

Module title		Abbreviation
The Flora of Germany		07-4A4FL-102-m01
Module coordinator		Module offered by
holder of the Chair of Ecophysiology and Vegetation Ecology		Faculty of Biology
ECTS	Method of grading	Only after succ. compl. of module(s)
7	numerical grade	--
Duration	Module level	Other prerequisites
1 semester	undergraduate	By way of exception, additional prerequisites are listed in the section on assessments.
Contents		
<p>The module will discuss the fundamental principles of the systematics and ecology of flowering plants. Students will acquire an overview of the major flowering plants to be found in the temperate zone as well as their ecological and economic importance. Using the field guide <i>Flora von Deutschland</i> by Schmeil-Fitschen, the course will demonstrate how dichotomous keys are used, and students will practise identifying freshly-gathered plants using dichotomous keys. Identifying plants, students will learn how to identify major morphological plant characteristics and will become familiar with the respective terminology. The module will also include field trips to typical habitats in the Botanical Garden and the vicinity of Würzburg. Students will become familiar with the common as well as scientific names of the plants found and will be introduced to the family- as well as species-specific characteristics of these plants. Students will practise using field guides and identification keys on site. Habitat ecological, geobotanical, climatic as well as conservation-relevant characteristics will also be discussed. The module will also include sessions at the Botanical Garden of the University of Würzburg with its outdoor facilities and greenhouses to help students acquire species identification skills.</p>		
Intended learning outcomes		
<p>Students have acquired knowledge and skills related to the ecology, systematics and taxonomy of indigenous flowering plants. They are familiar with the terminology of plant morphology and know how to use Floras and set up scientific herbaria.</p>		
Courses (type, number of weekly contact hours, language — if other than German)		
<p>This module comprises 2 module components. Information on courses will be listed separately for each module component.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 07-4A4FL-1-102: V + Ü (no information on SWS (weekly contact hours) and course language available) • 07-4A4FL-2-102: E (no information on SWS (weekly contact hours) and course language available) 		
Method of assessment (type, scope, language — if other than German, examination offered — if not every semester, information on whether module is creditable for bonus)		
<p>Assessment in this module comprises the assessments in the individual module components as specified below. Unless stated otherwise, successful completion of the module will require successful completion of all individual assessments.</p>		
<p>Assessment in module component 07-4A4FL-1-102: Introduction to the Flora of Germany Introduction to the Flora of Germany</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4 ECTS, Method of grading: numerical grade • written examination (approx. 45 minutes) and practical identification assignment (approx. 45 minutes), weighted 1:1 • Assessment offered: once a year, summer semester • Other prerequisites: Admission prerequisite to assessment: regular attendance of exercises and successful completion of the respective exercises (particular emphasis to be placed on the setting up a herbarium) as specified at the beginning of the course. 		
<p>Assessment in module component 07-4A4FL-2-102: Field Excursions on the Flora of Germany</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 ECTS, Method of grading: (not) successfully completed • log (approx. 1 to 2 pages per field trip) • Assessment offered: once a year, summer semester 		

Allocation of places

Number of places: 180. Should the number of applications exceed the number of available places, places will be allocated as follows: Places will primarily be allocated to students of the Bachelor's degree subject Biologie (Biology) with 180 ECTS credits. Should the module be used in other subjects, there will be two quotas: 95% of places will be allocated to students of the Bachelor's degree subject Biologie (Biology) with 180 ECTS credits and 5% of places (a minimum of one participant in total) will be allocated to students of the Bachelor's degree subject Biologie (Biology) with 60 ECTS credits and to students of the Bachelor's degree subjects Computational Mathematics and Mathematik (Mathematics), each with 180 ECTS credits, as part of the application-oriented subject Biology (as well as potentially to students of other 'importing' subjects). Should the number of places available in one quota exceed the number of applications, the remaining places will be allocated to applicants from the other quota. Should there be, within one module component, several courses with a restricted number of places, there will be a uniform regulation for the courses of one module component. In this case, places on all courses of a module component that are concerned will be allocated in a standardised procedure. In this procedure, applicants who already have successfully completed at least one other module component of the respective module will be given preferential consideration. A waiting list will be maintained and places re-allocated as they become available. Selection process group 1 (95%): Places will primarily be allocated according to the applicants' previous academic achievements. For this purpose, applicants will be ranked according to the number of ECTS credits they have achieved and their average grade of all assessments taken during their studies or of all module components in the subject of Biologie (Biology) (excluding Chemie (Chemistry), Physik (Physics), Mathematik (Mathematics)) at the time of application. This will be done as follows: First, applicants will be ranked, firstly, according to their average grade weighted according to the number of ECTS credits (qualitative ranking) and, secondly, according to their total number of ECTS credits achieved (quantitative ranking). The applicants' position in a third ranking will be calculated as the sum of these two rankings, and places will be allocated according to this third ranking. Among applicants with the same ranking, places will be allocated according to the qualitative ranking or otherwise by lot. Selection process group 2 (5%): Places will be allocated according to the following quotas: Quota 1 (50% of places): total number of ECTS credits already achieved in modules/module components of the Faculty of Biology; among applicants with the same number of ECTS credits achieved, places will be allocated by lot. Quota 2 (25% of places): number of subject semesters of the respective applicant; among applicants with the same number of subject semesters, places will be allocated by lot. Quota 3 (25% of places): allocation by lot. Should the module be used only in the Bachelor's degree subject Biologie (Biology) with 180 ECTS credits, places will be allocated according to the selection process of group 1.

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 (2011)
 Bachelor' degree (1 major) Biology (2010)
 Bachelor' degree (1 major) Geography (2010)
 Bachelor' degree (1 major) Mathematics (2012)
 Bachelor' degree (1 major) Mathematics (2013)
 Bachelor' degree (1 major) Computational Mathematics (2012)
 Bachelor' degree (1 major) Computational Mathematics (2013)
 Bachelor's degree (1 major, 1 minor) Biology (Minor, 2010)