

Year : 2018/19

66709 - Management and conservation of natural zones and biodiversity

Syllabus Information

Academic Year:	2018/19
Subject:	66709 - Management and conservation of natural zones and biodiversity
Faculty / School:	103 -
Degree:	328 - Master's in Land and Environmental Planning
ECTS:	6.0
Year:	1
Semester:	Annual
Subject Type:	Optional
Module:	---

General information

Aims of the course

Context and importance of this course in the degree

Recommendations to take this course

Learning goals

Competences

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Importance of learning goals

Assessment (1st and 2nd call)

Assessment tasks (description of tasks, marking system and assessment criteria)

Methodology, learning tasks, syllabus and resources

Methodological overview

The course offers a conceptual base and it also provides support for other subjects. It includes a theoretical section focused on the basic concepts of natural conservation, knowledge of natural systems and their value. The current state of the biodiversity and the environmental legislation are also studied.

The practice sessions will be focused on the identification of natural behaviour of different natural systems, studies on landscape ecology, the theory of insular balance, the assessment of biodiversity by using different indexes and the multi-criteria decision-making. Students will provide a summary of each activity as a part of the continuous assessment system.

Finally, students should complete, in groups of 3-4 students, a practical exercise applying previous knowledge and combining different professional backgrounds to a specific natural area.

Learning tasks

The course includes the following learning tasks:

- Theory sessions (topics 1-3)
- Practice sessions (topics 1-3)
- Field trips:
 - o Visit a Natural Protected Area included in the Network of Protected Natural Areas of Aragon (RENPA) (full day).
 - o Visit a breeding centre of protected species (IPE, CRIAH or Recovery Center) (full day)
- Technical seminars with professionals from research centers or leading researchers on projects of conservation and management of biodiversity

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The course will address the following topics:

Topic 1. Ecological basis

* Item 1. From the gene to the ecosystem

* Item 2. Populations

* Item 3. Communities

Topic 2. Geography and Diversity

* Item 4. Geography and Ecosystems

* Item 5. The value of diversity

* Item 6. Current situation of diversity

Topic 3. Management and Conservation of Diversity

* Item 7. International management tools

* Item 8. International management tools

* Item 9. Species conservation

* Item 10. Conservation and protection of spaces

Course planning and calendar

Further information concerning the timetable, classroom, assessment dates and other details regarding this course, will be provided on the first day of class or please refer to the "Facultad de Filosofía y Letras" website (timetables: <https://fyl.unizar.es/horario-de-clases#overlay-context=horario-de-clases>; Examination: <https://fyl.unizar.es/calendario-de-examenes#overlay-context=>) and the academic calendar (<http://academico.unizar.es/calendario-academico/calendario>)

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