Module title | Abbreviation
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Evolution and the Animal Kingdom | 07-1A1TI-132-m01

Module coordinator | Module offered by
holder of the Professorship of Zoology at the Department of Electronmicroscopy | Faculty of Biology

ECTS | Method of grading | Only after succ. compl. of module(s)
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5 | numerical grade | --

Duration | Module level | Other prerequisites
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1 semester | undergraduate | Admission prerequisite to assessment: regular attendance of exercises (minimum 80%) and successful completion of the respective exercises (approx. 25 to 30 hours).

Contents

The lecture Evolution will acquaint students with fundamental concepts and mechanisms of evolutionary biology: the origins of diversity; natural and sexual selection; speciation; population genetics. It will provide students with an introduction to phylogenetic reconstruction and will thus enable them to develop an understanding of the system of plants and animals. During the exercise, students will complete exercises on mechanistic evolution and evolutionary history. The lecture Tierreich (Animal Kingdom) will discuss the diversity of animal organisms on the basis of the phyla of the animal kingdom focusing on phylogenetic criteria. It will address the ecological constraints that led to the development of different types of body plans with their different structures and functions. In this context, the lecture will also develop an awareness in students of how important a knowledge of the fundamental principles of zoology is for research and applications not only but in particular in biology and medicine. In the exercise, students will prepare and/or examine selected species and histological preparations and will thus become familiar with the functional and morphological characteristics of the major multicellular animal phyla. In this context, students will practise working with light microscopes and stereo microscopes and will acquire fundamental preparation skills. They will prepare drawings, documenting and interpreting what they have seen.

Intended learning outcomes

Students will be familiar with the fundamental concepts and mechanisms of evolutionary biology and will know that these are key to understanding biological processes. They will have gained an overview of the diversity of animals on the basis of different types of body plans and will understand important structures in both a functional and an ecological context.

Courses (type, number of weekly contact hours, language — if other than German)

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Method of assessment (type, scope, language — if other than German, examination offered — if not every semester, information on whether module is creditable for bonus)

written examination (approx. 60 minutes)

Allocation of places

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Additional information

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Referred to in LPO I (examination regulations for teaching-degree programmes)

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Module appears in

Bachelor’ degree (1 major) Biology (2013)
Bachelor’s degree (1 major, 1 minor) Biology (Minor, 2013)