual level comprehend standard capture and treatment of biometrical data concerning different vegetative, reproductive and other traits of the specimens.
- "Selected methods in ecology" is an overview of standard methods of ecological sampling and data treatment, with an emphasis on terrestrial habitats.
- The presentation of methods in phytocenology, its topological treatise on the landscape-level, and the elaboration in GIS.
- "Selected plant biotechnological techniques" are focuses on plant tissue culture techniques and its use in biotechnology.

### Temeljni literatura in viri / Readings:

- Alberts, B., A. Johnson, J. Lewis, M. Raff, K. Roberts, P. Walter, 2008: Molecular biology of the cell, 5th Edition, Garland Science, New York.
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- Krebs, C. J., 1999: Ecological methodology. Addison Wesley, Boston.
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- Sokal, R. R., F. J. Rohlf, 1995: Biometry: the principles and practice of statistics in biological research. W. H. Freeman and Com. San Francisco.
- Southwood, T. R. E. & P. A. Henderson, 2000: Ecological methods. Blackwell, Oxford.

### Cilji in kompetence:

- Podrobna seznanitev z izbranimi biološkimi in ekološkimi raziskovalnimi metodami in tehnikami
- Študenti se podrobno usposobijo za samostojno delo in uporabo ustreznih metod in tehnik na izbranem raziskovalnem področju
- Poglobljeno se seznanijo z metodami z znanstvenega področja, na katerem bodo opravili svojo raziskavo

### Objectives and competences:

- A advanced knowledge of selected biological and ecological methods and techniques
- Student learn in detail to make an appropriate selection of methods and techniques required in their topic field of investigation
- Students get in detail knowledge of methods within the topic field of their investigation

### Predvideni študijski rezultati:

Znanje in razumevanje:

- Študent/ka dobi podroben pregled o znanstveno-raziskovalnih metodah in tehnikah v biologiji in ekologiji
- Študent/ka se podrobno usposobi za uporabo ustreznih raziskovalnih metod in tehnik pri reševanju konkretnih znanstvenih problemov na izbranem področju

Prenesljive/ključne spretnosti in drugi atributi:

- Študent/ka se vrhunsko usposobi za ustrezno vzorčevanje oziroma zajemanje podatkov ter izpeljavo konkretnih raziskovalnih metod in tehnik

### Intended learning outcomes:

Knowledge and Understanding:

- Student gets advanced knowledge about the research methods and techniques in biology and ecology
- Student qualifies for selecting appropriate research methods and techniques, respectively, concerning concrete scientific problems within the topic field of investigation

Transferable/Key Skills and other attributes:

- Student qualifies at top-level to make an appropriate sampling or data capture, respectively, and for carrying out concrete investigation methods and techniques

### Metode poučevanja in učenja:

- Predavanja
- Seminar
- Individualno eksperimentalno delo

### Learning and teaching methods:

- Lectures
- Seminar
- Individual experimental work

Delež (v %) /

Weight (in %)

### Načini ocenjevanja:

- Seminarska naloga
- Izpit

50 %  
50 %

### Assessment:

- Seminar essay
- Exam

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## Reference nosilca / Lecturer's references:

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