

SYLLABUS

Name: Evolution of Earth ecosystems (25-BI-S2-W-EEE-AN)

Name in Polish: Ewolucja ekosystemów na Ziemi

Name in English: Evolution of Earth ecosystems

Information on course:

Course offered by department: Faculty of Biological Sciences

Course for department: Faculty of Biological Sciences

Default type of course examination report:

Grading

Language:

English

Short description:

Prerequisites regarding knowledge, skills, and social competences for the course/module
BSc in Biology or related sciences.

Student's own work:

- reading relevant scientific publications: 20h
- preparing homework/project/presentation: 25h
- preparing a report: 20h
- exam and test preparation: 15h

Description:

Educational aims:

- extending of knowledge of the history of the natural and cultural environment;
- to learn about the processes that shape the earth's surface;
- to acquire knowledge of the influence of climatic processes on the evolution of the natural environment.

Course content:

- Lectures:
 - endogenous and exogenous factors shaping conditions for life on Earth,
 - evolution of marine and terrestrial ecosystems on Earth,
 - methods for reconstructing natural environments.
- Classes:
 - practical methods for reconstructing changes in abiotic and biotic conditions from the Paleozoic to the present day.

Bibliography:

Mandatory and recommended reading list:

Allen A. P. 2000. Earth Surface Processes. Blackwell Sciences Ltd;
Cronin M. T. 1999. Principles of paleoclimatology. Columbia University Press ;
Foster R. J. 1983. General Geology. Charles E. Merrill Publishing Company;
Palmer D. 2009. Evolution: The Story of Life. Octopus Publishing Group.

Learning outcomes:

Intended learning outcomes

Student:

K_W02

understands relationships between the different branches of natural sciences, and knows the basic concepts of climatology, geomorphology, ecology and geology;

K_W05

understands the role of living organisms and their contribution to geophysical and geochemical processes;

K_U01

K_U06

interprets empirical data and draws appropriate conclusions while reconstructing changes in biotic and abiotic processes;

K_K01

analyses the knowledge acquired in the biological sciences and needs to constantly improve it.

Assessment methods and assessment criteria:

Assessment methods for the intended learning outcomes:

- Lectures:
 - test (written)
- Classes:
 - preparing presentation/poster,
 - continuous control of classes attendance and studying progress,
 - engagement in discussions,
 - writing a report.

Credit requirements for individual components of the course/module:

- Lectures:
 - test (written) - minimum 51%
- Classes:
 - evaluation of student's attendance, engagement and progress,
 - presentation, poster, discussion (individual or in groups),

- providing a report.

Course credits in various terms:

<without a specific program>

Type of credits	Number	First term	Last term
European Credit Transfer System (ECTS)	4	2024/25-L	