

Study Programme : MSc. Ecology			
Degree level: Master degree			
Course Title: Toxic, Infectious and Invasive Algae			
Professor: Dr Zorica Svirčev			
Elective Course			
Number of ECTS: 6			
Prerequisites: -			
<p>Course Objective: Emphasis will be placed on understanding the role and importance of macroalgae, cyanobacteria and microalgae as the cause of environmental disasters, diseases and poisoning in humans and animals. The appearance and activity of undesirable algae in natural ecosystems, particularly in relation to humans will be studied in order to prepare students for the application of knowledge gained through solving various problems related to environmental protection and reduction the risk of illness and deaths in humans.</p>			
<p>Course Outcome: After passing the course of Harmful Algae students are expected to: be able to explain the causes of occurrence of harmful algae in aquatic ecosystems, as well as in the form of pathogen; show an understanding of environmental and medical consequences of the appearance and activity of harmful algae; explain the ecological, physiological and genetic basis of toxicity, pathogenicity and invasion of algae; describe and identify the specific effects of toxic, infective and invasive algae and solve the problems caused by the appearance of toxic, invasive, pathogenic and other harmful algae in aquatic ecosystems and the environment (algae cause the unpleasant smells in recreational water systems and drinking water).</p>			
<p>Course Content: <i>Theoretical part</i> The causes of harmful algae appearance and their overgrowth: eutrofication, 'water blooms, invasion, pathogenicity of algae. Problems caused by harmful algae: health aspects, environmental problems, cyanobacteria and cyanotoxins: the group of cyanotoxins, toxin appearance in water ecosystems. The influence of cyanotoxins on aquatic organisms, humane and animal health. Monitoring and prevention measures. Phycotoxins: poisoning of aquatic and terrestrial animals and humans, allergies and changing of organoleptic properties of water. Prototheca - pathogenic microalga: taxonomy, morphology, ecology, biochemistry and genetics of microalgae, epidemiology and significance protothecal infections in human medicine and veterine, diagnosis and therapy pf protothecosis. Caulerpa - invasive macroalga: taxonomy, morphology, ecology, genetics, invasion, toxicity and influences on other species. Monitoring and prevention, sanation methods.</p>			
<p>Reading List: 1. Svirčev Z. (2005): Microalgae and Cyanobacteria in Biotechnology. Faculty of Sciences, University of N. Sad (in Serbian). 2. Chorus I., Bartram J. (1999): Toxic Cyanobacteria in Water. WHO – E&FN Spon, London, New York (in English). 3. Graneli E., Turner J. (2006): Ecology of Harmful Algae. Springer – Berlin, Heidelberg, New York (in English). 4. Suvajdžić, Lj. (2004): Handbook of microbiology with exercises for students of pharmacy. Ortomediks, Novi Sad.</p>			
Total hours:			
Lectures: 2	Practicals:	Other:	Student research work: 5
Methods of instruction: Lectures, practicals, consultations, seminars, colloquia, field work.			
Assessment (maximum number of points 100)			
Requirements	points	Final exam	points
Active participation in lectures	10	Practical exam	
Active participation in practicals		Oral exam	40
Test(s) or	40	Seminar	10
Pre-exam testing			
Remark:			