

A review by an EU INTENSE partner

Course: Scientific principles of biodiversity conservation

Credits	4 ECTS (optional course), 60 in-class hours
Level	PhD students
Host institution	Institute of Ecology of the Carpathians National Academy of Science of Ukraine

Assessment criteria	Answer			Comments
	Yes	No	Need to be	
			modified	
The course has appropriate place in	X			n/a
curricula (year and semester of study)				
Contents is relevant to the PhD	Х			Yes, as it gives
program requirements				in-depth
				perspective of a
				fundamental
				ecology topic
The course contents is well developed	Х			All the topics
and allows to achieve learning				are present, put
outcomes and skills				in a logical
				sequences and
				ensure
				progression
Aim and objectivers are well	Х			Yes, they are
formulated				clearly set both
				in the syllabus
				and throughout
				taught sessions
Distribution of workload is well	Х			It is reasonable
balanced				
Grading system is well developed and	Х			Grading is well
distribution of scores is well balanced				explained,
				although seems
				to be rather
				complicated
Teaching methods are relevant	Х			Reasonable
				diversity is
				ensured as well
Literature is relevant	Х			Yes, although
				more latest
				international
				literature would







		be appropriate
The course can be proposed to PhD	X	Any MSc and
students on other specialties and		PhD programs
research areas		related o
		environmental
		protection and
		management
		resources
		should be
		relevant

Overall assessment and comments:

This a robust and well designed course. The main comment is that it is somehow old-fashioned both in terms of concepts and literature. The heavy focus on domestic and legacy authors can be regarded as both an advantage and a disadvantage

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