

<b>Module title</b>		<b>Abbreviation</b>
Animal Ecology F1 (Practical Course and Seminar 1)		07-MS1TÖF1-102-m01
<b>Module coordinator</b>		<b>Module offered by</b>
holder of the Chair of Animal Ecology and Tropical Biology		Faculty of Biology
<b>ECTS</b>	<b>Method of grading</b>	<b>Only after succ. compl. of module(s)</b>
10	numerical grade	--
<b>Duration</b>	<b>Module level</b>	<b>Other prerequisites</b>
1 semester	graduate	Admission prerequisite to assessment: regular attendance of lab course and successful completion of the respective exercises as specified at the beginning of the course.
<b>Contents</b>		
<p>This module consists of several exercises and a seminar series over the course of the entire semester. The exercises can be chosen from the following electives: 1. Wild and honeybee ecology (over the course of the semester): fundamentals and techniques of beekeeping, resource utilisation, behaviour experiments, pollinator diversity and plant-pollinator-interactions. 2. Ecology and taxonomy of insects (block, 2 weeks): observation and recording in the habitat, identification and characteristics of different arthropod groups, field experiments. 3. Ecological modelling (block, 2 weeks): current methods of ecological processes modelling, simulation models, the students' own modelling project on current issues in ecology. 4. Agroecology (block, 1 week): insect communities in agroecosystems, biological pest control in landscape context, evaluation of agri-environment schemes. 5. Forest ecology (block, 1 week): arthropod communities in forest ecosystems, methods of detection, influence of management on diversity patterns and functional groups. 6. Tropical ecology (block): small projects ecological or nature conservation-related issues to be implemented in a tropical ecosystem in East Africa. In the seminar, recent scientific publications on the topics covered in the modules listed above will be presented and discussed.</p>		
<b>Intended learning outcomes</b>		
<p>Students will have expanded their knowledge on ecological theories and current research issues in animal ecology. They will be able to design, perform, statistically analyse and interpret scientific research. They will be familiar with animal ecological methods and possible sources of error in data interpretation. They will have deepened their knowledge of the biology and ecology of important functional taxa of arthropods. Students will have acquired the knowledge and skills necessary to perform scientific activities in the context of an F2 practical course or a Master's thesis.</p>		
<b>Courses</b> (type, number of weekly contact hours, language — if other than German)		
S + P (no information on SWS (weekly contact hours) and course language available)		
<b>Method of assessment</b> (type, scope, language — if other than German, examination offered — if not every semester, information on whether module is creditable for bonus)		
<p>Students will be informed about the length and scope of the assessment prior to the course. Usually, one of the following options will be chosen: a) written examination (30 to 60 minutes, including multiple choice questions) or b) log (approx. 10 to 30 pages) or c) oral examination of one candidate each (30 to 60 minutes) or d) oral examination in groups of up to 3 candidates (approx. 30 to 60 minutes) or e) presentation (20 to 45 minutes)</p>		
<b>Allocation of places</b>		
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<b>Additional information</b>		
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<b>Referred to in LPO I</b> (examination regulations for teaching-degree programmes)		
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<b>Module appears in</b>		
<p>Master's degree (1 major) Biology (2011)  Master's degree (1 major) Biology (2010)  Master's degree (1 major) Biology (2014)</p>		

