



Teaching Guide

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Identifying Data				2020/21
Subject (*)	Ecology II: Populations and Communities		Code	610G02040
Study programme	Grao en Bioloxía			
Descriptors				
Cycle	Period	Year	Type	Credits
Graduate	2nd four-month period	Third	Obligatory	6
Language	Spanish			
Teaching method	Face-to-face			
Prerequisites				
Department	Bioloxía			
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Web				
General description	Population ecology. Species interactions. Communities			
Contingency plan	1. Modifications to the contents: No changes will be implemented. 2. Methodologies *Teaching methodologies that are maintained: Hybrid model: Theory 1/3 onsite (face-to-face teaching), 2/3 online via Teams. Seminars and Practicals 100% onsite Online model: All teaching methodologies will be carried out online (virtual tele-teaching). *Teaching methodologies that are modified: Online model: THEORY: Teaching Theory will be done online using Teams platform. Theory teaching materials will be available in Moodle. SEMINARS: Teaching Seminars will be done online using Teams platform. Seminar teaching materials will be available in Moodle. PRACTICALS: Practical activities will be adapted to non-required attendance and will be done online using Teams platform. Practical teaching materials will be available in Moodle. TUTORING: Tutoring will be maintained online using email and/or Teams video-conferencing. 3. Mechanisms for personalized attention to students: Teams: Continuous individual tutoring (upon demand). Weekly group meetings. E-mail: Continuous individual tutoring (upon demand). Moodle: Continuous individual tutoring (upon demand). All teachings contents will be available in Moodle. 4. Modifications in the evaluation: No changes will be implemented. *Evaluation observations: Online model: Deliverables reports, partial tests and final exam will be implemented via Moodle platform. 5. Modifications to the bibliography or webgraphy: No changes will be implemented.			

Study programme competences

Code	Study programme competences
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A1	Recoñecer distintos niveis de organización nos sistemas vivos.
A17	Realizar bioensaios e diagnósticos biolóxicos.
A20	Muestrear, caracterizar e manexar poboacións e comunidades.
A21	Deseñar modelos de procesos biolóxicos.
A24	Xestionar, conservar e restaurar poboacións e ecosistemas.
A26	Deseñar experimentos, obter información e interpretar os resultados.
A30	Manexar adecuadamente instrumentación científica.
B4	Traballar de forma autónoma con iniciativa.
B6	Organizar e planificar o traballo.
B7	Comunicarse de maneira efectiva nunha contorna de traballo.
B8	Sintetizar a información.
B12	Adaptarse a novas situacións.

Learning outcomes			
Learning outcomes		Study programme competences	
Describe ecological concepts at individual, population, community and ecosystem level.		A1 A24	
Analytical discussion of ecological concepts.			B8
Managing scientific literature.		A30	
Using basic techniques in ecology.		A17 A20 A21 A26 A30	B4 B6 B7 B12

Contents	
Topic	Sub-topic
Section 1. Populations	Unit 1. Size, structure and life cycles. Unit 2. Population growth models. Unit 3. Growth in natural populations. Unit 4. Metapopulations.
Section 2. Species interactions	Unit 5. Competition. Unit 6. Predation. Unit 7. Mutualism.
Section 3. Communities	Unit 8. Community structure. Unit 9. Patterns in species richness. Unit 10. Ecological succession, trophic structure and stability.

Planning				
Methodologies / tests	Competencies	Ordinary class hours	Student?s personal work hours	Total hours
Guest lecture / keynote speech	A1 A17 A20 A21 A24 A26 A30 B4 B6 B7 B8 B12	24	60	84
Laboratory practice	A1 A17 A20 A21 A24 A26 A30 B4 B6 B7 B8 B12	15	15	30



Seminar	A1 A17 A20 A21 A24 A26 A30 B4 B6 B7 B8 B12	8	8	16
Multiple-choice questions	A1 A17 A20 A21 A24 A26 A30	0	1	1
Case study	A1 A17 A20 A21 A24 A26 A30	0	14	14
Objective test	A1 A17 A20 A21 A24 A26 A30 B4 B6 B7 B8 B12	3	0	3
Personalized attention		2	0	2

(*)The information in the planning table is for guidance only and does not take into account the heterogeneity of the students.

Methodologies	
Methodologies	Description
Guest lecture / keynote speech	Oral presentations to transfer knowledge and ease learning. Most of the graphical support of presentations is available in the virtual campus (Moodle).
Laboratory practice	For the students to learn effectively through the completion of practical activities in the field and/or in the laboratory.
Seminar	Demonstration and study of numerical models for a better understanding and resolution of ecological problems. Most models will be worked with Faculty PCs if students have no portables.
Multiple-choice questions	Partial examination of the subject (mid-term) will take place during the course. They will not be eliminatory
Case study	Deliverable elements of the activities carried out in Seminars and Practicals
Objective test	Written exam on all aspects of the matter: theory, practicals and seminars.

Personalized attention	
Methodologies	Description
Case study Laboratory practice Seminar Guest lecture / keynote speech Objective test Multiple-choice questions	Elucidation of possible doubts emerging as the matter is developed. Orientation and tuition to make the most of practicals. Orientation and tuition to make the most of seminars. Preparation, explanation and revision of deliverables and exams.

Assessment			
Methodologies	Competencies	Description	Qualification
Case study	A1 A17 A20 A21 A24 A26 A30	Deliverable elements of the activities carried out in Seminars and Practicals (see assessment comments)	20
Objective test	A1 A17 A20 A21 A24 A26 A30 B4 B6 B7 B8 B12	Written exam on all aspects of the matter: theory, practicals and seminars (see Assessment comments)	50
Multiple-choice questions	A1 A17 A20 A21 A24 A26 A30	Partial examination of the subject (mid-term) will take place during the course. They will not be eliminatory (see assessment comments)	30
Others			

Assessment comments



The final grade will be a consequence of the global results obtained in all the evaluation activities, which will include the three parts of the subject: Theory, Seminars and Practicals, with a contribution to the final grade proportional to its contribution in time planning: 60% Theory, 20% Seminars and 20% Practicals. All students will have two opportunities to pass the course:

In the first opportunity, a continuous evaluation will be carried out, including deliverables (assignments), partial tests (mid-terms) and a final exam (on a date set by the Faculty Board), with the following weighting:

60% Theory (30% partial tests + 30% final exam)

20% Seminars (10% deliverables + 10% final exam)

20% Practicals (10% deliverables + 10% final exam)

In the case of the second opportunity, there will be a single final exam (on a date set by the Faculty Board) that will include questions on the three parts of the subject with the following weighting:

60% Theory

20% Seminars

20% Practicals

Both in the first and in the second opportunities it is necessary to pass each and every one of the three parts simultaneously (Theory, Seminars and Practicals) to pass the subject. A failed part may be compensated with others if its grade is at least 4/10. The average grade to pass the course must be a 5.0 out of 10. Those students who submit and/or attend any of the continuous assessment activities will be considered as presented (attended), receiving the corresponding grade for the work submitted and/or tests carried out according to their weighting, and a grade of zero in those works and/or tests in which they have not been presented (not attended). In case of not submitting assignments or not taking any of the tests, they will be considered as not presented.

Attendance at Seminars and Practices is not mandatory, but will be recorded.

The deliverable elements of Seminars and Practicals (assignments) will consist of a report of the activities carried out in Seminars and Practicals. Said reports will be made and delivered following the indications given by the professor (format, content, deadlines, etc.) and their qualification will be subject to individual oral examination, if necessary. These reports must be done individually and collect the work of each student as well as their personal interpretation. The reports of Seminars and Practicals will be corrected and returned to the students before the corresponding assessment tests and will be delivered, for deposit until the end (according to current regulations) of the following academic year, at the time of the final exam.

In accordance with current norms, in general the deliverables of Seminars and Practicals cannot be recovered until the end of the following academic year, so it is advisable to keep a copy of the material delivered.

The achievement of the Honours mark (maximum qualification) will require, at least, a final grade of 9.0 or higher, and the delivery of all the deliverables (assignments) of the course.

Students with officially recognized academic exemption are able to participate in the proposed or equivalent activities and have support by tutoring (onsite or online).



Basic	- Alstad DN (2001). Basic Populus models of ecology. New Jersey: Prentice-Hall - Alstad DN (). www.cbs.umn.edu/populus. - Begon M, Harper JL, Townsend CR (1999). Ecología: individuos, poblaciones y comunidades. Barcelona: Omega - Begon M, Howarth RW, Townsend CR (2014). Essentials of Ecology. USA: Wiley - Krebs CJ (1986). Ecología: el análisis experimental de la distribución y la abundancia. Madrid: Pirámide - Molles M (2006). Ecología: Conceptos y Aplicaciones. Madrid: McGraw - Hill - Piñol J, Martínez-Vilalta J (2006). Ecología con números. Barcelona: Lynx - Piñol J, Martínez-Vilalta J (). www.ecologiaconnumeros.uab.es. - Ricklefs RE (1998). Invitación a la ecología: la economía de la naturaleza. Madrid: Panamericana - Smith RL, Smith TM (2000). Ecología. Madrid: Pearson - Smith TM, Smith RL (2012). Elements of Ecology. USA: Pearson - Molles M (2013). Ecology: concepts and applications. McGraw Hill Unha das referencias básicas para os Seminarios é Piñol e Martínez-Vilalta (EC-650). Os modelos contidos no CD que inclúe o libro están tamén dispoñibles na súa web. Do enlace de Alstad pódese descargar libremente o programa Populus, con modelos de bioloxía xeral e para algúns seminarios en particular. Inclúe un PopulusHelp.PDF que foi editado como libro en 2001 (EC-505).
Complementary	- Gotelli NJ (1995). A primer of ecology. Sunderland: Sinauer - Margalef R (1974). Ecología. Barcelona: Omega - Odum EP, Barret GW (2006). Fundamentos de ecología. Mexico: Thomson

Recommendations	
Subjects that it is recommended to have taken before	
Chemistry/610G02001	
Mathematics/610G02003	
Statistics/610G02005	
Physical Geography/610G02006	
Ecology I: Individuals and Ecosystems/610G02039	
Subjects that are recommended to be taken simultaneously	
Population Genetics and Evolution/610G02021	
Animal Physiology II/610G02036	
Subjects that continue the syllabus	
Human Ecology/610G02041	
Ecotoxicology/610G02042	
Data Analysis in Biology/610G02044	
Other comments	
Understanding	
rather than memorization is favored	

(*)The teaching guide is the document in which the URV publishes the information about all its courses. It is a public document and cannot be modified. Only in exceptional cases can it be revised by the competent agent or duly revised so that it is in line with current legislation.