

MSc. Study programme: Biodiversity: Ecology, Evolution and Conservation Biology (BEEC)						
Overview of modules offered in BEEC - status-quo March 2024						
KC:= Key competence; C:= Colloquium; V:= Lecture; UE:= Practice; S:= Seminar; GK:= Field course						
Module number	Title	Responsible lecturer	ECTS	Semester	Summer term	Winter term
				week hours		Language
					(ENGL, DE)	
M.Biodiv.401	Biodiversity (Compulsory Module)	N.N.	12	16		ENGL
	One out of seven					
401.a	UE Practice in pollen analysis	Behling	3	5	+	
401.b	UE Identification of hymenoptera (M.Agr.0088)	Westphal	3	5	+	
401.c	UE Identification of grasses and grass-like plants	Hertel	3	5	+	
401.d	UE Biology and ecology of diptera	Hövemeyer	3	5	+	
401.e	UE Biodiversity and ecology of indigenous avifauna	External docent	3	5	+	
401.f	UE Identification of mosses and lichens	Kaufmann/Drehwald	3	5	+	
401.h	UE Moth diversity and ecology	Kamp	3		+	
401.3	UE 4 Field daytrips, 2 in botany, 2 in zoology		4	4	+	
401.4	UE Extended field trip in botany or zoology		5	7	+	(+)
M.Biodiv.402	Plant Ecology and Ecosystem Research	Leuschner	6	4		ENGL
402.1	V Vegetation and ecology of the earth	Leuschner		2	+	
402.4	S Current topics in plant ecology and nature conservation	Hertel		2	+	
402.6	S Aut-and synecology of plants: The tropics	Homeier		2	+	
402.7	S Influence of global change on ecosystem processes, matter fluxes and diversity in temperate and boreal forests towards the subarctic tundra	Weigel		2	+	
M.Biodiv.403	Vegetation Ecology and Vegetation History	Bergmeier, Behling	6	4		ENGL
403.1	V Vegetation & ecology of the earth	Leuschner		2	+	
403.1	V General and plant sociological vegetation ecology	Bergmeier		2	+	
403.2	V General vegetation history of the earth	Behling		2	+	
403.3	S Applied vegetation ecology of the Mediterranean (annual alternation with 403.4)	Bergmeier		2	+	
	Modern issues of vegetation science in agricultural landscapes (annual alternation with 403.3)	Bergmeier		2	(22/23)	
403.4	S	Bergmeier				
402.7	S Influence of global change on ecosystem processes, matter fluxes and diversity in temperate and boreal forests towards the subarctic tundra	Weigel		2	+	
M.Biodiv.404	Animal Ecology	Scheu	6	4		ENGL
404.1	V Animal ecology			2	+	
404.2	S Topics in animal ecology and evolution			2	+	
M.Biodiv.406	Regional Vegetation Ecology and Phytodiversity	Bergmeier	6	4		ENGL
406.1	V Habitat types of the FFH-Guideline			2	+	
403.3	S Applied vegetation ecology of the Mediterranean (annual alternation with 403.4)			2	+	

403.4	S	Modern issues of vegetation science in agricultural landscapes (annual alternation with 403.3)			2		(22/23)	
M.Biodiv.412		Conservation Biology	Kamp	6	4		ENGL	
412.1	V	International nature conservation	Kamp		2		+	
412.2	V	The song of the Dodo - Origins of Conservation Biology	Waltert		2		+	
412.3	S	Botanical nature conservation and environmental care	Leuschner		2	+		
M.Forst.1512.1	S	Global environmental and forest policy	Hubo		2		+	
M.Agr.0089	S	Ecological Seminar	Westphal		2			
M.Biodiv.413		Education for sustainable development: Focus education of biodiversity	Bögeholz	6	4		ENGL	
	S	Education for sustainable development: Focus education of biodiversity			2	+		
	V	Education for biodiversity			2	+		
M.Biodiv.415		Evolution: Evolutionary Biology	Friedl	6	4		DE	
415.1	V	Evolutionary biology	Various lecturers		2		+	
415.2	V	Phylogeography	Zinner, Roos		2	+		
M.Biodiv.417		Scientific Project Management and Specific Research Methods (Compulsory Module, individually organised)	N.N.	6	6		ENGL	
	C	Modern Research in Biodiversity and Ecology	N.N.		2	+	+	
	UE	Conception and presentation of a scientific research concept	Docents of BEEC		4	+	+	
M.Biodiv.418		Pro- and Eucaryotic Algae: Evolution and Systematics	Friedl	6	4		ENGL	
418.1	V	Phylogeny and systematics of plants and algae: biology and phylogeny of algae			2		+	
418.2	S	Plant systematics & phycology			2		+	
M.Biodiv.421		Plant Ecology: Project Course Plant Ecology	Hertel	6	8		DE	
421.1	V	Basics of planning, performance, and analysis of ecological research projects, and scientific writing			1		+	
421.2	UE	Scientific analysis and publication of plant ecological data			7		+	
M.Biodiv.422		Plant Ecology: CO2- and H2O-balance of Trees	Leuschner	6	8		ENGL	
422.1	V	Carbon and water balance of trees	Paligi		2	+		
422.2	UE	Photosynthesis, respiration, and transpiration	Paligi		6	+		
M.Biodiv.423		Plant Ecology: Study of Habitats	Hertel	6	8		ENGL	
423.1	V	Plant ecological studies of habitats			2	+		
423.2	UE	Studies of habitats of different forest types near Göttingen			6	+		
M.Biodiv.424		Plant Ecology: Field studies of Plant Ecology, Phytodiversity, and Ecosystems Research	Leuschner	6	8		ENGL	
424.1	S	Ecosystems and field research			2	+		
424.2	UE	International field studies			6	+		

M.Biodiv.425	Evolution of Embryophyta			Hörandl	6	4		ENGL
425.1	V	Speciation and evolution of land plants				2		+
425.2 / 418.2	S	Plant systematics and phycology				2	+	+
M.Biodiv.426	Reproduction and evolution of flowering plants			Hörandl	6	4		ENGL
UE	Developmental and reproductive biology of flowering plants					3	+	
V	Reproductive strategies of flowering plants					1	+	
M.Biodiv.428	Biodiversity and biogeography of embryophyta			Hörandl	6	4		ENGL
428.1	S	Introduction into tropical and alpine flora				1	(+)	+
428.2	UE: A	Alternating field excursion: Tropics or Alps				3	2025	(+)
M.Biodiv.430	Vegetation History: Project Study in Palaeoecology and Palynology			Behling	6	8		ENGL
430.1	S	Current topics in palynology and climate dynamics				2	(+)	+
430.2	UE	Palaeoecology and palynology				6	(+)	+
M.Biodiv.431	Vegetation Ecology: Applied Vegetation Ecology & Multivariate Analysis			Bergmeier	6	8		ENGL
431.1	V	Basics and methods of data sampling in vegetation ecology and multivariate analysis				2	+	
431.2	UE	Grassland vegetation and multivariate vegetation analysis				6	+	
M.Biodiv.433 (KC)	Vegetation History: Multivariate Analysis in Palaeoecology			Behling	3	4		ENGL
433.1	V/S	Statistics in palaeoecology				1	+	
433.2	UE	Multivariate data analysis				3	+	
M.Biodiv.434 (KC)	Vegetation History: Introduction in Cultivated Plant History			Behling	3	4		ENGL
434.1	V	Introduction in cultivated plant history				1	+	
434.2	UE/ S	Practice in cultivated plant history - microscopic identification of subfossil plant remains				3	+	
M.Biodiv.435	Vegetation Ecology and Vegetation History: Field studies in Phytodiversity, Vegetation Ecology, and Palaeoecology (specific announcement)			Bergmeier, Behling	6	8		ENGL
435.1	S	Phytodiversity and palaeoecology of a natural and culture area				2	+	(+)
435.2	UE	International field studies				6	+	(+)
M.Biodiv.436	Vegetation Ecology: Project Study of Vegetation and Phytodiversity (individual arrangement)			Bergmeier	6	4		ENGL
436.1	S	Current topics in vegetation ecology and phytodiversity				2		+
436.2	UE	Vegetation analysis and phytodiversity				2	+	(+)
M.Biodiv.437	Vegetation History: Methods in Paleoecology			Behling	6	8		ENGL
V	Methods in paleoecology					1	+	
UE	Methods in paleoecology					5	+	
S	New results in paleoecological and palynological research					2	+	
M.Biodiv.441	Animal Ecology: Evolutionary Ecology			Maraun	6	8		ENGL

441.1	V	Evolutionary ecology			2		+	
441.2	UE	Evolutionary ecology - experiments			6		+	
M.Biodiv.442	Animal Ecology: Syncology of Animals			Maraun	6	8		ENGL
442.1	V	Syncology of animals			2		+	
442.2	UE	Syncology of animals - experiments			6		+	
M.Biodiv.443	Animal Ecology: Field Studies in Animal Ecology and Zoological Biodiversity			Scheu	6	8		ENGL
443.1	S	Field studies in animal ecology and zoological biodiversity			2		+	
443.2	UE	Field studies of mediterranean ecosystems (aquatic and terrestrial)			6		+	
M.Biodiv.445	Animal Ecology: Molecular analysis of trophic interactions in soil food webs			Scheu	6	8		ENGL
445.1	V	Molecular analysis of trophic interactions in soil food webs	Maraun		2		+	
445.2	UE	Molecular analysis of trophic interactions in soil food webs - experiments	Maraun		6		+	
M.Biodiv.446	Molecular zoology and insect biotechnology			Bucher	6	8		ENGL
	V	Gene function analysis in diverse animals and applications in pest control			2		+	
	S	Designing experiments to study gene function			2		+	
	UE	Introduction to molecular work and methods for gene function studies			4		+	
M.Biodiv.447	Animal Ecology: Biodiversity, Ecology and Evolution of Terrestrial Invertebrates			Scheu	6	7		ENGL
	V	Biodiversity and ecology of terrestrial invertebrates			2		+	
	UE	Biodiversity and ecology of terrestrial invertebrates			5		+	
M.Biodiv.450	Plant Ecology: Impact of global climate change on plant communities and their functional traits			Leuschner, Weigel	6	8		ENGL
	V	Impact of global climate change on plant communities	Weigel		2		+	
	UE	Impact of global climate change on plant communities	Weigel		6		+	
M.Biodiv.461	Pro- and Eucaryotic Algae: Ex situ Conservation of Biodiversity of Algae			Lorenz	6	8		ENGL
461.1	V	Ex situ Conservation of biodiversity of algae			1		+	
461.2	UE	Methods of ex situ conservation of algae			7		+	
M.Biodiv.470	Morphology of animals: Microscopical methods in comparative morphology			Fischer Ch.	6	8		ENGL
470.1	V	Introduction to microscopic methods & techniques of preparation			2		+	
470.2	UE	Comparative microscopic investigation of organ systems & tissue types			6		+	
M.Biodiv.478	Field studies in systematics, biodiversity, & ecology of marine invertebrates			Bleidorn	6	8		ENGL
478.1	V	Introduction to marine biology			2		+	
478.2	S/UE	Field studies in systemat., biodiv. and ecol. of marine animals			6		+	
M.Biodiv.479	Introduction to Phylogenomics			Bleidorn	6	6		ENGL
479.1	V	Introduction to phylogenomics			1		+	
479.2	S	Introduction to phylogenomics			1		+	

479.3	UE	Introduction to phylogenomics			4		+	
M.Biodiv.480		Conservation Biology: Nature Conservation Inventories	Hondong	6	8		DE	
480.1	V	Nature conservation inventories			2	+	+	
480.2	UE	Nature conservation inventories			6	+	+	
M.Biodiv.481		Conservation Biology: Population Biology in Nature Conservation	Gottschalk	6	8		ENGL	
481.1	V	Population viability analysis			2		+	
481.2	UE	Population viability analysis			6		+	
M.Biodiv.482		Conservation Biology: Field Studies in Conservation Biology	Kamp	6	8		ENGL	
482.1	V	Field studies in conservation biology			1	+		
482.2	S/UE	Field studies in conservation biology			7	+		
M.Biodiv.483		Conservation Biology: Assessment of Wildlife Species for Nature Conservation	Waltert	6	8		ENGL	
483.1	V	Theoretical background of population assessment			2		+	
483.2	UE	Analysis, interpretation, and management of stand data			6		+	
M.Biodiv.488		Conservation Biology: Ornithology	Gottschalk	6	8		ENGL	
488.1	V	Biology of selected bird species			2	+		
488.2	UE	Identification of birds in the field and methods in ornithology			6	+		
M.Biodiv.490		Project Studies in Plant Systematics, Evolution and Phylogeny	Hörandl	6	4		ENGL	
	UE	Research project (individual arrangement)			4	+	+	
M.Biodiv.491		Next generation sequencing for evolutionary biology	Appelhans	6	4		ENGL	
491.1	V	Next generation sequencing: methods, data analysis and applications			0,5	+		
491.2	S	Next generation sequencing: examples of botanical and zoological studies			0,5	+		
491.3	UE	Analysis of next generation sequencing data			3	+		
M.Biodiv.492		Molecular methods for "Next Generation Sequencing" in Evolutionary Biology and Systematics	Tomasello	6	4		ENGL	
492.1	V	Introduction into molecular markers			1		+	
492.2	UE	Target enrichment and Nanopore Sequencing			3		+	
M.Biodiv.600		Introduction to Phylogenetics	Bleidorn	6	8		ENGL	
600.1	V	Introduction to phylogenetics			1	+		
600.2	S	Introduction to phylogenetics			1	+		
600.3	UE	Introduction to phylogenetics			6	+		
M.Biodiv.605		Project Studies in Animal Evolution and Biodiversity	Bleidorn, Aguado	6	4		ENGL	
605.1	S	Current topics in animal evolution and biodiversity			1	+	+	
605.2	UE	Research project			3	+	+	

M.Biodiv.610 (KC)	Science Communication in Biodiversity Research (KC)	Aguado	6	4			ENGL
610,1	V	Introduction to science communication			1		+
610,2	S	Introduction to science communication			1		+
610,3	UE	Science communication in biodiversity research			2		+
M.Geg.17	Landscape Ecology	Sauer	6	4	+	ENGL	
B.Geo.209	Biosedimentology	Arp	6	6	+	DE	
M.Agr.0009	Biological Control and Biodiversity	Rostas	6	6	+	ENGL	
M.Agr.0052	Ecology and Nature Conservation	Westphal	6	6	+	DE	
M.Agr.0061	Project study Nature Conservation in an Agricultural Landscape	Westphal	6	4	+	DE	
M.Bio.101 (Biodiv)	General and Applied Microbiology	Stölke	12	14	+	ENGL	
M.Bio-NF.306	Introduction into Behavioural Biology	Makolff	12	12	+	ENGL	
	V	Introduction into behavioural biology			2		
	UE	Practice of methods in behavioural biology			8		
	S	Concepts of behavioural biology			2		
M.Bio-NF.307	Behavioural Biology	Kappeler, Fichtel	12	14	+	ENGL	
	V	Behavioural biology	Fichtel		3		
	UE	Practice in behavioural biology (Madagaskar, Peru)	Kappeler		10		
	S	Behavioural biology	Fichtel		1		
M.Bio.346 (KC)	Introduction into Behavioural Biology	Markolf	6	4	+	ENGL	
	V	Introduction into behavioural biology			2		
	S	Concepts of behavioural biology			2		
M.Bio.347 (KC)	Behavioural Biology	Fichtel	6	4	+	ENGL	
	V	Behavioural biology			3		
	S	Behavioural biology			1		
M.Forst.212	Ecology and Politics of Forest Nature Conservation	Schuldt	6	4	+	DE	
M.Forst.213	Genetic Resources and Physiology of Wood Plants	N.N.	6	4	+	DE	
M.Forst.214	Biodiversity	Kreft	6	4	+	DE	
M.Forst.232	Methods and Management of Nature Conservation	Schuldt	6	4	+	DE	
M.Forst.775	Modern Methods in Ecology	N.N.	6	4	+	DE	
M.FES.115	Statistical Data Analysis with R	Meyer	6	4	+	ENGL	

M.FES.124	Modern Concepts and Methods in Macroecology and Biogeography	Kreft	6	4	+		ENGL	
M.Forst.754	Soils of the Earth: Distribution, Characteristics and Use	Veldkamp	6	4	+		DE	
M.Forst.756	Practice in Soil Hydrology	Jansen	9	6	+		DE	
M.Forst.757	Practice in Soil Microbiology	Corre	9	6	+		DE	
M.Forst.774	Stable Isotopes in Terrestrial Ecology	Dyckmans	6	4	+		DE	
M.FES.122	Ecological Simulation Modelling	Wiegand	6	4	+		ENGL	
M.Forst.742	Waldökosysteme und ihre Bewirtschaftung	Schall	6	4	+	+	DE	
M.Geg.02	Problems of Utilisation of Natural Resources	Sauer	6	4	+		DE	
M.Geg.06 (Biodiv)	Quaternary Climate and Landscape Development	Sauer	6	3	+		DE	
M.Geo.111	Palaeobiology and Biodiversity I		6	5	+		DE	
M.Geo.113	Palaeobiology and Biodiversity II		6	5,5	+		DE	
M.Geo.114	Biogeochemistry	Thiel	6	6	+		DE	
M.Geo.116	Palaeobotany	Schmidt	6	4	+		DE	
M.INC.1006	Data Analysis for Field Biologists	Kamp	6	8	+		ENGL	