

Practicum in Companies or Institutions

Code: 100813
ECTS Credits: 12

Degree	Type	Year	Semester
2500251 Environmental Biology	OT	4	0

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Use of languages

Principal working language: catalan (cat)
Some groups entirely in English: No
Some groups entirely in Catalan: Yes
Some groups entirely in Spanish: No

Other comments on languages

The use of English in the written report may be assessed with up to additional 0,5 points in the evaluation of the final report.

Teachers

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Prerequisites

To apply for the program, the student is required to have passed the first year of the degree and at least 120 credits from the first three years.

In addition, the student will have to be enrolled at the time he/she starts the stay and have paid the fees of the complementary insurance, as informed in the tax regulations.

The stay can not be started without having signed the appropriate agreement. In case that, for some reason, the period of stay is prolonged, it will be necessary to extend it within the current academic year.

Objectives and Contextualisation

The objectives of the course are:

- . To promote the integration of the student in the corporate world or in a research group, either in a public or private institution.
- . To know and to apply techniques in the area of Environmental Biology that are typically used in a particular professional field or in specific research projects.
- . To prepare a report on the practice internship in an autonomous manner.

Skills

- Adapt to new situations.
- Apply knowledge of theory to practice.
- Develop planning and organisation skills.
- Develop self-directed learning.
- Integrate knowledge and skills to write an academic or professional paper related to environmental biology.
- Make decisions.
- Take the initiative and demonstrate an entrepreneurial spirit.

Learning outcomes

1. Acquire knowledge of one of the principal areas of environmental biology, which are applied in professional activities.
2. Adapt to new situations.
3. Apply knowledge of theory to practice.
4. Apply the knowledge acquired in any of the principal areas to the solving of problems arising in professional activity.
5. Develop planning and organisation skills.
6. Develop self-directed learning.
7. Interpret data concerning any of the principal areas of environmental biology in the context of professional activity.
8. Make decisions.
9. Take the initiative and demonstrate an entrepreneurial spirit.

Content

The contents of this subject is variable as it will depend on the specific entity or institution in which the internship is carried out.

However, in all cases, the contents will always have a close relationship with Environmental Biology, be it in a company or in a research group.

There are the following two types of positions:

Modality A: Internal positions UAB

Modality B: External positions

Students in Modality A will have an academic tutor, who will be a member of the research group where they make the stay.

Student in modality B will have an academic tutor (member of the teaching team of the course) and an external tutor (member of the entity or company where they make the stay).

Methodology

This is an elective course that should be taken preferably in the fourth year or in summer after having finalized the scheduled activities of the third year of the degree.

The stay can be made in one of three possible periods (summer, first semester and second semester). The duration of each period will be made public every academic year on the website of the Faculty of Biosciences, section "Work Placement in Companies or Institutions".

The student will find all the information related to this course and how to formalize the request for a position, and all the procedures arising from the award of a position, on the Faculty website, in the section "Work Placement in Companies or Institutions".

Each academic year, the Faculty of Biosciences will organize a general informative session for third and fourth year students of this Faculty's degrees.

Activities

Title	Hours	ECTS	Learning outcomes
Type: Directed			
Practical internship	280	11.2	2, 1, 4, 3, 6, 5, 8, 9
Preparation of the written final report	18	0.72	4, 6, 5, 7

Evaluation

The course assessment will include the following items:

-Evaluation of the final written report prepared by the student (weight in the final score: 40%).

-Evaluation report on the student's performance issued by the UAB Tutor (modality A) / External Tutor (modality B) (weight in the final score: 60%). The tutor has the power over the student's evaluation, which can only be modified in cases where strong evidence of its impartiality is presented.

The students must write a final report of their internship and deliver it electronically to the member of the teaching team assigned as evaluator, no later than 15 days after the end of the stay. In exceptional cases, which must be authorized by the course coordinator, this period can be extended up to a maximum of 30 days.

The details on the preparation, extension and contents of the report, and the evaluation criteria, are published in the Regulations of the subject ("Normativa"), on the Faculty of Biosciences website, section "Work Placement in Companies or Institutions". The correct use of English has a value of a maximum of 0.5 additional points within the evaluation of the final report.

Total or partial plagiarism in the development of the report will result in a 0 in this part.

In order for the student to be evaluated, the course coordinator must receive the tutor's evaluation report and the written report prepared by the student. If any of these requirements is not met, the student's grade will be "Not evaluated".

Evaluation activities

Title	Weighting	Hours	ECTS	Learning outcomes
Final written report	40	1	0.04	1, 4, 3, 7
Tutor's evaluation report	60	1	0.04	2, 3, 6, 5, 8, 9

Bibliography

The contents of the Bibliography list may vary depending on the specific work that each student performs during his/her practice internship and what he/she may need to prepare the final written report.

