Level: PhD

Course title: Selected Topics in Environmental Chemistry (DZZS-604)

Status: elective ECTS: 15

Requirements: None

Learning objectives

The aim of the course is to improve students' knowledge of the physical and chemical processes that are important for full understanding of the fate and behaviour of organic and inorganic pollutants in the environment.

Learning outcomes

Advanced and extended knowledge of the physical and chemical processes that occur in all segments of the environment, improved knowledge about modern methods of testing physical and chemical processes in the environment, and the ability of students to make critical decisions necessary for successful quality control and environmental management.

Syllabus

Theoretical instruction

The laws of thermodynamics. Thermodynamics at interfaces and colloidal systems. Thermodynamic principles of multi-component systems. Ideal and non-ideal fluids, fugacity. Ideal and dilute solutions. Real solutions. The quantitative relationship between structure and reactivity. Partition between the gaseous, liquid and solid phases. Air-water partitioning. Soilwater partitioning. Soil-air partitioning. Kinetics and mechanisms of transformation reactions in the environment. Redox, catalytic and photolytic reactions in the environment. Transport of pollutants in the environment. Transport of pollutants by random motion. Transport of pollutants through boundaries. Special attention will be given to the study of specific problems that describe the behaviour of pollutants in certain segments of the environment (water-sediment, air, soil).

Practical instruction

Development of projects on a selected topic from the curriculum.

Weekly teaching load				Other:
Lectures:	Exercises:	Other forms of	Student research:	
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