bio655 - Ornithology

Module label: Ornithology
Module code: bio655
Credit points: 12.0 KP
Workload: 360 h

Used in course of study:
- Master's Programme Biology > Background Modules

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Entry requirements:
The module imparts advanced knowledge on different aspects of ornithology. The students acquire:

- An extended knowledge of morphological and physiological fundamentals and the resulting ecological and behaviour-biological consequences in birds
- Knowledge, presentation and discussion of relevant English literature from various fields of ornithology

++ deepened biological expertise
+ deepened knowledge of biological working methods
+ critical and analytical thinking
+ independent searching and knowledge of scientific literature
++ data presentation and discussion in German and English (written and spoken)

Module contents:
The module is composed of the lecture "Ecology and Physiology of Birds", a seminar accompanying the lecture "Current Questions of Ornithology", a seminar "Behavioural Ecology of Birds", and a seminar "Methods in Field Ornithology".

Lecture "Ecology and Physiology of Birds":
This lecture consolidates special aspects of systematics, morphology, physiology, migration, orientation, population biology, communication and behavioural ecology in birds.

Seminar "Current Questions of Ornithology":
In this seminar, original English publications are presented and discussed which deal with current research results from various fields treated in the lecture. Every student reads a paper on one scientific article and discusses the results of that article with the other participants.

Seminar "Behavioural Ecology of Birds" (option 1):
In the seminar, current literature relating to the life history of birds will be reported. During the term, each participant is presenting an original paper in a short talk and the group of students will be guided to critically discuss the paper.

Seminar "Methods in Field Ornithology" (option 2):
The core methods of field ornithology, such as stable isotopes, bird census, ringing, radar, radio tracking, etc., will be introduced with the help of English scientific papers by the students. In the presentations the corresponding methods will be explained in detail with an emphasis on the pros and cons of the method. The aim of this seminar is to learn how to deal with scientific methods in a critical way.
Reader’s advisory


Links

Participating Institution: Institut für Vogelforschung
http://www.ifv-vogelwarte.de

Languages of instruction
German, English

Duration (semesters)
1 Semester

Module capacity
30

Reference text
associated with bio900

Modulelevel
MM (Mastermodul / Master module)

Modulart
je nach Studiengang Pflicht oder Wahlpflicht

Examination
Final exam of module
Time of examination
Presentation 40% (the main seminar is mandatory, one of the two options one need to be taken)
Written examination 60%
Regular active participation is required for the module to be passed successfully.

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Written examination 60%

Course type
Lecture
Seminar

Frequency
WiSe

Workload attendance
56 h

56 h

Total time of attendance for the module
56 h

112 h