Module description

Environmental Education in the Botanical Garden of the University

Module coordinator
head of Botanical Garden

Module offered by
Faculty of Biology

ECTS
2

Method of grading
(Not) successfully completed

Duration
1 semester

Contents
The Botanical Garden of the University of Würzburg is primarily used for teaching and research-related activities. In addition, it is used for activities in the area of general environmental education with the plants in the different sections and collections being used to inform interested members of the public about topics in the areas of botany, ecology and gardening. In this module, students will develop appropriate educational concepts for imparting, in a comprehensible way, specialist knowledge to interested laypersons. They will practise designing and using appropriate aids (information boards, leaflets etc.) and applying methodological approaches (guidelines) for the comprehensible presentation of complex concepts. Students will be organised into teams to complete the following tasks: develop contents tailored to the needs of selected target groups, acquire the specialist knowledge necessary for presenting these contents, select appropriate methods for presenting these contents.

Intended learning outcomes
Students will be able to communicate concepts in ecology and botany to a lay audience. They will be able to tailor contents to a target audience, selecting and using appropriate aids and techniques. Students will have acquired an overview of the sectors of the Botanical Garden and will be able to prepare information material on individual sections. They will have developed both botanical knowledge and teaching skills that will enable them to guide tours through the Botanical Garden, imparting knowledge in a way that is tailored to their target audience.

Courses
(U + E (no information on SWS (weekly contact hours) and course language available)

Method of assessment
(term paper or preparing educational materials and materials for demonstrations (approx. 10 to 20 pages)

Allocation of places
Number of places: 6. 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 Biologie (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’s degree (1 major) Biology (2011)
- Bachelor’s degree (1 major) Biology (2013)
- Bachelor’s degree (1 major) Biology (2010)
- Bachelor’s degree (1 major, 1 minor) Museology and material culture (2010)
- Bachelor’s degree (1 major, 1 minor) Museology and material culture (2013)