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

Most of the sessions will be in Catalan. However, some teaching material and some sessions might be in English.

Teachers

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Prerequisites

There are no official prerequisites, but it is appropriate for the student to review the contents related to Zoology of the Biology subject of High School.

Objectives and Contextualisation

The subject Zoology is within the subject of Biology for the environmental sciences as a compulsory subject. It shares this subject, and therefore competences, with other compulsory subjects such as Microbiology, Ecology and Soil Sciences and a set of optional subjects such as: Vegetation analysis, Applied ecology, Toxicology, Environmental microbiology, Physiology Environmental and Genetics.

Zoology is a compulsory subject that consists of 6 ECTS credits and is taught in the first semester of the second year.

Throughout this course, the student must acquire the theoretical-practical knowledge that gives the student a vision, as fully as possible, of the bases of zoological knowledge and the diversity of animals from an environmental perspective, but also anatomical, functional, systematic and phylogenetic.

It also has to allow the student to know animal diversity and place each animal group in an ecological context, know its position within the ecosystems in relation to the number of species, the habitat they occupy and their way of life, as well as to know its importance in relation to man from a social and economic perspective.

The specific training objectives are:
- To introduce to the student the main structuring concepts of the science of Zoology.
- To understand the systematics and phylogenetic relationships between the main groups of animals as a result of evolutionary and adaptive processes.
- To know the main levels of organization and architectural patterns of animals.
- To know the diversity of the main animal groups.
- To give some basic knowledge about the morphological features, biological cycles, ecological importance and the interactions with the humans of the main groups of animals.

Skills

- Adequately convey information verbally, written and graphic, including the use of new communication and information technologies.
- Analyze and use information critically.
- Collect, analyze and represent data and observations, both qualitative and quantitative, using secure adequate classroom, field and laboratory techniques
- Demonstrate adequate knowledge and use the most relevant environmental tools and concepts of biology, geology, chemistry, physics and chemical engineering.
- Demonstrate concern for quality and praxis.
- Demonstrate initiative and adapt to new situations and problems.
- Learn and apply in practice the knowledge acquired and to solve problems.
- Quickly apply the knowledge and skills in the various fields involved in environmental issues, providing innovative proposals.
- Teaming developing personal values regarding social skills and teamwork.
- Work autonomously

Learning outcomes

1. Adequately convey information verbally, written and graphic, including the use of new communication and information technologies.
2. Analyze and use information critically.
3. Define the basic principles of zoology.
4. Demonstrate concern for quality and praxis.
5. Demonstrate initiative and adapt to new situations and problems.
6. Describe, analyze and evaluate the environment.
7. Diagnose and solve environmental problems concerning the biological environment.
8. Identify and interpret the diversity of organisms in the environment.
9. Identify organisms and biological processes in the surrounding environment and evaluate them properly and originally.
10. Identifying and using bioindicators.
11. Learn and apply in practice the knowledge acquired and to solve problems.
12. Manage and conserve populations and ecosystems.
13. Mostrear, characterize and manipulate specimens, populations and communities.
14. Observe, recognize, analyze, measure and properly and safely represent organisms and biological processes.
15. Participate in environmental assessments as to the biological environment.
16. Teaming developing personal values regarding social skills and teamwork.
17. Work autonomously

Content

I. INTRODUCTION TO ZOOLOGY: FUNDAMENTAL CONCEPTS

Unit 0.- Presentation of the subject.

and extinctions.


Unit 3.- Basic principles of Zoology. The structural pattern of animals: Levels of organization. Concept and type of symmetry. Cephalisation. Concept of segmentation (metamer) and serial repetition (pseudometamer).


II. STRUCTURAL ORGANIZATION OF ANIMALS: DIVERSITY


Unit 8.- Basal Metazoan: Cnidaria. General characteristics of the group. Structure of polyps and jellyfish. Biological cycles Diversity of the Cnidaria: characteristics and diversity of the most representative Medusozoa (Hydrozoa, and Scyphozoa) and of the Anthozoa.


Unit 10.- Mollusks. Structural characteristics of the group (head, foot and too visceral). Importance of the mantle and the shell and its evolution. Main groups of Molluscs. Monoplacophora and Poliplacophora, Scaphopoda, Cephalopoda, "Gasteropoda" and "Bivalvia". Diversification and adaptive capacities to different habitats.


Unit 13.- Arthropods. General characteristics of the arthropodization. The evolutionary success of the Arthropods.

Unit 14.- Arthropods Diversity I: Chelicerata. General characteristics of the group. Main groups and adaptations to the different habitats. Myriapodes General characteristics of the group. Main groups and adaptations to the different habitats.

Unit 15.- Arthropods Diversity II: Crustaceans. Main characteristics Biology and adaptations of the main groups.
Unit 16.- Arthropods Diversity III: Hexapods. General characteristics of the group. Endocrine and Insect. The main groups of insects and their adaptations.

Unit 17.- Deuterostomes. Definition, characteristics and composition of the group

Unit 18.- Echinoderms. Definitive characteristics. Organization, biology and adaptive diversification of the different groups.

Unit 19.- Chords. Generalities Diagnosis and basic structure.


Unit 21.- Vertebrates. General Characters of the group and main modifications. Adopted classification of vertebrates.


Unit 23.- Vertebrates Diversity II. Tetrapods, not amniotic and amniotic. Diapsides and Synapsides (Mammals): Prototeria and Teria (Metateria and Euteria).

III. FAUNA MANAGEMENT


PROGRAM OF PRACTICES: (20 h)

I. SAMPLE AND DIVERSITY OF FAUNA MARINA
Practice 1: Field sampling. Marine sampling (4 h)
Practice 2: Analysis of the diversity of marine sampling. (3 h)

II. DISSERTATION AND DIVERSITY OF LAND FAUNA
Practice 3: Field sampling. Sampling of terrestrial fauna. (4 h)
Practice 4: Analysis of the diversity of wildlife collected at field exit. (3 h)
Practice 5: Techniques of analysis of the diversity of vertebrate wildlife. (2 hr)

III. FAUNA MANAGEMENT
Theoretical-practical seminar: In situ and ex situ wildlife management. (4 h)

Methodology
The methodology used in this subject to achieve the learning process is based on making the student work the information that is put to his reach. The function of the teacher is to give the information or to indicate where you can get it and help him and tutor you so that the learning process can be carried out effectively. To achieve this goal, the subject is based on the following activities:

Master classes:
With these classes the student acquires the basic scientific-technical knowledge of the subject that must complement with the personal study of the explained subjects.

Seminars:
The seminars work on the scientific and technical knowledge exposed to the master classes to complete their understanding and deepen them, developing various activities: analysis and discussion of videos on zoological topics, resolution of issues related to the topics covered, Zoological information, etc. The mission of the seminars is to promote the capacity for analysis and synthesis, critical reasoning and the ability to solve problems.

Practices:
In the practical sessions, the student will learn in a practical way how wildlife is studied in the field (both terrestrial and aquatic fauna). Likewise, during the practice sessions in the laboratory, students will work on the zoological material (observation of preparations and specimens, study of anatomy and morphology of groups, dissections, identification of specimens, etc.) and will complement it with the study and questions posed to the corresponding practice scripts. The objective of the practical classes is to complete and reinforce the zoological knowledge acquired in the theoretical classes and seminars. Practical sessions will be stimulated and developed in the student empirical skills such as the ability to observe, analyze and recognize zoological diversity.

### Activities

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### Evaluation

The evaluation of this subject is carried out throughout the course:

Evaluation of seminars:
Both the small papers (issues) that will be presented on the seminar days will be evaluated, such as the
evaluation tests (group and individual) that will be developed throughout the seminar. Similarly, in the seminars there will be a student observation record, where it will be identified if the students reach the most attitudinal competences by observing the teacher's attitude in the different types of activities that are carried out in Seminars (participation in discussions and debates, initiative, interest, group work, oral expression in public). The evaluation of this activity will have a value that will oscillate between the -1 and 1 that will be added to the note of the seminars achieved with the works and the evaluation tests indicated above.

The note corresponding to the seminars has a global weight of 25% of the final grade. There will be no recuperation of the mark obtained in the seminars part.

Evaluation of the exams:
Partial exams:
In these parts, the students' knowledge in the subject, as well as their capacity for analysis and synthesis, and critical reasoning, will be evaluated individually. The exam will have a part of test questions and another of conceptual questions, schemes, etc.
There will be 2 obligatory partial exams, each with a weight of 30% of the overall grade.

Final exam:
Students who do not pass one of the two partial examinations (minimum grade: 5 out of 10) can retrieve the exam not passed to the final exam. Likewise, students who wish to improve the grade of one or both of the parts can do this by presenting themselves to the final exam, but the previously obtained note will be lost.

The mark corresponding to the two exams has a global weight of 60% of the final mark. In order to be able to make the average of the mark of the exams with the other evaluative activities, it is necessary to have a minimum mark of the exams of 4.

To ask for a reevaluation the student must have been received a mark in activities that represent at least 2/3 of the global mark during the course.

Evaluation of the practices:
For the assessment of the practices, three evaluation activities will be used:
Teaching folder:
It consists of a series of learning materials that are done during the different practical activities (visits, field trips, laboratory) and that each student is accumulating throughout the course. These materials can be traces of follow-up or visits, field books of observations, small tests of evaluation on some practice or exit, etc. The teaching folder corresponds to 75% of the mark of the practices.

"Visum" test:
During the course, students will have a list of animals that have been able to identify and at the end of the semester they must know how to identify "visum" (at the taxonomic level indicated that it will not always be species). At the end of the practices, a written test will be done where some of these animals must be recognized, based on images or samples. The "visum" test corresponds to 25% of the practice mark.

Student observation record:
It is a question of identifying if the students reach the most attentive competences by means of the observation by the teacher of their attitude in the different types of activities that they carry out in the practices (visits, field trips and laboratory sessions ). The evaluation of this activity will have a value that will oscillate between -1 and 1 that will be added to the practical note obtained by the two previous evaluations.

The final grade obtained in the practices, has a global weight of 15% of the final mark of the subject.

There will be no recuperation of the mark obtained in the practical part.

Final Considerations:
It will be considered that a student will obtain the non-appraising qualification when the evaluation of all the assessment activities carried out does not allow him to achieve the overall grade of 5 in the event that he had obtained the maximum grade in all of them.

**Evaluation activities**

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