

Evolutionary Biology (C003709)

Due to Covid 19, the education and evaluation methods may vary from the information displayed in the schedules and course details. Any changes will be communicated on Ufora.

Course size *(nominal values; actual values may depend on programme)*
Credits 3.0 **Study time** 80 h **Contact hrs** 25.0 h

Course offerings and teaching methods in academic year 2020-2021

A (semester 2)	English	Gent	lecture	15.0 h
			seminar	10.0 h

Lecturers in academic year 2020-2021

Van de Peer, Yves	WE09	lecturer-in-charge
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Offered in the following programmes in 2020-2021

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Master of Science in Bioinformatics (main subject Systems Biology)	3	A
Exchange Programme in Bioinformatics (master's level)	3	A

Teaching languages

English

Keywords

Molecular evolution, tree construction, phylogenomics, gene and genome duplication

Position of the course

Contents

- Homology and common descent
- Tree construction methods
 - Parsimony
 - Evolutionary distance
 - Maximum likelihood and Bayesian inference
- Evolutionary models
- Gene and genome duplication
- Tree reconciliation
- Phylogenomics
- Case studies in evolutionary analysis
- Impact of evolutionary thinking on society

Initial competences

Basic knowledge of molecular biology and evolution

Final competences

- 1 Knowledge of genetics and evolutionary concepts.
- 2 Knowledge of the application domains of molecular evolution and phylogenetics.
- 3 Be able to use and apply state-of-the-art tree construction methods.
- 4 Be able to interpret the outcome of phylogenetic analyses.
- 5 Be able to understand and interpret specialized literature on phylogenetics and molecular evolution.
- 6 Communicate and report in English.
- 7 Understand important controversies regarding evolution and their possible implications for society.

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

Guided self-study, lecture, seminar

Learning materials and price

Course slides available on Ufora

References

state of the art research articles

Course content-related study coaching

Contact hours with lecturer

Evaluation methods

end-of-term evaluation and continuous assessment

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

Examination methods in case of permanent evaluation

Assignment, peer assessment

Possibilities of retake in case of permanent evaluation

examination during the second examination period is possible in modified form

Extra information on the examination methods

Permanent evaluation (if time permits): Students present summary of research articles related to the topic of interest (microteaching). Students evaluate each others skills (peer evaluation)

Calculation of the examination mark

- 80 % periodic evaluation
- 20 % non periodic evaluation (30% presentation, 10% peer evaluation)