

# Handbook of modules for the study course Biological Resources, M.Sc.

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valid for all students enrolled  
from WS 2019/20 onwards

# Biological Resources, M. Sc.

## The most important details

<b>Duration:</b>	3 semesters (full-time study) 6 semesters (part-time study)
<b>Location:</b>	Kleve
<b>Qualification:</b>	Master of Science, M.Sc.
<b>Course start:</b>	summer term und winter term
<b>Language:</b>	English
<b>Master thesis:</b>	during 3rd semester (full time study) during 5th and 6th semester (part time study)
<b>Calculation of workload:</b>	1 CP equals 30 hours per semester
<b>Examinations:</b>	all examination types as detailed in §14, 17–20 General Examination Regulations for Bachelor Degree Programmes
<b>Literature:</b>	Literature mentioned in the module descriptions are first recommendations and do not replace the syllabus of the module. The module coordinators assume as a rule that the titles specified always refer to the most current version.
<b>Attendance:</b>	Attendance of all seminars, exercises and lab courses is mandatory.

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## Curriculum Biological Resources, M.Sc. (full time study)

Module-Nr.	Subjects/Module	CH	Type					Examination		CP	ST	WT	Sem 3
			L	S	E	Pra	Pro	graded	attestation				
BR_01	Simulation of biological systems Simulation biologischer Systeme	4	2		2			P		5	4		
BR_02	Animal ecology and ecosystem services Tierökologie und Ökosystemdienstleistungen	4	2				2	P	T	5	4		*
BR_03	Soil biological resources Bodenbiologische Ressourcen	4	1	1			2	P	T	5	4		*
BR_04	Closing cycles: Use and reduction of by-products Schließen von Kreisläufen: Verwendung und Reduzierung von Abfallprodukten	4	2				2	P	T	5	4		*
BR_05	Elective module 1 Wahlpflichtkatalog 1	3	3					P		5	3		
BR_06	Research project Angewandtes Forschungsprojekt	4					4		T	5	4		
BR_07	Environmental valuation and economic impact assessment Umweltbewertung und ökonomische Folgenabschätzung	4	1	1	2			P		5		4	
BR_08	Forest management and governance Bewirtschaftung und Management forstlicher Ressourcen	4	2	2				P		5		4	
BR_09	Underutilized plant resources Unternutzte Pflanzenressourcen	4	2				2	P	T	5		4	*
BR_10	Processing biological resources Verarbeitung biologischer Ressourcen	4	2				2	P	T	5		4	*
BR_11	Elective module 2 Wahlpflichtkatalog 2	3	3					P		5		3	
BR_12	Lecture Series Biological Resources Ringvorlesung Biologische Ressourcen	4	2	2					T	5		4	
BR_13	Master Thesis Masterarbeit							P		25			X
BR_14	Colloquium Kolloquium							P		5			X
<b>Semesterwochenstunden / hours per week</b>		<b>46</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>4</b>		<b>SWS</b>		<b>23</b>	<b>23</b>	
									<b>CP</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>30</b>

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P = benotete Prüfung // examination (marked)

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\* ECTS werden erst nach vollständigem Ableisten aller Modulteile gutgeschrieben.

	gesamt	1.Sem	2.Sem	3.Sem
SWS	46	23	23	
CP	90	30	30	30

## Curriculum Biological Resources, M.Sc. (part time study)

Module-Nr.	Module/Subjects	CH	Type						Examination graded	attestation	CP	part time study				Sem 5	Sem 6
			L	S	E	Pra	Pro	ST 1				ST 2	WT 1	WT 2			
BR_01	Simulation of biological systems Simulation biologischer Systeme	4	2		2				P		5	4					
BR_02	Animal ecology and ecosystem services Tierökologie und Ökosystemdienstleistungen	4	2				2		P	T	5	4					*
BR_03	Soil biological resources Bodenbiologische Ressourcen	4	1	1			2		P	T	5	4					*
BR_04	Closing cycles: Use and reduction of by-products Schließen von Kreisläufen: Verwendung und Reduzierung von Abfallprodukten	4	2				2		P	T	5			4			*
BR_05	Elective module 1 Wahlpflichtkatalog 1	3	3						P		5			3			
BR_06	Research project Angewandtes Forschungsprojekt	4						4		T	5			4			
BR_07	Environmental valuation and economic impact assessment Umweltbewertung und ökonomische Folgenabschätzung	4	1	1	2				P		5		4				
BR_08	Forest management and governance Bewirtschaftung und Management forstlicher Ressourcen	4	2	2					P		5		4				*
BR_09	Underutilized plant resources Unternutzte Pflanzenressourcen	4	2				2		P	T	5		4				*
BR_10	Processing biological resources Verarbeitung biologischer Ressourcen	4	2				2		P	T	5				4		*
BR_11	Elective module 2 Wahlpflichtkatalog 2	3	3						P		5				3		
BR_12	Lecture Series Biological Resources Ringvorlesung Biologische Ressourcen	4	2	2						T	5				4		
BR_13	Master Thesis Masterarbeit								P		25						X
BR_14	Colloquium Kolloquium								P		5						X
<b>Semesterwochenstunden</b>		<b>46</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>4</b>					<b>12</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>11</b>		
												<b>15</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>10</b>		<b>30</b>

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	gesamt	1.Sem	2.Sem	3.Sem	4. Sem	5. Sem	6. Sem
SWS	46	12	12	11	11		
CP	85	15	15	15	10		30

Elective modules 1 Wahlpflichtkatalog 1		Type							Ex	CP
		SWS	L	S	E	Pra	Pro			
BR_05.1	Biological resource value chains and sustainability management Wertschöpfungsketten und Nachhaltigkeitsmanagement biologischer Ressourcen	3	1	1	1			P	5	
BR_05.2	Marine bioresources Biologische Ressourcen der Meere	3		3				P	5	
BR_05.3	Use of diversity in a changing world Nutzung von Diversität in einer sich ändernden Welt	3		2		1		P	5	
BR_05.4	Entrepreneurship and business management Existenzgründung und Unternehmensführung	3		3				P	5	
BR_05.5	Innovation management Innovationsmanagement	3	2		1			P	5	
BR_05.6	Module from any master study course at Rhine-Waal University of Applied Sciences Wahlmöglichkeit aus dem gesamten Masterangebot HRW	3	3					P	5	
1 elective module amounts to									5	

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Elective modules 1 Wahlpflichtkatalog 1		Type							Ex	CP
		SWS	L	S	E	Pra	Pro			
BR_11.1	Animals in bioeconomy Nutztiere in der Bioökonomie	3	2		1			P	5	
BR_11.2	Environmental Systems Analysis Umweltsystemanalyse	3		3				P	5	
BR_11.3	Rhizosphere biology Rhizosphärenbiologie	3				3		P	5	
BR_11.4	Business planning Business planning	3	2	1				P	5	
BR_11.5	Module from any master study course at Rhine-Waal University of Applied Sciences Wahlmöglichkeit aus dem gesamten Masterangebot HRW	3	3					P	5	
1 elective module amounts to									5	

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The faculty reserves the right to determine a minimum number of participants for offering an elective subject. Admission to mandatory modules is subject to available capacities. The possibility to obtain the required number of credit points remains unaffected. / Die Fakultät behält sich das Recht vor, eine Mindestteilnehmerzahl für das Zustandekommen eines Wahlpflichtkurses festzulegen. Die Zulassung zu Pflichtmodulen erfolgt vorbehaltlich freier Kapazitäten. Die Möglichkeit des Erreichens der vorgeschriebenen Kreditpunktzahl bleibt unberührt.

In case of new developments in the different fields of Biological Resources the faculty reserves the right to expand the range of elective modules with further subjects over the time. / Die Fakultät behält sich vor, das Wahlpflichtangebot im Laufe der Zeit bei neuen Entwicklungen in verschiedenen Feldern der Biological Resources durch weitere Fächer zu erweitern.

\*\* The actual selection from any master study course at Rhine-Waal University has to be approved by the head of the examination committee. / Die konkrete Auswahl aus dem gesamten Studienangebot der Masterstudiengänge der Hochschule Rhein-Waal bedarf der Zustimmung des Prüfungsausschussvorsitzenden.

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<b>Study semester:</b>	<b>Summer term</b> (full time)	<b>Credit Points (ECTS):</b> 5
	<b>Summer term 1</b> (part time)	

### Workload

Contact time		Self-study	
Seminars	30 h	Preparation for contact time	30 h
Excursion/Exercise	30 h	Preparation for exams	60 h
<b>Sum</b>	<b>60 h</b>	<b>Sum</b>	<b>90 h</b>

**Total workload:** 150 h

### Module coordinator

Prof. PD Dr.-Ing. Sylvia Moenickes

### Lecturers

Prof. PD Dr.-Ing. Sylvia Moenickes

### Teaching contents

Models: Cellular automata, individual based models, agent-based models; Monte Carlo methods; emergence, collective intelligence, robustness; statistics based interpretation

Programming: basic elements of Matlab code such as loops, conditions, arrays, plotting

### Learning objectives

On successful completion of this module, students should

- know properties of different models, systems, and statistical tools for interpretation<sup>1</sup>
- understand basic Matlab code<sup>2</sup>
- be able to describe and implement models<sup>3</sup>
- be able to read implemented models, run these models in a meaningful way for different scenarios and interpret<sup>4</sup>
- be able to make clear statements on model-based projections.<sup>5</sup>

<sup>1</sup>Knowledge; <sup>2</sup>Comprehension; <sup>3</sup>Application; <sup>4</sup>Analysis; <sup>5</sup>Synthesis and judgement

### Teaching and learning methods

Seminar; self-study; group work; excursion; exercise; feedback

### Entrance requirements

None

### Reading list

## Examination

Graded exam acc. §§ 14 and 17–19 General Examination Regulations for Bachelor's and Master's Degree Programmes

## Teaching materials and media

Projector; white/black board; handouts; flipchart; visualisation aids for presentation; demonstration materials

## Areas of competence

Area of competence	Core area	Partly relevant	Of minor relevance
Professional competence		X	
Methodological competence	X		
Social competence			X

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<b>Study semester:</b>	<b>Summer term</b> (full time)	<b>Credit Points (ECTS):</b> 5
	<b>Summer term 1</b> (part time)	

### Workload

Contact time		Self-study	
Lectures	30 h	Preparation for contact time	30 h
Lab course/Field course	30 h	Literature review	30 h
		Preparation for exams	30 h
<b>Sum</b>	<b>60 h</b>	<b>Sum</b>	<b>90 h</b>

**Total workload:** 150 h

### Module coordinator

Prof. Dr. William Megill

### Lecturers

Prof. Dr. William Megill

### Teaching contents

Animal species and the niche concept, evolution, succession and natural selection; resources; intraspecific competition; dispersal, dormancy and metapopulations; interspecific competition; predation and population dynamics; community ecology; fluxes of energy and matter through ecosystems; the ecosystem as a resource for human economy: ecosystems services; mapping and quantifying ecological resources in economic terms; conservation science; ecosystems engineering

### Learning objectives

On successful completion of this module, students should

- be able to safely conduct ecological fieldwork<sup>1,3</sup>
- be able to explain the role of animals in maintaining structure and process in ecosystem<sup>1</sup>
- be able to evaluate the changes in habitat structure in an ecosystem due to natural succession and understand the extent to which conservation management is the management of successional processes<sup>4</sup>
- be able to assess the relative importance of abiotic factors influencing animal ecosystems in contrast to biotic factors from within the systems<sup>1</sup>
- be able to master the concept of ecosystem services and be able to describe and quantify them in a variety of ecosystems across a wide range of scales<sup>2,3</sup>
- be able to make a balanced assessment of the conflicts between conservation and other competing land uses<sup>4,5</sup>
- appreciate the nature of landscape ecology and the importance of spatial relationships of such features as corridors and mosaics<sup>1,2</sup>
- adopt a global attitude towards natural ecosystems in biomes and the large-scale processes which govern their diversity<sup>5</sup>
- be able to consider the social and ecological impact of professional decisions<sup>2,3</sup> and thus deepen their capacity to engage in society<sup>2,3</sup>

<sup>1</sup>Knowledge; <sup>2</sup>Comprehension; <sup>3</sup>Application; <sup>4</sup>Analysis; <sup>5</sup>Synthesis and judgement

## Teaching and learning methods

Seminar; self-study; group work; excursion; exercise; feedback

## Entrance requirements

None

## Reading list

Begon, Townsend and Harper: Ecology: From individuals to ecosystems  
Sodhi and Ehrlich: Conservation biology for all. Society for Conservation Biology

## Examination

Graded exam acc. §§ 14 and 17–19 General Examination Regulations for Bachelor's and Master's Degree Programmes; certificate for lab course

## Teaching materials and media

Projector; white/black board; handouts; flipchart; visualisation aids for presentation; demonstration materials

## Areas of competence

Area of competence	Core area	Partly relevant	Of minor relevance
Professional competence		X	
Methodological competence	X		
Social competence			X

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<b>Study semester:</b>	<b>Summer term</b> (full time)	<b>Credit Points (ECTS):</b> 5
	<b>Summer term 1</b> (part time)	

### Workload

Contact time		Self-study	
Lectures	15 h	Preparation for contact time	30 h
Seminar	15 h	Literature review	30 h
Lab course	30 h	Preparation for exams	30 h
<b>Sum</b>	<b>60 h</b>	<b>Sum</b>	<b>90 h</b>

**Total workload:** 150 h

### Module coordinator

Prof. Dr. Florian Wichern

### Lecturers

Dr. Himanshu

### Teaching contents

Soil microbial and macrobial resources and their potential use in biotechnology and agriculture (e.g. aromatics, antibiotics, remediation); influence of environmental and human factors (e.g. stressors) on soil biological resources; qualitative and quantitative determination of soil biota by classical techniques and modern molecular biological methods; detection of microbial functions, such as enzyme activity; use and development of cultivation and propagation techniques; application of soil biotechnology; experimental design and statistical analysis

### Learning objectives

On successful completion of this module, students should

- be familiar with soil microbial and macrobial resources and their possible uses<sup>1</sup>
- know how soil biota is influenced by environmental and human abiotic and biotic factors<sup>1</sup>
- be able to relate their knowledge about soil resources to its relevance in the bioeconomy and land use<sup>2</sup>
- be able to apply special analytical lab procedures of soil ecology and microbiology in lab experiments<sup>3</sup>
- be able to analyse and document results and findings in a scientifically appropriate form<sup>4</sup>
- be able to analyse how their data compare with the data of others<sup>4</sup>
- be able to evaluate the potential of soil biological resources in biotechnology and land use<sup>5</sup>
- be able to critically discuss options of a sustainable use of soil biological resources *ex situ* and *in situ*<sup>5</sup>

<sup>1</sup>Knowledge; <sup>2</sup>Comprehension; <sup>3</sup>Application; <sup>4</sup>Analysis; <sup>5</sup>Synthesis and judgement

### Teaching and learning methods

Lab course; field trip; lecture; self-study

## Entrance requirements

None

## Reading list

Killham: Soil Ecology  
Prescott, Harley, Klein: Microbiology  
Glazer: Microbial Biotechnology: Fundamentals of Applied Microbiology  
Brock: Biology of Microorganisms  
Various scientific publications for methods and comparison of results

## Examination

Graded exam acc. §§ 14 and 17–19 General Examination Regulations for Bachelor's and Master's Degree Programmes; certificate for lab course

## Teaching materials and media

Projector; white/black board; hand-outs; lab equipment; flipchart; visualisation aids for presentation; demonstration materials; A/V media

## Areas of competence

Area of competence	Core area	Partly relevant	Of minor relevance
Professional competence	X		
Methodological competence	X		
Social competence			X

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<b>Study semester:</b>	<b>Summer term</b> (full time)	<b>Credit Points (ECTS):</b> 5
	<b>Summer term 2</b> (part time)	

### Workload

Contact time		Self-study	
Lectures	30 h	Preparation for contact time	50 h
Lab course/Field course	30 h	Literature review	20 h
		Preparation for exams	20 h
<b>Sum</b>	<b>60 h</b>	<b>Sum</b>	<b>90 h</b>

**Total workload:** 150 h

### Module coordinator

Prof. Dr. Matthias Kleinke

### Lecturers

Prof. Dr. Matthias Kleinke; Prof. Dr.-Ing. Frank Platte

### Teaching contents

biological resources and their cycles; anthropogenic impacts on natural materials cycles; environmental impact; fundamentals in waste and water management; use and reduction of biological by-products; energy production from biological resources, utilization of biofuels and biomaterials

### Learning objectives

On successful completion of this module, students should

- be able to explain the elements of the fundamental biological resources and understand their cycles<sup>1,2</sup>
- know and understand basic concepts of environmental health and risk management<sup>1,2</sup>
- be able to describe and assess anthropogenic impacts on natural cycles and resources as well as environmental status<sup>1,2,3</sup>
- value scarce resources and improve community understanding of the importance of closing circles and conserving those resources<sup>1,2,4</sup>
- be able to compare, understand, apply, and analyse fundamental laws and equations in circular economy<sup>1,2,3,4</sup>
- be able to outline and analyse the key elements of waste and water management<sup>1,2,3,4</sup>
- be able to identify the most important procedures of use and reduction of organic by-products and appreciate their importance with regard to possible economic effects<sup>2,3,4,5</sup>
- be able to consider the social and ecological impact of professional decisions<sup>2,3</sup> and thus deepen their capacity to engage in society<sup>2,3</sup>

<sup>1</sup>Knowledge; <sup>2</sup>Comprehension; <sup>3</sup>Application; <sup>4</sup>Analysis; <sup>5</sup>Synthesis and judgement

### Teaching and learning methods

Lecture; self-study; group work; excursion

## Entrance requirements

None

## Reading list

Bilitewski: Waste Management  
Davis and Cornwell: Introduction to Environmental Engineering  
Dahlquist: Biomass as Energy Source  
Schaub and Turek: Energy Flows, Material Cycles and Global Development  
Tomes, Prakshmanan and Songstad: Biofuels

## Examination

Graded exam acc. §§ 14 and 17–19 General Examination Regulations for Bachelor's and Master's Degree Programmes; certificate for lab course

## Teaching materials and media

Projector; white/black board; hand-outs; lab equipment; flipchart; visualisation aids for presentation; demonstration materials; A/V media

## Areas of competence

Area of competence	Core area	Partly relevant	Of minor relevance
Professional competence	X		
Methodological competence		X	
Social competence			X

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# BR\_05.1 Biological Resource Value Chains and Sustainability Management

**Study semester:** Summer term (full time) **Credit Points (ECTS):** 5  
Summer term 2 (part time)

## Workload

Contact time		Self-study	
Lecture	15 h	Preparation for contact time	35 h
Seminar	15 h	Literature review	35 h
Exercise/ project	15 h	Preparation for exams	35 h
Sum	45 h	Sum	105 h

**Total workload:** 150 h

## Module coordinator

Prof. Dr. Simone Pauling

## Lecturers

Prof. Dr. Simone Pauling

## Teaching contents

Value chains link producers and consumers; along the chains firms create value for competitive advantage. Students will learn how biological resource sector(s) work, get an overview of the actors, organization and governance of biological resource value chains. Students will learn approaches of value chain analysis. Based on selected models from institutional economics and industrial organization students will study public and private governance of (sustainable) agrifood and biological resource value chains. Students will learn alternative approaches to environmental and sustainability accounting, reporting and management of sustainable agrifood and biological resource value chains.

## Learning objectives

On successful completion of this module, students should

- know selected models of institutional economics and industrial organization<sup>1</sup>
- know principles of value chain analysis<sup>1</sup>
- know principles of environmental and sustainability accounting and reporting<sup>1</sup>
- know quality and sustainability management systems<sup>1</sup>
- be able to relate their knowledge to agrifood and biological resource value chains<sup>2</sup>
- be able to apply value chain analysis and environmental and sustainability accounting and reporting methods to the study of agrifood and biological resource value chains<sup>3&4</sup>
- be able to document results and findings in a scientifically appropriate form<sup>4&5</sup>
- be able to design sustainability management systems of agrifood and biological resource value chains<sup>5</sup>
- be able to consider the social and ecological impact of professional decisions<sup>2,3</sup> and thus deepen their capacity to engage in society<sup>2,3</sup>
- be qualified for management and leadership tasks in the above-mentioned areas<sup>3</sup>

<sup>1</sup>Knowledge; <sup>2</sup>Comprehension; <sup>3</sup>Application; <sup>4</sup>Analysis; <sup>5</sup>Synthesis and judgement

## Teaching and learning methods

Lecture; self-study; case study; group work and presentation; field trip

## Entrance requirements

None

## Reading list

Reading material will be distributed during the course

## Examination

Graded exam acc. §§ 14 and 17–19 General Examination Regulations for Bachelor's and Master's Degree Programmes

## Teaching materials and media

Projector; white/black board; hand-outs; lab equipment; flipchart; visualisation aids for presentation; demonstration materials

## Areas of competence

Area of competence	Core area	Partly relevant	Of minor relevance
Professional competence	X		
Methodological competence	X		
Social competence		X	

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<b>Study semester:</b>	<b>Summer term</b> (full time)	<b>Credit Points (ECTS):</b>	<b>5</b>
	<b>Summer term 2</b> (part time)		

### Workload

Contact time		Self-study	
Seminar	45 h	Preparation for contact time	35 h
		Literature review	35 h
		Preparation for exams	35 h
<b>Sum</b>	<b>45 h</b>	<b>Sum</b>	<b>105 h</b>

**Total workload:** 150 h

### Module coordinator

Prof. Dr. William Megill

### Lecturers

Prof. Dr. William Megill

### Teaching contents

This course focuses on marine organism groups and environments, with a particular focus on coastal ecosystems and marine mammals. The course has the following parts: Introduction to marine biodiversity; basic taxonomy, identification techniques, identification literature and reference collections; Marine inventory methodology; specific techniques for the study of community ecology in the marine environment, quantification of biological diversity, potential for sustainable use of marine bioresources; Marine environments; marine biotopes (e.g. shallow/deep hard/soft bottoms, coral reefs, pelagial, interstitial environments, hydrothermal vents) and their characteristic ecological communities; Marine organism groups; systematics and morphology of mainly animals, but also marine plants, macro algae, eukaryotic microbes, archaea, bacteria, different adaptations to marine environments and potential as possible bioresources; Role of marine mammals in the coastal and offshore ecosystem. Marine mammals as beaters and/or indicators of localized bioresource stress. Marine mammals as a bioresource themselves: whaling vs marine ecotourism.

### Learning objectives

On successful completion of this module, students should

- be able to identify and name common macroscopic species from the North Atlantic, with special focus on the North Sea
- be able to recognise the larger organism groups and classify marine organisms to group
- be able to identify marine organisms using appropriate literature
- be able to identify and differentiate the characteristics of marine biotopes
- be able to discuss taxonomic bases and apply these within the framework of marine inventories
- understand the special role played by the marine mammals in the marine ecosystem
- be able to discuss the underlying factors (physical, biological, geographic and historical) that influence the biological diversity in marine environments

- be able to consider the social and ecological impact of professional decisions<sup>2,3</sup> and thus deepen their capacity to engage in society<sup>2,3</sup>

<sup>1</sup>Knowledge; <sup>2</sup>Comprehension; <sup>3</sup>Application; <sup>4</sup>Analysis; <sup>5</sup>Synthesis and judgement

### Teaching and learning methods

Seminar; self-study; group work; excursion; exercise; feedback

### Entrance requirements

None

### Reading list

Lecture notes, Moodle, online resources

### Examination

Graded exam acc. §§ 14 and 17–19 General Examination Regulations for Bachelor's and Master's Degree Programmes

### Teaching materials and media

Projector; white/black board; handouts; flipchart; visualisation aids for presentation; demonstration materials

### Areas of competence

Area of competence	Core area	Partly relevant	Of minor relevance
Professional competence		X	
Methodological competence	X		
Social competence			X

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<b>Study semester:</b>	<b>Summer term</b> (full time)	<b>Credit Points (ECTS):</b> 5
	<b>Summer term 2</b> (part time)	

### Workload

Contact time		Self-study	
Seminar	30 h	Preparation for contact time	35 h
Lab course/Field course	15 h	Literature review	35 h
		Preparation for exams	35 h
<b>Sum</b>	<b>45 h</b>	<b>Sum</b>	<b>105 h</b>

**Total workload:** 150 h

### Module coordinator

Prof. Dr. Steffi Wiedemann

### Lecturers

Dr.rer.nat. Elisabeth Müller-Peddinghaus

### Teaching contents

Acquisition of skills that are crucial to extent, distribute and stabilize the biodiversity in different parts of the world; change and turnover of biological diversity through time over large and small temporal scales (ecological and evolutionary processes); influences of human-related activities on transformation in ecosystems; tools and policies towards sustainable ecosystems; visits of sites which are related to biodiversity or are impacted by urban development; obtaining of environmental samples to assess the conservation values of that site; group projects

### Learning objectives

On successful completion of this module, students should

- have detailed knowledge on skills for the assessment of conservation values<sup>1,2</sup>
- be able to critically review literature on the topic of biodiversity in a changing world<sup>2,3</sup>
- be able to apply the knowledge and analyse the conservation value of different environmental sites within a group<sup>3,4</sup>
- be able to critically discuss findings and define solutions or recommendations based on the acquired knowledge<sup>4,5</sup>
- be able to consider the social and ecological impact of professional decisions<sup>2,3</sup> and thus deepen their capacity to engage in society<sup>2,3</sup>

<sup>1</sup>Knowledge; <sup>2</sup>Comprehension; <sup>3</sup>Application; <sup>4</sup>Analysis; <sup>5</sup>Synthesis and judgement

### Teaching and learning methods

Lab course; self-study; group work; field trip

### Entrance requirements

None

## Reading list

Recommended reading material will be presented during the course.

## Examination

Graded exam acc. §§ 14 and 17–19 General Examination Regulations for Bachelor's and Master's Degree Programmes

## Teaching materials and media

Projector; white/black board; hand-outs; lab equipment; flipchart; visualisation aids for presentation; demonstration materials

## Areas of competence

Area of competence	Core area	Partly relevant	Of minor relevance
Professional competence	X		
Methodological competence	X		
Social competence		X	

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<b>Study semester:</b>	<b>Summer term</b> (full time)	<b>Credit Points (ECTS):</b>	<b>5</b>
	<b>Summer term 2</b> (part time)		

### Workload

Contact time		Self-study	
Exercise	45 h	Preparation for contact time	45 h
		Literature review	30 h
		Preparation for exams	30 h
<b>Sum</b>	<b>45 h</b>	<b>Sum</b>	<b>105 h</b>

**Total workload:** 150 h

### Module coordinator

Prof. Dr. Dietrich Darr

### Lecturers

Omar Garcia Urdiales, MBA

### Teaching contents

Participants will take over the leadership of a simulated company and face the challenge of making important business decisions in the area of all key functions of a business corporation, including procurement and production, human resource management, research and product development, and marketing and sales. The simulation also addresses the topics of product life cycle, personnel competence, productivity, reengineering, environmental aspects, corporate identity and shareholder value-oriented management.

### Learning objectives

On successful completion of this module, students should

- understand the fundamentals and concepts of core business functions<sup>1,2</sup>
- define economic goals and strategies and implement them in a dynamic environment<sup>2,3</sup>
- learn to use business tools like cost accounting and income analysis to make operational business decisions for a simulated company<sup>3</sup>
- analyse financial figures and operational results of previous business periods and adjust the overall business strategy to changing economic conditions<sup>4,5</sup>
- define and solve problems in teams with the aid of data-processed planning models<sup>5</sup>
- be able to consider the social impact of professional decisions<sup>2,3</sup> and thus deepen their capacity to engage in society<sup>2,3</sup>
- be qualified for management and leadership tasks in the above-mentioned areas<sup>3</sup>

<sup>1</sup>Knowledge; <sup>2</sup>Comprehension; <sup>3</sup>Application; <sup>4</sup>Analysis; <sup>5</sup>Synthesis and judgement

### Teaching and learning methods

Computer-based management simulation; self-study; group work and presentation

## Entrance requirements

None

## Reading list

TOPSIM – Participants manual “General Management”

## Examination

Graded exam acc. §§ 14 and 17–19 General Examination Regulations for Bachelor’s and Master’s Degree Programmes

## Teaching materials and media

Business simulation game; projector; white/black board; hand-outs; flipchart

## Areas of competence

Area of competence	Core area	Partly relevant	Of minor relevance
Professional competence		X	
Methodological competence	X		
Social competence		X	

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<b>Study semester:</b>	<b>Summer term</b> (full time)	<b>Credit Points (ECTS):</b>	<b>5</b>
	<b>Summer term 2</b> (part time)		

### Workload

Contact time		Self-study	
lecture	30 h	Preparation for contact time	40 h
exercise	15 h	Literature review	25 h
		Preparation for exams	40 h
<b>Sum</b>	<b>45 h</b>	<b>Sum</b>	<b>105 h</b>

**Total workload:** 150 h

### Module coordinator

Prof. Dr. Marcel Friedrich

### Lecturers

Prof. Dr. Marcel Friedrich

### Teaching contents

Innovation management as an integral part of corporate management; description of innovation strategies in a corporate context; presentation of internal innovation process as well as the possibilities of external partnerships; the connection to the operational management of technology; organizational embedding of innovation management; discussion of specific case studies and application of modern methods of innovation management to practical examples

### Learning objectives

On successful completion of this module, students should

- be able to apply relevant concepts and methods of innovation management<sup>1</sup>
- understand the need for and nature of innovation<sup>2</sup>
- be able to classify the innovation management in the corporate governance<sup>3,4</sup>
- know concepts and strategies of innovation management<sup>1,4</sup>
- be able to describe and apply the innovation process in a realistic context<sup>1,3,4,5</sup>
- know the organizational forms of innovation management<sup>1,4</sup>
- be able to apply creative techniques to the development of innovative ideas<sup>1,3</sup>
- be able identify innovation opportunities<sup>1,3</sup>
- be able to consider the social impact of professional decisions<sup>2,3</sup> and thus deepen their capacity to engage in society<sup>2,3</sup>
- be qualified for management and leadership tasks in the above-mentioned areas<sup>3</sup>

<sup>1</sup>Knowledge; <sup>2</sup>Comprehension; <sup>3</sup>Application; <sup>4</sup>Analysis; <sup>5</sup>Synthesis and judgement

### Teaching and learning methods

Lecture; self-study; group work; projects and / or case studies

## Entrance requirements

None

## Reading list

Tidd and Bessant: Managing Innovations  
Ahmed and Shephard: Innovation Management  
Trott: Innovation Management and New Product Development

## Examination

Graded exam acc. §§ 14 and 17–19 General Examination Regulations for Bachelor's and Master's Degree Programmes

## Teaching materials and media

Projector; white/black board; hand-outs; flipchart; moderation materials

## Areas of competence

Area of competence	Core area	Partly relevant	Of minor relevance
Professional competence		X	
Methodological competence	X		
Social competence			X

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<b>Study semester:</b>	<b>Summer term</b> (full time)	<b>Credit Points (ECTS):</b> 5
	<b>Summer term 2</b> (part time)	

### Workload

Contact time		Self-study	
Lectures	45 h	Preparation for contact time	35 h
		Literature review	35 h
		Preparation for exams	35 h
<b>Sum</b>	<b>45 h</b>	<b>Sum</b>	<b>105 h</b>

**Total workload:** 150 h

### Module coordinator

Prof. Dr. Peter F. W. Simon

### Lecturers

All lecturers of the university

### Teaching contents

Depending on the chosen module to be elected from all study courses of Rhine-Waal University

### Learning objectives

On successful completion of this module, students should

- have acquired knowledge from other areas of the university and deepened or enlarged their horizon<sup>1</sup>
- understand the importance of getting information beyond their specialisation<sup>2</sup>
- be able to implement alternative ways and approaches to problem solving<sup>3</sup>
- be able to compare contents and learning outcomes of other study courses with their own achievements<sup>4</sup>

<sup>1</sup>Knowledge; <sup>2</sup>Comprehension; <sup>3</sup>Application; <sup>4</sup>Analysis; <sup>5</sup>Synthesis and judgement

### Teaching and learning methods

Depending on chosen module

### Entrance requirements

Depending on chosen module

### Reading list

Depending on chosen module

## Examination

Graded exam acc. §§ 14 and 17–19 General Examination Regulations for Bachelor's and Master's Degree Programmes

## Teaching materials and media

Depending on chosen module

## Areas of competence

Area of competence	Core area	Partly relevant	Of minor relevance
Professional competence	X		
Methodological competence		X	
Social competence			X

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## BR\_06 Research Project

**Study semester:** Summer term (full time)  
Summer term 2 (part time) **Credit Points (ECTS):** 5

### Workload

Contact time		Self-study	
Seminar	10 h	Preparation for contact time	40 h
Project	20 h	Literature review	40 h
		Preparation for exams	40 h
Sum	30 h	Sum	120 h

**Total workload:** 150 h

### Module coordinator

Prof. Dr. Marcel Friedrich

### Lecturers

Various lecturers

### Teaching contents

The project is an individual or a group work on a specific scientific topic chosen from a variety of options offered by the professors. It includes extensive literature research, field or lab work and data analysis. Additionally, seminars are offered on scientific working and writing, on basics, regulations and relevant topics of biological resources, as well as including a section on research ethics.

### Learning objectives

On successful completion of this module, students should

- know the relevant aspects in the field of research chosen<sup>1</sup>
- have further advanced their ability to search and summarize scientific literature in the relevant field of research independently<sup>2</sup>
- have further advanced their ability to organise and manage a project<sup>2</sup>
- be able to apply relevant scientific methods<sup>3</sup>
- be able to present and document results and findings in a scientific report/article<sup>4</sup>
- be able to analyse in depth how their findings are related to those of others<sup>4</sup>
- be able to critically evaluate the scientific methods used<sup>5</sup>
- be able to critically discuss their findings in the context of biological resource use and management<sup>5</sup>

<sup>1</sup>Knowledge; <sup>2</sup>Comprehension; <sup>3</sup>Application; <sup>4</sup>Analysis; <sup>5</sup>Synthesis and judgement

### Teaching and learning methods

Group work; self-study; excursion; seminar; feedback

### Entrance requirements

None

## Reading list

Various case studies and scientific publications

## Examination

Certificate according to §§ 14 and 20 General Examination Regulations for Bachelor's and Master's Degree Programmes

## Teaching materials and media

Projector; white/black board; hand-outs; flipchart; visualisation aids for presentation; demonstration materials; A/V media

## Areas of competence

Area of competence	Core area	Partly relevant	Of minor relevance
Professional competence	X		
Methodological competence	X		
Social competence	X		

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<b>Study semester:</b>	<b>Winter term</b> (full time)	<b>Credit Points (ECTS):</b> 5
	<b>Winter term 1</b> (part time)	

### Workload

Contact time		Self-study	
Lecture	30 h	Preparation for contact time	30 h
Exercise	30 h	Literature review	30 h
		Preparation for exams	30 h
<b>Sum</b>	<b>60 h</b>	<b>Sum</b>	<b>90</b>

**Total workload:** 150 h

### Module coordinator

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### Lecturers

Dr. Maria Gomes Vale

### Teaching contents

Natural and environmental resources often constitute public goods for which market prices are lacking. Methods for valuation on non-market goods will be introduced to assess internal and external costs and benefits of natural resource use. Students will learn methods of private and social cost benefit analysis. Public programs and policies are interventions that target specific goals such as governance of natural resource use and beneficiaries. Impact assessments are done to understand whether these interventions work, how well they work and what does not work. Building on environmental valuation tools the course introduces ex post and ex ante evaluation as well as qualitative and quantitative methods of impact assessment.

Students will work with case studies and data for valuation of non-market goods; students will work with case studies and data to assess impact of public programs and policies.

### Learning objectives

On successful completion of this module, students should

- know the relevant concepts of valuation of non-market goods and cost benefit analysis<sup>1</sup>
- know the relevant concepts and principles of impact evaluation<sup>1</sup>
- be able to relate their knowledge in natural & environmental resource valuation cost benefit analysis and impact assessment to aspects of public program and policy design<sup>2</sup>
- be able to apply their knowledge by designing impact evaluation as well as valuation studies<sup>3</sup>
- be able to apply valuation methods of non-market goods, cost benefit analysis and impact assessment methods<sup>3,4</sup>
- be able to document results and findings in a scientifically appropriate form<sup>4,5</sup>
- be able to consider the social impact of professional decisions<sup>2,3</sup> and thus deepen their capacity to engage in society<sup>2,3</sup>

- be qualified for management and leadership tasks in the above-mentioned areas<sup>3</sup>

<sup>1</sup>Knowledge; <sup>2</sup>Comprehension; <sup>3</sup>Application; <sup>4</sup>Analysis; <sup>5</sup>Synthesis and judgement

### Teaching and learning methods

Lecture; self-study; case studies, exercises

### Entrance requirements

None

### Reading list

Kolstad: Environmental Economics

Garrod and Willis: Economic Valuation of the Environment: Methods and Case Studies

Khandker, Koolwal and Samad: Handbook on Impact Evaluation: Quantitative Methods and Practices.

Selected material from 3IE – International Initiative for Impact Evaluation, <http://www.3ieimpact.org/>

Further reading material will be distributed during the course.

### Examination

Graded exam acc. §§ 14 and 17–19 General Examination Regulations for Bachelor and Master's Degree Programmes

### Teaching materials and media

Projector; white/black board; hand-outs; flipchart; visualisation aids for presentation; demonstration materials; A/V media

### Areas of competence

Area of competence	Core area	Partly relevant	Of minor relevance
Professional competence	X		
Methodological competence	X		
Social competence		X	

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<b>Study semester:</b>	<b>Winter term</b> (full time)	<b>Credit Points (ECTS):</b>	<b>5</b>
	<b>Winter term 1</b> (part time)		

### Workload

Contact time		Self-study	
Lectures	30 h	Preparation for contact time	30 h
Seminar	30 h	Literature review	20 h
		Preparation for exams	40 h
<b>Sum</b>	<b>60 h</b>	<b>Sum</b>	<b>90 h</b>

**Total workload:** 150 h

### Module coordinator

Prof. Dr. Dietrich Darr

### Lecturers

Prof. Dr. Dietrich Darr

### Teaching contents

Global scale and importance of forests; forest types, functions and services; introduction to forest growth, forest inventory and management planning; management of natural forests; plantation forestry; agroforestry; timber use, forest certification and timber trade; non-timber forest products; forests and nutrition; interests and conflicts in the forest sector; instruments of forest policy; global forest governance; forests and climate change; forests in the bioeconomy

### Learning objectives

On successful completion of this module, students should

- know the relevant concepts and principles of forest management, forest economics and forest policy<sup>1</sup>
- understand socio-economic theories and conceptual frameworks of forestry science and the current state of pertinent research<sup>2</sup>
- be able to apply methods and analytical tools of forest economics and policy to contemporary problems of global forest management<sup>3,4</sup>
- be able to document results and findings in a scientifically appropriate form<sup>4,5</sup>
- be able to consider the social and ecological impact of professional decisions<sup>2,3</sup> and thus deepen their capacity to engage in society<sup>2,3</sup>
- be qualified for management and leadership tasks in the above-mentioned areas<sup>3</sup>

<sup>1</sup>Knowledge; <sup>2</sup>Comprehension; <sup>3</sup>Application; <sup>4</sup>Analysis; <sup>5</sup>Synthesis and judgement

### Teaching and learning methods

Lecture; self-study; group work; excursions; exercises

## Entrance requirements

None

## Reading list

Innes and Tikina: Sustainable forest management – from concept to practice

Kant and Alavalapati: Handbook of forest resource economics

Krott: Forest policy analysis

## Examination

Graded exam acc. §§ 14 and 17–19 General Examination Regulations for Bachelor's and Master's Degree Programmes

## Teaching materials and media

Projector; white/black board; hand-outs; flipchart; visualisation aids for presentation; demonstration materials

## Areas of competence

Area of competence	Core area	Partly relevant	Of minor relevance
Professional competence	X		
Methodological competence	X		
Social competence			X

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<b>Study semester:</b>	<b>Winter term</b> (full time)	<b>Credit Points (ECTS):</b> 5
	<b>Winter term 1</b> (part time)	

### Workload

Contact time		Self-study	
Lectures	30 h	Preparation for contact time	30 h
Lab course/Field course	30 h	Literature review	30 h
		Preparation for exams	30 h
<b>Sum</b>	<b>60 h</b>	<b>Sum</b>	<b>90 h</b>

**Total workload:** 150 h

### Module coordinator

Prof. Dr. habil. Jens Gebauer

### Lecturers

Prof. Dr. habil. Jens Gebauer

### Teaching contents

This module covers different aspects of underutilized plant genetic resources such as taxonomy, morphology, physiology, biochemistry, genetics, cytology and ethnobotany. It includes examples from gene bank management: collecting, maintenance, evaluation, storage and documentation. Areas of interest include crop evolution, domestication, crop-weed relationships, agrobiodiversity related wild species and the history of cultivated plants including palaeoethnobotany. Wild fruit tree species will play a key role to understand utilisation, promotion and conservation strategies of underutilized plant resources.

### Learning objectives

On successful completion of this module, students should

- know the different aspects and their underlying methods of plant genetic resources<sup>1</sup>
- have extensive botanical knowledge on plant genetic resources<sup>1</sup>
- be able to identify, characterise and maintain plant genetic resources<sup>3,4</sup>
- be able to set up research strategies to utilise, promote and conserve plant genetic resources<sup>5</sup>

<sup>1</sup>Knowledge; <sup>2</sup>Comprehension; <sup>3</sup>Application; <sup>4</sup>Analysis; <sup>5</sup>Synthesis and judgement

### Teaching and learning methods

Lecture; self-study; group work; excursion; feedback

### Entrance requirements

Basic knowledge in botany

## Reading list

Akinnifesi et al.: The fruits of success: A programme to domesticate West and Central Africa's wild fruit trees is raising incomes, improving health and stimulating the rural economy  
Chittaranjan: Wild Crop Relatives: Genomic and Breeding Resources  
Collins and Qualset: Biodiversity in Agroecosystems  
Hancock: Plant evolution and the origin of crops species  
Kumar and Nair: Tropical homegardens a time-tested example of sustainable agroforestry  
Leakey: Living with the trees of life towards the transformation of tropical agriculture  
Journal of Genetic Resources and Crop Evolution  
Journal of Plant Genetic Resources: Characterization and Utilisation  
Wickens and Lowe: The Baobabs: Pachycauls of Africa, Madagascar and Australia

## Examination

Graded exam acc. §§ 14 and 17–19 General Examination Regulations for Bachelor and Master's Degree Programmes; certificate for lab course

## Teaching materials and media

Tropical greenhouse; botanical garden; gene bank; projector; white/black board; scientific papers; flipchart

## Areas of competence

Area of competence	Core area	Partly relevant	Of minor relevance
Professional competence	X		
Methodological competence		X	
Social competence			X

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<b>Study semester:</b>	<b>Winter term</b> (full time)	<b>Credit Points (ECTS):</b> 5
	<b>Winter term 2</b> (part time)	

### Workload

Contact time		Self-study	
Lecture	30 h	Preparation for contact time	30 h
Lab course/Field course	30 h	Literature review	30 h
		Preparation for exams	30 h
<b>Sum</b>	<b>60 h</b>	<b>Sum</b>	<b>90 h</b>

**Total workload:** 150 h

### Module coordinator

Prof. Dr. Florian Kugler

### Lecturers

Prof. Dr. Florian Kugler; Prof. Dr.-Ing. Frank Platte

### Teaching contents

#### Lecture:

Basic procedural, chemical, and microbiological operations and techniques; nature of essential raw materials of plant/animal and microbiological origin; secondary (plant) metabolites; processing of selected raw materials; recovery of valuable components from by-products and waste resulting from food industry; fermentation processes

#### Practical part:

Production of sugar from sugar beet; extraction of betalains from red beetroot; production of plant oil from plant seeds; purification of plant oil; fermentation of sugar and alcohol distillation; hydrolysis of sucrose into invert sugar; extraction of chitin from tiger prawns; conversion of chitin to chitosan films

### Learning objectives

On successful completion of this module, students should

- know and understand the nature of important biological raw materials<sup>1</sup>
- know the basics about main processing methods applied in food industry and biotechnology<sup>1</sup>
- know relevant examples for utilization of by-products and waste resulting from food industry<sup>2</sup>
- be able to apply the knowledge in developing solutions for case studies with regard to food processing and biotechnology<sup>3</sup>
- be able to critically discuss possibilities, challenges and shortcomings of processing biological resources under particular socio-economic and cultural circumstances<sup>4,5</sup>
- be able to consider the social, ecological and ethical impact of professional decisions<sup>2,3</sup> and thus deepen their capacity to engage in society<sup>2,3</sup>

<sup>1</sup>Knowledge; <sup>2</sup>Comprehension; <sup>3</sup>Application; <sup>4</sup>Analysis; <sup>5</sup>Synthesis and judgement

## Teaching and learning methods

Lecture; self-study; group work; excursion; case studies; lab course

## Entrance requirements

Basic knowledge in chemistry, biology, and physics

## Reading list

Reading list will be provided by lecturers.

## Examination

Graded exam acc. §§ 14 and 17–19 General Examination Regulations for Bachelor and Master's Degree Programmes; certificate for lab course

## Teaching materials and media

Projector, white/black board, hand-outs, lab/pilot plant equipment, flipchart, visualisation aids for presentation, demonstration materials, A/V media

## Areas of competence

Area of competence	Core area	Partly relevant	Of minor relevance
Professional competence	X		
Methodological competence	X		
Social competence			X

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<b>Study semester:</b>	<b>Winter term</b> (full time)	<b>Credit Points (ECTS):</b>	<b>5</b>
	<b>Winter term 2</b> (part time)		

### Workload

Contact time		Self-study	
Lecture	30 h	Preparation for contact time	35 h
Exercise	15 h	Literature review	25 h
		Preparation for exams	45 h
<b>Sum</b>	<b>45 h</b>	<b>Sum</b>	<b>105 h</b>

**Total workload:** 150 h

### Module coordinator

Prof. Dr. Steffi Wiedemann

### Lecturers

Dr. Marinela Mitro

### Teaching contents

Relevance of animals for bioeconomics (wildlife, farm animals, aquaculture, others); influence of biotic and abiotic factors on animal health, production and bioeconomics; management of biodegradable feedstocks such as manure, animal waste and associated matter fluxes from a bioeconomic perspective; effects of wildlife and of farm animals on the environment (e.g. production of greenhouse gases, sequestration of greenhouse gases in grassland, nutrient imbalances, landscape aspects); use of alternatives for food and feed production; determination of resource use efficiency and potential nutrient release using different techniques

### Learning objectives

On successful completion of this module, students should

- understand the relevance of animals for bioeconomics<sup>1</sup>
- have a profound knowledge on the management of biological resources derived from animals<sup>2</sup>
- be able to apply methods to compare the resource use efficiency of different agricultural systems<sup>3</sup>
- be able to critically compare publications about animals in bioeconomics<sup>4</sup>
- be able to evaluate interactions of animal and bioeconomics based on acquired knowledge<sup>5</sup>
- be able to consider the social and ecological impact of professional decisions<sup>2,3</sup> and thus deepen their capacity to engage in society<sup>2,3</sup>

<sup>1</sup>Knowledge; <sup>2</sup>Comprehension; <sup>3</sup>Application; <sup>4</sup>Analysis; <sup>5</sup>Synthesis and judgement

### Teaching and learning methods

Lecture; self-study; group work; literature review

## Entrance requirements

None

## Reading list

Literature will be distributed in the course

## Examination

Graded exam acc. §§ 14 and 17–19 General Examination Regulations for Bachelor's and Master's Degree Programmes

## Teaching materials and media

Projector; white/black board; hand-outs; flipchart; visualisation aids for presentation; demonstration materials

## Areas of competence

Area of competence	Core area	Partly relevant	Of minor relevance
Professional competence	X		
Methodological competence		X	
Social competence		X	

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<b>Study semester:</b>	<b>Winter term</b> (full time)	<b>Credit Points (ECTS):</b> 5
	<b>Winter term 2</b> (part time)	

### Workload

Contact time		Self-study	
Seminar	45 h	Preparation for contact time	50 h
		Literature review	25 h
		Preparation for exams	30 h
<b>Sum</b>	<b>45 h</b>	<b>Sum</b>	<b>105 h</b>

**Total workload:** 150 h

### Module coordinator

Prof. PD Dr.-Ing. Sylvia Moenickes

### Lecturers

Prof. PD Dr.-Ing. Sylvia Moenickes

### Teaching contents

Global cycles of C, N, P, Water and their couplings. Constitutive equations. System behaviour: steady state, stability of steady states, attractants, repellors, point of no return, chaotic behaviour; Matlab-based simulation

### Learning objectives

On successful completion of this module, students should

- know fluxes and states of carbon, nitrogen, phosphor and water and their mathematical representation<sup>1</sup>
- understand the effect of natural and anthropogene couplings<sup>2</sup>
- be able to make use of Matlab for steady state simulations and projections of anthropogene effects<sup>3</sup>
- be able to design and implement mathematical representations of countermeasures<sup>4</sup>
- be able to evaluate simulated effects of land use<sup>5</sup>

<sup>1</sup>Knowledge; <sup>2</sup>Comprehension; <sup>3</sup>Application; <sup>4</sup>Analysis; <sup>5</sup>Synthesis and judgement

### Teaching and learning methods

Lecture; seminar; self-study; group work; case studies

### Entrance requirements

none

## Reading list

Literature will be distributed in the course

## Examination

Graded exam acc. §§ 14 and 17–19 General Examination Regulations for Master's Degree Programmes

## Teaching materials and media

Projector; white/black board; hand-outs; lab equipment; flipchart; visualisation aids for presentation; demonstration materials; A/V media

## Areas of competence

Area of competence	Core area	Partly relevant	Of minor relevance
Professional competence	X		
Methodological competence	X		
Social competence			X

last amended: October 2020



<b>Study semester:</b>	<b>Winter term</b> (full time)	<b>Credit Points (ECTS):</b> 5
	<b>Winter term 2</b> (part time)	

### Workload

Contact time		Self-study	
Lab course/Field course	45 h	Preparation for contact time	30 h
		Literature review	45 h
		Preparation for exams	30 h
<b>Sum</b>	<b>45 h</b>	<b>Sum</b>	<b>105 h</b>

**Total workload:** 150 h

### Module coordinator

Prof. Dr. Florian Wichern

### Lecturers

Prof. Dr. Florian Wichern; Dr. Conor Watson

### Teaching contents

Rhizosphere as an environment of autotrophic and heterotrophic interactions; monitoring root development, morphology and physiology in space and time; factors influencing root development; visualising and quantifying plant-microbe interactions; making use of rhizosphere processes in biotechnology and land use (e.g. phytoremediation, bioelectricity); using classical and modern visualisation techniques for qualitative and quantitative root assessment (e.g. root scanning, microscopy, molecular markers); collecting and analysing organic and inorganic components of root exudates and rhizosphere solution; experimental design and statistical analysis

### Learning objectives

On successful completion of this module, students should

- know how roots develop in space and time and which factors influence their development<sup>1</sup>
- know how rhizosphere processes can be used in biotechnology and land use management<sup>1</sup>
- be able to relate their knowledge of rhizosphere processes to their relevance in the bioeconomy and land use<sup>2</sup>
- apply special analytical lab procedures of root ecology in lab experiments<sup>3</sup>
- be able to analyse and document results and findings in a scientifically appropriate form<sup>4</sup>
- be able to analyse how their data compare with the data of others<sup>4</sup>
- be able to evaluate and critically discuss the potential use of rhizosphere processes in biotechnology and land use<sup>5</sup>

<sup>1</sup>Knowledge; <sup>2</sup>Comprehension; <sup>3</sup>Application; <sup>4</sup>Analysis; <sup>5</sup>Synthesis and judgement

### Teaching and learning methods

Lab course; self-study; group work; field trip

## Entrance requirements

None

## Reading list

Luster and Finley (ed.) Handbook of methods used in rhizosphere research

Gregory: Plant roots

Various scientific publications for methods and comparison of results

## Examination

Graded exam acc. §§ 14 and 17–19 General Examination Regulations for Bachelor's and Master's Degree Programmes

## Teaching materials and media

Projector; white/black board; hand-outs; lab equipment; flipchart; visualisation aids for presentation; demonstration materials

## Areas of competence

Area of competence	Core area	Partly relevant	Of minor relevance
Professional competence	X		
Methodological competence	X		
Social competence			X

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<b>Study semester:</b>	<b>Winter term</b> (full time)	<b>Credit Points (ECTS):</b>	<b>5</b>
	<b>Winter term 2</b> (part time)		

### Workload

Contact time		Self-study	
lecture	30 h	Preparation for contact time	40 h
exercise	15 h	Literature review	25 h
		Preparation for exams	40 h
<b>Sum</b>	<b>45 h</b>	<b>Sum</b>	<b>105 h</b>

**Total workload:** 150 h

### Module coordinator

Prof. Dr. Marcel Friedrich

### Lecturers

Prof. Dr. Marcel Friedrich

### Teaching contents

From the idea to the concept and business plan: Development of business ideas, business analysis and description of requirements (personal conditions, market assessment, competitive environment). Planning within the phase of starting a new venture (finance, cost, revenue, profitability, liquidity), forms of financing as well as the choice of legal form or company structure

### Learning objectives

On successful completion of this module, students should

- have a perception of entrepreneurship as career perspectives<sup>1,2</sup>
- know the necessities, prerequisites and measures to start a business<sup>1,2,4</sup>
- have achieved a basic knowledge about how to construct a business plan and have gained experiences toward starting a business in the future<sup>1,2,3,4,5</sup>
- know prospects and entrepreneurial responsibilities in the context of starting a new venture<sup>1,2,4,5</sup>
- be able to consider the social and ecological impact of professional decisions<sup>2,3</sup> and thus deepen their capacity to engage in society<sup>2,3</sup>
- be qualified for management and leadership tasks in the above-mentioned areas<sup>3</sup>

<sup>1</sup>Knowledge; <sup>2</sup>Comprehension; <sup>3</sup>Application; <sup>4</sup>Analysis; <sup>5</sup>Synthesis and judgement

### Teaching and learning methods

Lecture; self-study; group work; projects and / or case studies

## Entrance requirements

None

## Literature

Mariotti and Glacking: Entrepreneurship and Small Business Management  
Bygrave and Zacharakius: Entrepreneurship  
Osterwalder and Pigneur: Business Model Generation

## Examination

Graded exam acc. §§ 14 and 17–19 General Examination Regulations for Bachelor's and Master's Degree Programmes

## Teaching materials and media

Projector; white/black board; hand-outs; flipchart; moderation materials

## Areas of competence

Area of competence	Core area	Partly relevant	Of minor relevance
Professional competence		X	
Methodological competence	X		
Social competence		X	

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**BR\_11.5****Module from any Master Study Course at Rhine-Waal University of Applied Sciences****Study semester:** **Winter term** (full time)  
**Winter term 2** (part time)**Credit Points (ECTS): 5****Workload**

Contact time		Self-study	
Lectures	45 h	Preparation for contact time	35 h
		Literature review	35 h
		Preparation for exams	35 h
<b>Sum</b>	<b>45 h</b>	<b>Sum</b>	<b>105 h</b>

**Total workload: 150 h****Module coordinator**

Prof. Dr. Peter F. W. Simon

**Lecturers**

All lecturers of the university

**Teaching contents**

Depending on the chosen module to be elected from all study courses of Rhine-Waal University

**Learning objectives**

On successful completion of this module, students should

- have acquired knowledge from other areas of the university and deepened or enlarged their horizon<sup>1</sup>
- understand the importance of getting information beyond their specialisation<sup>2</sup>
- be able to implement alternative ways and approaches to problem solving<sup>3</sup>
- be able to compare contents and learning outcomes of other study courses with their own achievements<sup>4</sup>

<sup>1</sup>Knowledge; <sup>2</sup>Comprehension; <sup>3</sup>Application; <sup>4</sup>Analysis; <sup>5</sup>Synthesis and judgement**Teaching and learning methods**

Depending on chosen module

**Entrance requirements**

Depending on chosen module

**Reading list**

Depending on chosen module

## Examination

Graded exam acc. §§ 14 and 17–19 General Examination Regulations for Bachelor's and Master's Degree Programmes

## Teaching materials and media

Depending on chosen module

## Areas of competence

Area of competence	Core area	Partly relevant	Of minor relevance
Professional competence	X		
Methodological competence		X	
Social competence			X

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<b>Study semester:</b>	<b>Winter &amp; Summer Term</b> (full time)	<b>Credit Points (ECTS):</b> 5
	<b>Winter &amp; Summer Term</b> (part time)	

### Workload

Contact time		Self-study	
Lecture	30 h	Preparation for contact time	30 h
Seminar	30 h	Literature review	30 h
		Preparation for exams	30 h
<b>Sum</b>	<b>60 h</b>	<b>Sum</b>	<b>90 h</b>

**Total workload:** 150 h

### Module coordinator

Prof. Dr. Dietrich Darr

### Lecturers

Rafael Dyll and various lecturers

### Teaching contents

In this lecture series students will be exposed to interdisciplinary perspectives on biological resources and their management. Invited lecturers will present results and methodological approaches of their recent research and professional work in the field of biological resources and related disciplines. The lectures will provide participants with the opportunity to experience and engage in academic debate thereby obtaining further stimuli to define the topic of their own research project.

### Learning objectives

On successful completion of this module, students should

- understand core concepts of global biological resources and their sustainable management<sup>1,2</sup>
- know the predominant discourses and theories in managing and governing these resources<sup>2</sup>
- know methods and analytical tools used in contemporary research on biological resources<sup>2</sup>
- be able to identify the key factors that determine the state and resilience of global biological resources<sup>3,4</sup>
- be able to document results and findings in a scientifically appropriate form<sup>4,5</sup>

<sup>1</sup>Knowledge; <sup>2</sup>Comprehension; <sup>3</sup>Application; <sup>4</sup>Analysis; <sup>5</sup>Synthesis and judgement

### Teaching and learning methods

Lecture; self-study; group work; excursions; exercises

### Entrance requirements

None

## Reading list

Publications by the lecturers on the pertinent topic

## Examination

Certificate according to §§ 14 and 20 General Examination Regulations for Bachelor's and Master's Degree Programmes

The ECTS will be credited during semester 3.

## Teaching materials and media

Projector; white/black board; hand-outs; flipchart

## Areas of competence

Area of competence	Core area	Partly relevant	Of minor relevance
Professional competence	X		
Methodological competence		X	
Social competence			X

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<b>Study semester:</b>	<b>Semester 3</b> (full time)	<b>Credit Points (ECTS): 25</b>
	<b>Semester 5 and 6</b> (part time)	

### Workload

Contact time		Self-study	
Sum		Sum	750 h

**Total workload: 750 h**

### Module coordinator

Prof. Dr. Marcel Friedrich

### Lecturers

All lecturers of the faculty

### Teaching contents

The contents of the master thesis are specific and have to be coordinated with the chosen/elected instructor/lecturer. The assigned task will be adequately described and documented as well as the chosen approach, methodology and results.

### Learning objectives

On successful completion of this module, students should

- demonstrate that they are able to complete a scientific task from their field of study without help and within an allotted period of time
- apply/implement technical knowledge in a scientifically appropriate way
- structure the necessary processes and tasks necessary for solving the conceptual formulation, control their progress and adjust if necessary
- be able to document their starting point, the chosen approach and their findings in such a way that they fulfill the requirements of a scientific publication

<sup>1</sup>Knowledge; <sup>2</sup>Comprehension; <sup>3</sup>Application; <sup>4</sup>Analysis; <sup>5</sup>Synthesis and judgement

### Teaching and learning methods

### Entrance requirements

Minimum of 50 ECTS

### Reading list

Depending on chosen subject/task

## Examination

Graded exam acc. § 26 General Examination Regulations for Bachelor's and Master's Degree Programmes and § 6 Examination Regulations for study programme: written thesis of approx. 50–120 pages

## Teaching materials and media

Thesis-specific

## Areas of competence

Area of competence	Core area	Partly relevant	Of minor relevance
Professional competence	X		
Methodological competence	X		
Social competence			

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<b>Study semester:</b>	<b>Semester 3</b> (full time)	<b>Credit Points (ECTS):</b>	<b>5</b>
	<b>Semester 6</b> (part time)		

### Workload

Contact time		Self-study	
Sum		Sum	150 h

**Total workload:** 150 h

### Module coordinator

Prof. Dr. Marcel Friedrich

### Lecturers

All lecturers of the faculty

### Teaching contents

The content of the colloquiums is based on the master thesis.

### Learning objectives

The students present the results of their master thesis during the colloquium. They put their research and findings in a context with the practical approach and present their findings in a scientific and structured way. The students justify their chosen approach autonomously by taking into consideration how far their results were influenced by assumptions/presuppositions and simplifications. They are able to analyze questions regarding their thesis and their findings and to answer these within the frame of the technical and non-technical context.

### Teaching and learning methods

### Entrance requirements

Minimum of 85 ECTS

### Reading list

### Examination

Graded exam acc. § 27 General Examination Regulations for Bachelor's and Master's Degree Programmes

### Teaching materials and media

Specific

## Areas of competence

Area of competence	Core area	Partly relevant	Of minor relevance
Professional competence	X		
Methodological competence	X		
Social competence			

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