Course Specifications
Valid as from the academic year 2016-2017

Advanced Applied Statistics (C003812)

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Lecturers in academic year 2017-2018
Vanreusel, Ann
WE11 lecturer-in-charge
Sabbe, Koen
WE11 co-lecturer

Course offerings and teaching methods in academic year 2017-2018
A (semester 2)
seminar: practical PC room classes 25.0 h
lecture 15.0 h

Offered in the following programmes in 2017-2018
Master of Science in Marine and Lacustrine Science and Management
3 A

Teaching languages
English

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• Basic statistical principles of distributions and probabilities.
• Excel

Final competences
The most widely used uni- and multivariate statistical techniques in ecological orientated research.

Conditions for credit contract
Access to this course unit via a credit contract is determined after successful competences assessment

Conditions for exam contract
This course unit cannot be taken via an exam contract

Teaching methods
Lecture, seminar: practical PC room classes

Extra information on the teaching methods
Theoretical classes followed by PC classes to practice in Excel and R software (use of

Course size (nominal values; actual values may depend on programme)
Credits 3.0
Study time 90 h
Contact hrs 39.0 h

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(Approved)
Learning materials and price
   Course notes 7 EURO
   Minerva
   Electronic handbooks

References
   ZAR JH Biostatistical analysis

Course content-related study coaching
   Assistance during practical exercises
   Feedback through minerva

Evaluation methods
   end-of-term evaluation

Examination methods in case of periodic evaluation during the first examination period
   Written examination

Examination methods in case of periodic evaluation during the second examination period
   Written examination

Examination methods in case of permanent evaluation

Possibilities of retake in case of permanent evaluation
   not applicable

Extra information on the examination methods
   The examen consists of several questions which are mainly practical orientated but needs to be solved written (not on a computer)
   In general there are three types of questions
   1 Give definitions or explain background of techniques (without formulas)
   2 interprete in a complete and correct way the output of statistical tests
   3 identify correct experimental designs and statistical analysis in order to test particular hypothesis

Calculation of the examination mark