Study Programme: BSc in Biology
Degree level: Bachelor degree

Course Title: PHYLOGENY OF ANIMALS

Professor: Ivo Karaman, PhD; Desanka Kostić, PhD

Required/Elective Course: Elective Course

Number of ECTS: 5

Prerequisites: passing grade from the course Morphology and Systematics of Invertebrates

Course Objective:

Detailed knowledge of comparative morphological-anatomical, histological, cytological, and embryonic characteristics of Metazoans, which are important in phylogenetic analyses. Getting acquainted with historical and current hypotheses about phylogenetic position of Metazoans within Eukaryotes and about phylogenetic relations among animal phyla. Systematic overview of the main animal groups based on theory and methodology of phylogenetic systematics.

Course Outcome:

Acquiring broader theoretical knowledge about animal diversity and its phylogeny.

Course Content:

Theoretical part

Phylogenesis – evolutionary history of animals. Historical overview of phylogenetic hypotheses and criteria for phylogenetic reconstructions. Fossil proofs of the origin of Metazoans. Comparative overview of morphological-anatomical, histological, cytological and embryonic characteristics of Metazoans. Protista – Protozoa, current classification and alternatives. The origin and position of Metazoans, phylogenetic overview. Parazoa, Diploblastica – The origin and phylogenetic relations within the phyla Porifera, Placozoa, Cnidaria, Myxozoa, and Ctenophora. Parenchymia, Gnathifera, Cycloneuralia, Cephalorhyncha – overview of the phyla and phylogenetic relations. Ecdysozoa – Panarthropoda. Mollusca; Trochozoa, Phoronozoa, and Bryozoa, the origin, overview of the phyla and phylogenetical relations. Gnathostomata – the origin and phylogenetic relations. The origin and phylogenetic relations of amphibians, reptiles, birds, and mammals.

Reading List:

- 1. Kalezić, M., Tomović, LJ. (2005): Hordati, skripta. Biološki fakultet, Beograd.
- 2. Nielsen, (1995): Animal Evolution. Oxford Univ. Press, Oxford.
- 3. Rupert, E.E., Barnes, R.D. (1994): Invertebrate Zoology. Saunders Coll. Publ., Philadelphia.
- 4. Tomanović, Ž.: Sistematika i filogenija beskičmenjaka, autorizovana skripta. Biološki fakultet, Beograd.

5. Willmer, P.G. (1990): Invertebrate Relationships. Cambridge University Press, Cambridge.

Total hours:					
Lectures: 2	Practicals:	Other: 2	Student research work:		

Methods of instruction:

Theoretical lectures – video presentations. Writing and presenting seminar papers on given or elected topics.

Assessment (maximum number of points 100)RequirementspointsFinal exampointsActive participation in lecturesPractical exam70Active participation in practicalsOral examTest(s) orOral examPre-exam testing30Image: Control of the points 100)