



IDENTIFYING DATA

Management and Conservation of spaces

Subject	Management and Conservation of spaces			
Code	V02G031V01416			
Study programme	Grado en Biología			
Descriptors	ECTS Credits	Choose	Year	Quadmester
	6	Optional	4th	1st
Teaching language	#EnglishFriendly Spanish Galician			
Department				
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General description	This subject is focused on natural areas, their management and conservation, as a basis for an ecosystem-centered conservation of biodiversity, in contrast with the the more conventional approach of species-centered conservation. The subject encompasses general topics about natural areas, types of protected areas and general principles for their design and planning, their socio-economic context as well as planning and management tools. English Friendly subject: International students may request from the teachers: a) resources and bibliographic references in English, b) tutoring sessions in English, c) exams and assessments in English. Schedules: http://bioloxia.uvigo.es/gl/docencia/horarios			

Training and Learning Results

Code	
A2	Students should know how to apply their knowledge to their work or vocation in a professional way. They also should have the competences that are usually proved through the elaboration and defence of arguments and the resolution of problems within their study field.
A3	Students should prove ability for information-gathering and interpret important data (usually within their study field) to judge relevant social, scientific or ethical topics.
A5	Students should develop the necessary learning skills to undertake further studies with a high degree of autonomy.
B1	Developing autonomous learning by identifying their own training need and organizing and planning tasks and time.
B4	Draft and write reports, documents and projects related to Biology. Proceed to their presentation and debate in the teaching and specialized areas, highlighting the competences of the degree.
B6	Develop analysis and synthesis, critical reasoning and argumentation skills, applying them in Biology and other scientific-technical disciplines.
C7	Sampling, characterising, cataloguing and managing natural and biological resources (populations, communities and ecosystems).
C8	Describe, assess and plan the physical environment, use bio-indicators and identify environmental problems. Provide solutions for the control, monitoring and restoration of ecosystems.
C12	Writing reports and technical dossiers, as well as directing and executing projects on topics related to biology and its applications.
C22	The ability to organise and manage natural spaces and carry out biodiversity studies. Establish criteria for the conservation and restoration of ecosystems and plan the sustainable use of their resources.
C23	Understanding the social projection of environmental problems at different levels of application (analysis, evaluation, management) and their repercussions on professional practice.
D1	Understand the meaning and use of the gender perspective in the different fields of knowledge and in professional practice with the aim of achieving a fairer and more equal society.
D2	Communicate speaking and in writing in Galician.

Expected results from this subject

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To know the principles of global sustainability and the importance of environmental management for sustainable development.		C23	D2
To know the ecological criteria and techniques for the management and restoration of ecosystems and the conservation of natural resources.		C22	D2
To be able to differentiate the control factors of landscape architecture and the instruments of protection and conservation.	A2 A3 A5	C8 C22	D2 D3
To know the instruments of territorial planning and the methods of evaluation of its aptitudes and management.	A2 A3 A5	C7 C8	D1 D2 D3
To be aware of how protected areas are selected, designed and managed.		C22	D1 D2 D3
Applying knowledge and techniques specific to the management and conservation of spaces in different processes related to environmental management.	A2	C8 C22	D1
To obtain information, develop experiments and interpret results.	A2 A3 A5	B1 B4 B6	C8
Understanding the social projection of the management and conservation of spaces and its repercussions on professional practice.		C23	D1 D2 D3
To know and use the concepts, terminology and scientific-technical instruments related to the management and conservation of spaces.	A2 A3	C8 C12	

Contents

Topic	
Part I. Soil and Water Conservation	Chapter 1. Soil degradation and loss. Chapter 2. Soil Conservation Methods. Chapter 3. Land planning tools. Chapter 4. Water Conservation. Chapter 5. River and Riverbank Restoration.
Part II. Habitat loss, biological integrity and ecosystem conservation.	Chapter 6. Habitat destruction, fragmentation and degradation. Chapter 7. Ecosystem-centred conservation.
Part III. Ecosystem Management and Restoration.	Chapter 8. Principles of ecosystem management, uncertainty, and adaptive management. Chapter 9. Replacement, rehabilitation, restoration and improvement of ecosystems.
Part IV. Selection, design and planning of protected areas.	Chapter 10. Selection of priority conservation areas. Chapter 11. Principles of protected area design. Chapter 12. Protected areas types and uses. Chapter 13. Socio-economic aspects of protected areas. Protected areas planning: planning tools in the Spanish legislation.
Field trip and computer session.	We will make a field trip to a protected natural area with diverse uses and aims in order to familiarize become familiar with its management. We will make one computer session to work with useful tools for management and planning of protected natural areas.

Planning

	Class hours	Hours outside the classroom	Total hours
Seminars	3	0	3
Field practice	11	0	11
Practices through ICT	3	0	3
Problem solving	6	0	6
Mentored work	2	30	32
Lecturing	12	34	46
Lecturing	13	36	49

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

Methodologies

	Description
Seminars	Critical discussions about controversies related with natural areas conservation and management.
Field practice	Field trip to a protected natural area with diverse uses and aims in order to familiarize become familiar with its management.
Practices through ICT	Computer session to work with useful tools for management and planning of protected natural areas.
Problem solving	Pblems to familiarize students with concepts related to conservation and management of soil and water.
Mentored work	The students will prepare an assignment related to topics of interest for conservation and management of natural areas.
Lecturing	All subject chapters will be explained in the class.
Lecturing	Explanation by the teacher of the theoretical syllabus of Blocks II, III and IV, taught by the Area of Ecology.

Personalized assistance

Methodologies	Description
Lecturing	All the students queries related to this part will be attended in the class or tutorials, done by appointment requested by email to the teachers: maria@uvigo.es and edbene@uvigo.es, also available at https://moovi.uvigo.gal/ .
Seminars	All the students queries related to this part will be attended in the class or tutorials, done by appointment requested by email to the teachers: maria@uvigo.es and edbene@uvigo.es, also available at https://moovi.uvigo.gal/ .
Field practice	All the students queries related to this part will be attended in the class or tutorials, done by appointment requested by email to the teachers: maria@uvigo.es and edbene@uvigo.es, also available at https://moovi.uvigo.gal/ .
Practices through ICT	All the students queries related to this part will be attended in the class or tutorials, done by appointment requested by email to the teachers: maria@uvigo.es and edbene@uvigo.es, also available at https://moovi.uvigo.gal/ .
Mentored work	All the students queries related to this part will be attended in the class or tutorials, done by appointment requested by email to the teachers: maria@uvigo.es and edbene@uvigo.es, also available at https://moovi.uvigo.gal/ .
Problem solving	All the students queries related to this part will be attended in the class or tutorials, done by appointment requested by email to the teachers: maria@uvigo.es and edbene@uvigo.es, also available at https://moovi.uvigo.gal/ .
Lecturing	

Assessment

	Description	Qualification	Training and Learning Results			
Practices through ICT	The students will have to solve an exercise in the computer session that will be assessed.	5	A2 A3 A5	B1 B4 B6	C12 C12 C12	D1 D2 D3
Problem solving	The approach used to solve the problem as well as the correction of the result will be assessed.	10	A2 A3 A5	B1 B4 B6	C7 C8 C12	D1 D2 D3
Mentored work	The assessment of this part will be based on the ability for synthetize, analyse and correctly express in writing the contents of the topic chosen as well as knowledge on the topics relevant to the subject.	20	A2 A3 A5	B1 B4 B6	C7 C8 C12	D1 D2 D3
Lecturing	The assessment of this part will be based on the knowledge the student has acquired on the topics explained in the lectures regarding Part I, given by the Area of Edaphology, as demonstrated in a short-questions exam.	26	A2 A3 A5	B6	C7 C8	
Lecturing	The assessment of this part will be based on the knowledge the student has acquired on the topics explained in the lectures regarding Parts II, III and IV, given by the Area of Ecology, as demonstrated in a short-questions exam.	39	A2 A3 A5	B6	C7 C8	

Other comments on the Evaluation

It is required to obtain a minimum score of 5 (out of 10) in each of the main parts of the subject (final exam and mentored work) in order to pass the subject. In case this score is not reached in any of the parts, the final mark will be that of the lower score. Attendance to the practical classes (field trip, computer sessions and problem solving classes) is compulsory.

In calls other than the first the marks will be based on an exam only. The scores obtained in the assignments will only be kept for the second call.

Students that do not attend the exam will be considered as missing the call, regardless whether they completed the assignments.

The student may opt for a single global evaluation. The marks obtained in the practical tests and deliverables will be transferred to the final qualification of this evaluation. The student must state on the date established by the Center the intention to opt for the global evaluation, which will prevent having the continuous evaluation.

Exam dates: please check the following link: <http://bioloxia.uvigo.es/es/docencia/examenes>

Sources of information

Basic Bibliography

Complementary Bibliography

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Chape, S.; Spalding, M.; Jenkins, M., **The world's protected areas. Status values and prospects in the 21st century**,
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Whittaker, J.; Fernandez-Palacios, J.M., **Island biogeography. Ecology, evolution and conservation**,
Sutherland, William; Hill, David, **Managing Habitats for Conservation**,
Richard J. Hobbs, Eric S. Higgs, Carol M. Hall, **Novel ecosystems : intervening in the new ecological world order**, 2013

Recommendations

Subjects that are recommended to be taken simultaneously

Environmental analysis and diagnosis/V02G030V01902
Biodiversity: management and conservation/V02G030V01905
Environmental impact evaluation/V02G030V01904

Subjects that it is recommended to have taken before

Ecology I/V02G030V01501
Ecology II/V02G030V01601