



Teaching Guide

Teaching Guide				
Identifying Data				2023/24
Subject (*)	Human Ecology		Code	610G02041
Study programme	Grao en Bioloxía			
Descriptors				
Cycle	Period	Year	Type	Credits
Graduate	1st four-month period	Fourth	Obligatory	6
Language	Spanish			
Teaching method	Face-to-face			
Prerequisites				
Department	Bioloxía			
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General description	People interact among themselves and with the rest of nature in a unique way among all species. This is due to our exceptional, although imperfect, talent for cooperation. In this course we analyze the capacity and limits of humankind to organize and solve social and environmental problems.			

Study programme competences

Code	Study programme competences
A5	Analizar e caracterizar mostras de orixe humana.
A6	Catalogar, avaliar e xestionar recursos naturais.
A19	Analizar e interpretar o comportamento dous seres vivos.
A23	Avaliar o impacto ambiental. Diagnosticar e solucionar problemas ambientais.
A24	Xestionar, conservar e restaurar poboacións e ecosistemas.
A27	Dirixir, redactar e executar proxectos en Bioloxía.
A28	Desenvolver e implantar sistemas de xestión relacionados coa Bioloxía.
A29	Impartir coñecementos de Bioloxía.
B1	Aprender a aprender.
B2	Resolver problemas de forma efectiva.
B3	Aplicar un pensamento crítico, lóxico e creativo.
B4	Traballar de forma autónoma con iniciativa.
B5	Traballar en colaboración.
B6	Organizar e planificar o traballo.
B7	Comunicarse de maneira efectiva nunha contorna de traballo.
B8	Sintetizar a información.
B9	Formarse unha opinión propia.
B10	Exercer a crítica científica.
B11	Debater en público.
B12	Adaptarse a novas situacións.
B13	Comportarse con ética e responsabilidade social como cidadán e como profesional.
C1	Expresarse correctamente, tanto de forma oral coma escrita, nas linguas oficiais da comunidade autónoma.
C2	Dominar a expresión e a comprensión de forma oral e escrita dun idioma estranxeiro.
C3	Utilizar as ferramentas básicas das tecnoloxías da información e as comunicacións (TIC) necesarias para o exercicio da súa profesión e para a aprendizaxe ao longo da súa vida.
C4	Desenvolverse para o exercicio dunha cidadanía aberta, culta, crítica, comprometida, democrática e solidaria, capaz de analizar a realidade, diagnosticar problemas, formular e implantar solucións baseadas no coñecemento e orientadas ao ben común.
C5	Entender a importancia da cultura emprendedora e coñecer os medios ao alcance das persoas emprendedoras.
C6	Valorar criticamente o coñecemento, a tecnoloxía e a información dispoñible para resolver os problemas cos que deben enfrontarse.
C7	Asumir como profesional e cidadán a importancia da aprendizaxe ao longo da vida.



C8	Valorar a importancia que ten a investigación, a innovación e o desenvolvemento tecnolóxico no avance socioeconómico e cultural da sociedade.
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Learning outcomes			
Learning outcomes		Study programme competences	
Analyze, predict and change human behavior in relation to environmental problems.	A5	B3	C1
	A6	B9	C3
	A19	B10	C8
	A23	B11	
	A24	B12	
	A27		
	A28		
	A29		
Apply conceptual tools and theoretical knowledge to the resolution of environmental problems.	A19	B1	
	A23	B2	
	A24	B3	
		B4	
		B5	
		B6	
		B7	
		B8	
		B9	
		B10	
		B11	
		B12	
Communicate effectively these analyses, using oral and written language and information technologies.		B2	C2
		B3	C4
		B4	C5
		B5	C6
		B6	C7
		B7	
		B8	
		B9	
		B10	
		B11	
		B12	

Contents	
Topic	Sub-topic
Evolution of cooperation	Cooperation, defection, and environmental problems. Influence of partner choice and its costs on environmental problems. Influence of information and its costs on environmental problems. Human traits related to cooperation and environmental problems.
Cooperation in human society	Importance of cooperation in human societies and environmental problems. Division of labor and environmental problems. Participation in collective enterprises and environmental problems.
Application	Social and environmental problems.



Planning				
Methodologies / tests	Competencies	Ordinary class hours	Student's personal work hours	Total hours
Online discussion	A5 A6 A19 A23 A24 A27 A28 A29 B1 B2 B3 B4 B5 B6 B7 B8 B9 B10 B11 B12 B13 C1 C2 C3 C4 C5 C6 C7 C8	0	27	27
Guest lecture / keynote speech	A6 A19 A23 A24 A28 B2 B3 B7 B8 B9 B10 B11 B12 B13 C1 C5 C6 C8	28	42	70
Simulation	A19 B3 B10 B11	5	0	5
Multiple-choice questions	A6 A19 A23 A24 A28 B2 B3 B8 C8	2	14	16
Directed discussion	A5 A6 A19 A23 A24 A27 A28 A29 B1 B2 B3 B4 B5 B6 B7 B8 B9 B10 B11 B12 B13 C1 C2 C3 C4 C5 C6 C8	15	15	30
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
Online discussion	Written debates about student essays on Moodle
Guest lecture / keynote speech	Lectures on human social behavior and environmental problems
Simulation	Cooperation games
Multiple-choice questions	Human social behavior and environmental problems
Directed discussion	Oral debates on student essay topics and any other differences of opinion arising during the course

Personalized attention	
Methodologies	Description
Guest lecture / keynote speech	Part-time and attendance-exempt students can choose whether to be graded in the same way as regular students or only with the multiple-choice exams and the three essays on topics assigned by the teacher and written debates about them in Moodle.
Directed discussion	In the essays, students must defend ideas that are compatible with the scientific evidence as presented in the keynote speeches and the summaries of them that the teacher will upload to Moodle. Alternatively, students can argue why they disagree with the keynote speeches and their summaries.
Online discussion	

Assessment			
Methodologies	Competencies	Description	Qualification



Directed discussion	A5 A6 A19 A23 A24 A27 A28 A29 B1 B2 B3 B4 B5 B6 B7 B8 B9 B10 B11 B12 B13 C1 C2 C3 C4 C5 C6 C8	Human behavior and environmental problems	22.5
Online discussion	A5 A6 A19 A23 A24 A27 A28 A29 B1 B2 B3 B4 B5 B6 B7 B8 B9 B10 B11 B12 B13 C1 C2 C3 C4 C5 C6 C7 C8	Human behavior and environmental problems	22.5
Simulation	A19 B3 B10 B11	Cooperation games	10
Multiple-choice questions	A6 A19 A23 A24 A28 B2 B3 B8 C8	Human behavior and environmental problems	45
Others			

Assessment comments

Each student can submit, singly or in a group, three essays on topics assigned by the teacher for online discussion in Moodle and present them orally for discussion. In the essays, students must defend ideas that are compatible with the scientific evidence as presented in the lectures and the summaries of them that the teacher will upload to Moodle. Alternatively, students can argue why they disagree with the lectures and their summaries. Each essay is worth up to 15 points.

Students who do not submit any essay will get a "No show" grade.

Students get 2 points by participating in each small group session in the assigned schedule or instead by presenting an essay like those described in the first paragraph.

Multiple-choice questions are worth 45 points.

For the second and the ahead-of-schedule opportunity must answer multiple-choice questions.

The points obtained in the first opportunity are not conserved for the second and the ahead-of-schedule opportunity.

Students can get the "Honors" grade in any opportunity, but preferentially on the first.

Part-time and attendance-exempt students can choose whether to be graded in the same way as regular students or only with multiple-choice exams and the three essays as above and written debates about them in Moodle.

If a student copies sentences from other authors in the essays or cheats in multiple-choice questions, the University norms for these cases will be applied.

Sources of information

Basic	- Bowles, S. y Gintis, H. (2013). A cooperative species: human reciprocity and its evolution. Princeton University Press - Sigmund, K. (2010). The calculus of selfishness (Princeton series in theoretical and computational biology). Princeton University Press - Rosenzweig, M.L. (2003). Win-win ecology: how the Earth's species can survive in the midst of human enterprise. Oxford University Press
Complementary	

Recommendations

Subjects that it is recommended to have taken before

Population Genetics and Evolution/610G02021

Ecology II: Populations and Communities/610G02040

Subjects that are recommended to be taken simultaneously

Subjects that continue the syllabus



Other comments

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