



Univerza v Mariboru

Fakulteta za naravoslovje  
in matematiko

### UČNI NAČRT PREDMETA / COURSE SYLLABUS

<b>Predmet:</b>	<b>Izbrana poglavja iz ekologije</b>
<b>Course title:</b>	<b>Selected topics in ecology</b>

Študijski program in stopnja Study programme and level	Študijska smer Study field	Letnik Academic year	Semester Semester
Doktorski študij Ekološke znanosti, 3. stopnja		1. ali 2.; 1st or 2nd	1.- 4.; 1st-4th
Doctoral Study Ecological Sciences, 3rd degree			

Vrsta predmeta / Course type: Izbirni/Elective

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
15	3		6	6	150	6

Nosilec predmeta / Lecturer: Nina Šajna

Jeziki / Predavanja / Lectures: slovenski / Slovene  
Languages: Vaje / Tutorial: slovenski / Slovene

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

Za študente brez biološkega/ekološkega predznanja

**Prerequisites:**

For students without biological/ecological background

**Vsebina:**

- Spoznavanje izbranih ekoloških konceptov
- Organizmi v okolju (pogoji in viri)
- Pregled zakonitosti populacijske ekologije
- Ekološke aplikacije na nivoju organizma, vrste in populacije
- Odnosi med vrstami (kompeticija, plenilstvo, parazitizem, simbioze,...)

**Content (Syllabus outline):**

- Familiarizing with selected ecological concepts
- Organisms in their environments (conditions and resources)
- Review of principles in population ecology
- Ecological applications at the level of organism, species and population
- Species interactions (competition,

- Združbe in ekosistemi

- predation, parasitism, symbiosis,...)
- Communities and ecosystem

### Temeljni literatura in viri / Readings:

- Begon, M., Townsend C.R., Harper J.L., 2006: Ecology: From Individuals to Ecosystems. John Wiley & Sons.  
Dodatno/Additionally:
- Cain M.L., Bowman W.D., Hacker S.D., 2014: Ecology. Sinauer Associates.

### Cilji in kompetence:

- Poznavanje osnovnih abiotiskih in biotskih dejavnikov
- Podati pregled osnovnih pravil, konceptov in teorij v ekologiji
- Pregled osnovnih relacij med organizmi in okoljem
- Podati osnove populacijske ekologije

### Objectives and competences:

- To give an overview of abiotic and biotic environmental factors
- To give an overview of the basic ecological laws, concepts and theories
- To give an overview of the basic relations between the individual and its environment
- To introduce principles of population ecology

### Predvideni študijski rezultati:

#### Znanje in razumevanje:

- Študentje poznajo in razumejo temeljne ekološke zakonitosti.
- Poznajo glavne dejavnike v okolju.
- Razumejo koncept o pogojih in virih za preživetje in sobivanje ter poznajo s tem povezane prilagoditve osebkov in medvrstne odnose.
- Spoznajo ekološke raziskave na nivoju organizma, na nivoju ene vrste (avteologija), na nivojih populacije, združbe in ekosistema.

#### Prenesljive/ključne spretnosti in drugi atributi:

- Na primerih ekoloških raziskav razumejo proces znanstvene metode
- Poznajo izbrane metode vzorčenja in znajo opraviti meritve okoljskih dejavnikov
- prepoznajo in razumejo ekološke razmere v konkretnem okolju
- znajo zastaviti bazično ekološko

### Intended learning outcomes:

#### Knowledge and understanding:

- Students are familiar with and understand basic rules in ecology.
- They are familiar with main factors in environment.
- They understand the concept about conditions and resources for survival and coexistence; they are familiar with species' adaptations and interspecific relationships.
- Introduction into ecological investigations of individuals, single species, populations, communities and ecosystems studies.

#### Transferable/Key Skills and other attributes:

- Students gain understanding of the process of scientific research through solving ecological case studies involving sampling, measurements of environmental factors,..
- Student know how to evaluate ecological conditions in a given environment
- Skills how to plan a basic ecological

raziskavo na nivoju vrste, populacije, združbe.

study on the level of species, population or community investigation.

**Metode poučevanja in učenja:**

- Predavanja
- Seminar
- Terenske vaje
- Laboratorijske vaje

**Learning and teaching methods:**

- Lectures
- Seminar
- Field work
- Laboratory work

Delež (v %) /

**Načini ocenjevanja:**

Weight (in %)

**Assessment:**

- Seminar work
- Laboratorijsko/Terensko delo (prisotnost, dnevnik, pisni test) pogoj za pristop k izpitu
- Pisni končni izpit

20%

80%

- Seminar work
- Lab/Field work (attendance, reports, written exam) mandatory for final exam
- Written final exam

**Reference nosilca / Lecturer's references:**

- ŠAJNA, Nina, KALIGARIČ, Mitja, IVAJNŠIČ, Danijel (2014) Reproduction biology of an alien invasive plant : a case of drought-tolerant *Aster squamatus* on the Northern Adriatic seacoast, Slovenia. V: RANNO, Swen (ur.), NEUBERT, Marco (ur.). *Managing protected areas in Central and Eastern Europe under climate change*, (Advances in global change research, vol. 58). Dordrecht [etc.]: Springer, 279-288.
- ŠAJNA, Nina, ŠUŠTAR VOZLIČ, Jelka, KALIGARIČ, Mitja (2014) New insights into the anatomy of an endemic *Hladnikia pastinacifolia* Rchb. *Acta botanica Croatica*, 73, 375-384.
- ŠAJNA, Nina, MEISTER, Margit H., BOLHÁR-NORDENKAMPF, Harald R., KALIGARIČ, Mitja (2013) Response of semi-natural wet meadow to natural geogenic CO<sub>2</sub> enrichment. *International journal of agriculture and biology*, 15, 657-664.