

Study Programme: Biology, Ecology
Degree level: Bachelor's degree
Course Title: English (for Specific Academic Purposes)
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Required/Elective Course: Elective
Number of ECTS: 5
Prerequisites:
Course Objective: Students are expected to master general academic and subject-specific register as well as academic language skills required for university education and professional development.
Course Outcome: Upon the course completion students will develop the following knowledge and skills: General academic language and skills: the proper use of formal academic style, making distinction between formal and informal language use; correct and efficient interpretation of texts representing various scientific genres; reading, writing, speaking and critical thinking skills; Subject-specific knowledge and skills: the use of technical and sub-technical terminology and grammatical forms typical for scientific discourse; efficient use of general purpose and specialist dictionaries.
Course Content: <i>Theoretical part:</i> - <i>General characteristics of English for academic and subject-specific purposes:</i> Formal/informal style; the use of discourse markers; word building: most common prefixes and suffixes in academic discourse; collocations; compound nouns; foreign plurals; active/passive form, modals expressing certainty, participle clauses; <i>Practical part:</i> reading authentic texts: skimming and scanning, predicting, understanding general idea and specific details, inferencing, dealing with unfamiliar words and phrases; writing: definitions, descriptions of processes and experiments, summaries, writing formal letters and CVs; speaking: discussions and debates, giving an oral presentation.
Reading List: 1. Knežević, Lj. <i>English for Specific Academic Purposes: Biology, Ecology, Chemistry</i> , Faculty of Sciences, Novi Sad, 2009. 2. Wallace, M. <i>Study Skills in English</i> , Cambridge University Press, 2004. 3. Murphy, R. <i>English Grammar in Use</i> , Cambridge University Press, 2000. 4. McCarthy M. & O'Dell F. <i>English Collocations in Use</i> , Cambridge University Press, 2005.