

### UČNI NAČRT PREDMETA / COURSE SYLLABUS

Predmet: Course title:	Osnove ekologije in ekologija živali Basic and Animal Ecology
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Študijski program in stopnja Study programme and level	Študijska smer Study field	Letnik Academic year	Semester Semester
Univerzitetni program 1. stopnje Biologija Undergraduate university programme Biology, 1st cycle		2.; 2nd	3.; 3rd

Vrsta predmeta / Course type	Obvezni / Obligatory
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Univerzitetna koda predmeta / University course code:	
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Predavanja Lectures	Seminar Seminar	Vaje Tutorial	Terenske vaje Field work	Laboratorijs ke vaje Laboratory work	Samost. delo Individ. work	ECTS
60			15	15	150	8

Nosilec predmeta / Lecturer:	Nina Šajna
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Jeziki / Languages:	Predavanja / Lectures: Vaje / Tutorial:	Slovenščina/ Slovenian Slovenščina/ Slovenian
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Pogoji za vključitev v delo oz. za opravljanje  
študijskih obveznosti:

Jih ni.	None.
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**Vsebina:**

- Uvod v ekologijo
- Organizmi v okolju
- Pogoji in viri
- Življenski cikli
- Ekološke aplikacije na nivoju organizmov in ene vrste
- Razširjanje, dormanca, metapopulacije
- Sobivanje in odnosi med vrstami (kompeticija, plenilstvo, parazitizem, simbioze,...)
- Abundanca
- Ekološke aplikacije na nivoju populacij
- Združbe in ekosistemi
- Pretok energije, snovi skozi ekosistem
- Prehranjevalne verige
- Vzorci vrstne pestrosti
- Ekološke aplikacije na nivoju združbe in ekosistema

**Content (Syllabus outline):**

- Introduction to ecology
- Organisms in their environments
- Conditions and resources
- Life histories
- Ecological applications at the level of organisms and single-species populations
- Dispersal, dormancy, metapopulations
- Species coexistence and interactions (competition, predation, parasitism, symbiosis,...)
- Abundance
- Ecological applications at the level of population interactions
- Communities and ecosystems
- The flux of energy and matter through ecosystems
- Food webs
- Patterns in species richness
- Ecological applications at the level of communities and ecosystems

**Temeljni literatura in viri / Readings:****Temeljna literatura / Basic readings:**

- Begon, M., Townsend C.R., Harper J.L., 2021: Ecology: From Individuals to Ecosystems. 5th edition, Wiley & Sons. (druge izdaje/other editions)

**Priporočena literatura/ Recommended literature:**

- Janžekovič, F. 2023: Makroekologija - analiza biodiverzitetnih podatkov, Univerza v Mariboru,
- Cain M.L., Bowman W.D., Hacker S.D., 2014: Ecology. Sinauer Associates.
- Tome, D., 2007: Ekologija. TTS.
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**Cilji in kompetence:**

- Študentje pojasnijo temeljne ekološke zakonitosti.
- Navedejo glavne abiotiske in biotske dejavnike v okolju.
- Povezujejo koncepte o pogojih in virih za preživetje in sobivanje s tem povezanimi prilagoditvami osebkov.
- Spoznajo ekološke raziskave na nivoju organizma, ene vrste (avtekologija) in populacije ter jih interpretirajo.
- Pojasnijo koncept metapopulacije.
- Primerjajo medvrstne odnose.
- Navedejo definicije združb in ekosistema.
- Definirajo zakonitosti pretoka energije in snovi skozi ekosistem.
- Pojasnijo koncept prehranjevalne verige.
- Laboratorijske in terenske vaje: na primerih ekoloških raziskav uporabijo proces znanstvene metode (metode vzorčenja, vzorčenje populacij, meritve okoljskih dejavnikov,...); kritično ovrednotijo ekološke razmere v konkretnem okolju; znajo zastaviti bazično ekološko raziskavo na nivoju vrste, populacije, združbe.

**Objectives and competences:**

- Students are familiar with and explain basic rules in ecology.
- They specify the main abiotic and biotic factors in an environment.
- They relate concepts about conditions and resources for survival and coexistence with species' adaptations in respect to environment.
- They get introduced and are able to interpret ecological investigations on different levels: individual, single species, or population.
- They explain the concept of metapopulation.
- They compare different interspecific relationships.
- They quote the definitions of communities and ecosystems.
- They explain the rule of energy and matter flow through ecosystem.
- They explain the concept of food webs.
- Laboratory and field work: They use the process of scientific research through solving ecological case studies involving sampling, measurements of environmental factors,.. They improve their skills how to plan a basic ecological study on the level of species, population or community investigation.

**Predvideni študijski rezultati:**

- Po uspešno opravljenih obveznostih predmeta bodopojasnili osnovne principe v ekologiji;
- predstavili pregled osnovnih abiotiskih in biotskih dejavnikov;
- ilustrirali osnovna pravila, koncepte in teorije v ekologiji;
- razložili osnovne relacije med osebkom in okoljem;
- prikazali osnove populacijske ekologije;
- analizirali procese in dejavnike sobivanja osebkov in vrst;

**Intended learning outcomes:**

At the end of the course a successful student will be able to: explain basic ecological principles;

- review abiotic and biotic environmental factors;
- interpret the basic ecological laws, concepts and theories;
- explain the basic relations between the individual and its environment;
- illustrate principles of population ecology;
- analyse the processes and factors enabling coexistence of individuals and species;

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>zagovarjali pomen ekoloških raziskav in usposobljenost za načrtovanje takšnih raziskav.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>argue the importance of ecological investigations and training of planning such investigations.</li> </ul>
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**Metode poučevanja in učenja:**

- Predavanja
- Terenske vaje
- Laboratorijske vaje
- Samostojno delo

**Learning and teaching methods:**

- Lectures
- Field work
- Laboratory work
- Individual work

Načini ocenjevanja:	Delež (v %) / Weight (in %)	Assessment:
Način (pisni izpit, ustno izpraševanje, naloge, projekt) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Laboratorijsko/Terensko delo (prisotnost, dnevnik, pisni test) pogoj za pristop k izpitu</li> <li>Pisni izpit</li> </ul>	100%	Type (examination, oral, coursework, project): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Lab/Field work (attendance, reports, written exam) mandatory for the final exam</li> <li>Written exam</li> </ul>

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

- ŠIPEK, Mirjana, RAVNJAK, Tim, ŠAJNA, Nina. Understorey species distinguish late successional and ancient forests after decades of minimum human intervention : a case study from Slovenia. *Forest ecosystems*. 2023, vol. 10, [article no.] 100096, 10 str.
- ŠIPEK, Mirjana, HORVAT, Eva, ŠAJNA, Nina (avtor, korespondenčni avtor). Eastward range expansion of the ragweed leaf beetle (*Ophraella communa* LeSage, 1986) (Coleoptera, Chrysomelidae) in Slovenia. *BioInvasions Records*. 2023, vol. 12, iss. 2, str. 615-623.
- HORVAT, Eva, ŠAJNA, Nina. Exploring the impact of a non-native seed predator on the seed germination of its non-native host. *Biological invasions*. Dec. 2021, vol. 23, iss. 12, str. 3703-3717.
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