Level: PhD

Course title: Ecotoxicology (Advanced Course) (DZZS-703)

Status: Elective

ECTS: 15

Requirements: None

Learning objectives

Acquiring advanced knowledge of chemical properties, mechanisms and consequences of toxic effects of pollutants on organisms and ecosystems, including methods for monitoring and predicting environmental effects, in order to assess and manage risk.

Learning outcomes

After completing the course, students will be able to independently apply knowledge: toxic components in the environment, their chemical properties, ecotoxic behaviour in nature, consequences, and risk management.

Syllabus

Theoretical instruction:

In order to learn about the interaction of pollutants in natural systems, as well as upgrade their knowledge in this field already gained in the course of their studies, students will study then chemodynamics of pollutants, environmental toxicology, ecology and ecotoxicology of pollution. The study of the toxicity of selected inorganic and organic pollutants: toxicokinetics and toxicodynamics, carcinogenesis, teratogenesis and mutanogenesis. Quantification and assessment of ecotoxicological effects at the level of the organism, population and community effects on habitat. Prediction of ecological effects, risk assessment, regulatory aspects of ecotoxicology and statistical evaluation of data on the quality of the environment in terms of ecotoxicology.

Practical instruction:

Searching of ECOTOX database to find data on the toxicity of the selected set of hazardous substances, the interpretation of results and extrapolation to the ecosystem level. 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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