Studiefiche
Vanaf academiejaar 2017-2018
Aquatic Microbial Ecology (C002476)

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Aanbodssessies en werkvormen in academiejaar 2017-2018
A (semester 1)
zelfstandig werk
hoorcollege

Aangeboden in onderstaande opleidingen in 2017-2018
Master of Science in Marine and Lacustrine Science and Management
Master of Science in Aquaculture

Onderwijstalen
Engels

Trefwoorden
microbial biodiversity and ecology, viruses, prokaryotes, protozoa, micro-algae, marine and lake ecosystems, metagenomics

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• Molecular diversity and dynamics of bacterial populations in seas and oceans

PROTOZOA AND MICRO-ALGAE
• General overview of the biodiversity of aquatic micro-algae and protozoa
• Sampling, culturing and identification of aquatic micro-algae and protozoa
• Functional diversity of aquatic micro-algae and protozoa
• Biodiversity patterns of aquatic eukaryotic micro-organisms (e.g. seasonality, biogeographical aspects)

Contacturen
Studietijd 180 u
Studiepunten 6.0
Contacturen 50.0 u

Onderwijstalen (nominale waarden; effectieve waarden kunnen verschillen per opleiding)

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**Begincompetenties**
- Basic knowledge of molecular biology, biochemistry and of the physical and chemical ecology of aquatic ecosystems.

**Eindcompetenties**
1. Understanding functional microbial diversity in aquatic environments.
2. Understanding and explaining microbial interactions in aquatic ecosystems.
3. Deciding on methodological aspects for isolation and identification of aquatic microorganisms.
4. Summarizing and discussing published literature data.

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**Didactische werkvormen**
- Hoorcollege, zelfstandig werk

**Toelichtingen bij de didactische werkvormen**
- Oral lectures, group sessions and individual assignments

**Leermateriaal**
- Powerpoint presentations of each oral lecture will be made available in pdf format via Minerva.

**Referenties**

**Vakinhoudelijke studiebegeleiding**
- Interactive support via Minerva. Personal contact with lecturers is possible after electronic appointment.

**Evaluatiemomenten**
- periodegebonden evaluatie

**Evaluatievormen bij periodegebonden evaluatie in de eerste examenperiode**
- Schriftelijk examen

**Evaluatievormen bij periodegebonden evaluatie in de tweede examenperiode**
- Schriftelijk examen

**Evaluatievormen bij niet-periodegebonden evaluatie**

**Tweede examenkans in geval van niet-periodegebonden evaluatie**
- Niet van toepassing

**Toelichtingen bij de evaluatievormen**
- Bioinformatics exercises
- Literature assignment
- Written examination with knowledge and interpretive questions

**Eindscoreberekening**
- Exercises: 20%
- Literature assignment: 20%
- Written examination: 60%

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