

Module title		Abbreviation
Evolutionary Ecology		07-4S1EVO-171-m01
Module coordinator		Module offered by
holder of the Chair of Animal Ecology and Tropical Biology		Faculty of Biology
ECTS	Method of grading	Only after succ. compl. of module(s)
5	numerical grade	--
Duration	Module level	Other prerequisites
1 semester	undergraduate	--
Contents		
<p>Every organism survives and reproduces in an environment defined by its con-specifics, members of other species, and the abiotic attributes of the world around it. In this course, we explore mechanisms of evolutionary adaptation to these conditions and thus why individuals, populations, or species differ from each other. Important principles of phenotypic adaptation will be introduced and explained with examples from areas like "life-history evolution", evolution of morphological and behavioural traits, or the coevolution between hosts and parasites. The course includes a lecture as well as exercises on theoretical and empirical issues.</p>		
Intended learning outcomes		
<p>Students will understand fundamental principles and drivers of phenotypic evolution. They know important theoretical concepts and exemplary methods for studying the evolution of certain attributes and understanding their adaptive value. Students thus gain an insight into tight interactions between environment (ecology) and trait evolution.</p>		
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)		
<p>a) written examination (approx. 45 to 60 minutes) or b) log (approx. 10 to 20 pages) or c) oral examination of one candidate each (approx. 30 minutes) or d) oral examination in groups of up to 3 candidates (approx. 20 minutes per candidate) or e) presentation (approx. 20 to 30 minutes) or f) practical examination (on average approx. 2 hours; time to complete will vary according to subject area but will not exceed a maximum of 4 hours).</p> <p>Students will be informed about the method and length of the assessment prior to the course. Language of assessment: German and/or English creditable for bonus</p>		
Allocation of places		
<p>20 places. Should the number of applications exceed the number of available places, places will be allocated as follows: Students of the Bachelor's degree subject Biologie (Biology) with 180 ECTS credits will be given preferential consideration. 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 place 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 the same 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.</p>		

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): lottery.

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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Workload

150 h

Teaching cycle

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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 (2017)
 Bachelor' degree (1 major) Biology (2021)
 Bachelor's degree (1 major, 1 minor) Biology (Minor, 2021)
 Bachelor' degree (1 major) Computer Science und Sustainability (2021)
 Bachelor' degree (1 major) Biology (2022)
 exchange program Biosciences (2022)