

Faculty of Sciences

Master of Science in Biology

Language of instruction: English

Programme version 9

1 General Courses 18 credits

Nr	Course	CRDT	Ref	MT1	Session	Study
1	C003345 Advanced Biostatistics <i>Carl Vangestel -- Department of Biology</i> Indicative price: € 0	5		2	A:1	150
2	C003080 Programming <i>Peter Dawyndt -- Department of Mathematics, Computer Science and Statistics</i> Indicative price: € 0	5	UKV	1	C:1	150
3	C003302 Academic Grant Writing <i>Matthew Shawkey -- Department of Biology</i> Indicative price: € 0	3		1	A:2	90
4	C003334 Scientific Communication <i>Danny Haelewaters -- Department of Biology</i> Indicative price: € 0	5		2	A:1	150

2 Minors 30 credits

Subscribe to 30 credit units from 1 minor from the following list. Subject to approval by the faculty.

One combination between minors and majors is possible:

- Minor Bio-inspired Innovation and Sustainability - Major General Biology
- Minor Research - Major Biodiversity and Evolutionary Biology
- Minor Research - Major Global Change Ecology
- Minor Research - Major Functional Biology

Distribution over the first standard learning path is depending on the major.

2.1 Minor Research 30 credits

Subscribe to 30 credit units from no less than 1 and no more than 2 modules from the following list. Subject to approval by the faculty.

2.1.1 Elective Courses Research

Subscribe to no more than 30 credit units from the following list.

Nr	Course	CRDT	Ref	MT1	Session	Study
1	C004098 Professional Internship I [nl] <i>Luc Lens -- Department of Biology</i> Indicative price: € 0	5		2	A:J	150
2	C004099 Professional Internship II [nl] <i>Luc Lens -- Department of Biology</i> Indicative price: € 0	10		2	A:J	300
3	C004100 International Project <i>Marleen De Troch -- Department of Biology</i> Indicative price: € 2,000	5			A:J	150
4	C002755 Biological Excursions in the Human Brain <i>Robrecht Raedt -- Department of Head and Skin</i> Indicative price: € 0	5			(A:2) ^d	135
5	C004082 Evolution of Primates and Paleo-anthropology <i>Dominique Adriaens -- Department of Biology</i> Indicative price: € 25	3			A:2 ^a	75
6	C002769 Immunology and Pathology <i>Martin Guillems -- Department of Molecular Biology</i>	5			A:2	135

	Indicative price: € 0			
7	C002770 Insect Physiology [nl] <i>Dirk de Graaf -- Department of Biochemistry, Physiology and Microbiology</i> Indicative price: € 0	5	A:1 ^a	135
8	C002387 International Course <i>Ann Vanreusel -- Department of Biology</i> Indicative price: unknown	5	A:J	150
9	C004466 Limnology <i>Dirk Verschuren -- Department of Biology</i> Indicative price: € 15	4	A:2	120
10	C003874 Marine Ecology <i>Carl Van Colen -- Department of Biology</i> Indicative price: € 70	6	A:1	150
11	C002774 Microbial Ecology <i>Anne Willems -- Department of Biochemistry, Physiology and Microbiology</i> Indicative price: € 0	5	A:1 ^a	140
12	C002775 Molecular Plant Physiology <i>Thomas Depaepe -- Department of Biology</i> Indicative price: € 0	5	(A:1) ^d	135
13	C004412 Introduction to Multivariate Data Analysis <i>Koen Sabbe -- Department of Biology</i> Indicative price: € 0	3		90
14	C002777 Mycology: Basidiomycota <i>Annemieke Verbeken -- Department of Biology</i> Indicative price: € 72	5	A:1	135
15	C002778 Ornithology <i>Luc Lens -- Department of Biology</i> Indicative price: € 22	5	A:2 ^a	135
16	C004386 Phylogenetics and Evolution of Flowering Plants [nl] <i>Lars Chatrou -- Department of Biology</i> Indicative price: € 0	5	A:2	145
17	C001045 Teledetection: Image Registration and Processing [nl] <i>Tim Van de Voorde -- Department of Geography</i> Indicative price: € 90	5	A:2	150
18	E084760 Geographic Information Systems (partim) [nl] <i>Nico Van de Weghe -- Department of Geography</i> Indicative price: € 0	3	A:1	90
19	C004081 Biodiversity of Aquatic Food Webs: from Algae to Marine Mammals <i>Marleen De Troch -- Department of Biology</i> Indicative price: € 0	3	A:1	90
20	C004385 Laboratory Animal Science <i>Katleen Hermans -- Department of Pathobiology, Pharmacology and Zoological Medicine</i> Indicative price: € 0	9	A:J	270
21	C003306 Advanced Cell Biology <i>Geert van Loo -- Department of Molecular Biology</i> Indicative price: € 0	5	(A:1) ^d	150
22	C003307 Functional Diversity of Prokaryotes <i>Anne Willems -- Department of Biochemistry, Physiology and Microbiology</i> Indicative price: € 0	4	(A:1) ^d	120
23	I002457 Vegetation Science [nl] <i>Lander Baeten -- Department of Environment</i> Indicative price: € 0	3	A:1	90
24	I002691 Nature Conservation [nl] <i>Lander Baeten -- Department of Environment</i> Indicative price: € 0	4	A:1	120
25	C004009 History and Philosophy of Sciences [nl] <i>Maarten Van Dyck -- Department of Philosophy and Moral Sciences</i> Indicative price: € 0	3	A:1 ^a	90
26	C004083 History and Philosophy of Biology <i>Gertrudis Van de Vijver -- Department of Philosophy and Moral Sciences</i>	3	A:2	90

[Indicative price: € 0](#)

27	C004102	Practical Skills in Academic Biological Education [nl] <i>Dominique Adriaens -- Department of Biology</i> Indicative price: € 2	3			A:J	90
28	C004103	Introduction to Biomimicry <i>Liliana D'Alba Altamirano -- Department of Biology</i> Indicative price: € 0	3			A:1	90
29	C004411	Writing Academic Papers <i>Danny Haelewaters -- Department of Biology</i> Indicative price: € 76	4			A:1	120
30	A005569	Global Minds <i>Amaury Frankl -- Department of Geography</i> Indicative price: € 0	5	UKV		A:2	150

2.1.2 Elective Courses UGent and other Universities

Subscribe to courses for no more than 30 credit units to be chosen from study programmes of UGent including the minor Bio-inspired Innovation and Sustainability, major General Biology, [the Ghent University elective courses](#) or from study programmes of other universities of the Flemish Community or (online) courses from [Erasmus+ partner universities](#). Of which at least 20 credits from the field of biology.

2.2 Minor Bio-inspired Innovation and Sustainability

30 credits

Subscribe to 14 credit units from no less than 1 and no more than 2 modules from the following list. Subject to approval by the faculty.

Nr	Course	CRDT	Ref	MT1	Session	Study
1	E076450 Basic Entrepreneurship [nl] <i>Yannick Dillen -- Department of Marketing, Innovation and Organisation</i> Indicative price: unknown	3	UKV	1	A:1	90
2	E076460 Dare to Venture <i>Johan Verrue -- Department of Marketing, Innovation and Organisation</i> Indicative price: unknown	4		1	A:2	120
3	C004101 Bio-inspired Project <i>Matthew Shawkey -- Department of Biology</i> Indicative price: € 0	9		1	A:J	270

2.2.1 Elective Courses

Subscribe to no less than 7 and no more than 14 credit units from the following list.

Nr	Course	CRDT	Ref	MT1	Session	Study
1	C004103 Introduction to Biomimicry <i>Liliana D'Alba Altamirano -- Department of Biology</i> Indicative price: € 0	3			A:1	90
2	F000752 Environmental Economics and Policy [nl] <i>Brent Bleys -- Department of Economics</i> Indicative price: € 55	4			B:2	120
3	K001339 Sustainability Thinking Indicative price: unknown	5	UKV			150
4	K001013 Politics of Sustainability [nl] <i>Erik Paredis -- Department of Political Sciences</i> Indicative price: € 0	6			A:2	180
5	F000859 Corporate Social Responsibility [nl] <i>Saskia Crucke -- Department of Marketing, Innovation and Organisation</i> Indicative price: € 0	3			A:2	90
6	I002606 Environmental Risk Assessment <i>Karel De Schampelaere -- Department of Animal Sciences and Aquatic Ecology</i> Indicative price: € 0	5			A:1	150
7	I002789 Microbial Ecology and Environmental Sanitation <i>Tom Defoirdt -- Department of Biotechnology</i> Indicative price: € 10	4			A:1	120
8	E630095 Co-Creation [en, nl] <i>Jan Detand -- Department of Industrial Systems Engineering and Product Design</i> Indicative price: € 0	6	UKV		A:J	180
9	I002702 Clean Technology: Assessment Methods <i>Sophie Huysveld -- Department of Green Chemistry and Technology</i> Indicative price: unknown	3			A:1	90

10	I002692	Forest and Nature Policy [nl] <i>Myriam Dumortier -- Department of Environment</i> Indicative price: € 0	5		A:1	150
11	F000768	Marketing Management [nl] <i>Maggie Geuens -- Department of Marketing, Innovation and Organisation</i> Indicative price: € 40	6		A:1	180
12	E640940	Business Management [nl] <i>Sofie Verbrugge -- Department of Information Technology</i> Indicative price: unknown	3		A:2	90
13	I001967	Intellectual Property and Valorization <i>Benedikt Sas -- Department of Food Technology, Safety and Health</i> Indicative price: unknown	3		A:2	90
14	I002718	Economics and Management of Natural Resources <i>Stijn Speelman -- Department of Agricultural Economics</i> Indicative price: € 68	4		A:2	120
15	I002674	Product Innovation in the Food Industry [nl] <i>Frank Devlieghere -- Department of Food Technology, Safety and Health</i> Indicative price: € 50	7		A:J	210
16	I002717	Functional Foods <i>John Van Camp -- Department of Food Technology, Safety and Health</i> Indicative price: € 15	5		A:2	150
17	I002777	Human Nutrition <i>John Van Camp -- Department of Food Technology, Safety and Health</i> Indicative price: € 7	5		A:1	150
18	E066012	Materials Technology [nl] <i>Kim Verbeken -- Department of Materials, Textiles and Chemical Engineering</i> Indicative price: € 50	4		A:2	120
19	E065460	Rational Use of Materials <i>Tom Depover -- Department of Materials, Textiles and Chemical Engineering</i> Indicative price: unknown	5		A:1	150
20	I002726	Food Fermentations <i>Katleen Raes -- Department of Food Technology, Safety and Health</i> Indicative price: € 0	4		A:2	120
21	E084580	Sustainable Cities Indicative price: unknown	5			150
22	A005569	Global Minds <i>Amaury Frankl -- Department of Geography</i> Indicative price: € 0	5	UKV	A:2	150

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3 Majors 42 credits

Subscribe to 42 credit units from 1 major from the following list. Subject to approval by the faculty.

One combination between minors and majors is possible:

- Minor Bio-inspired Innovation and Sustainability - Major General Biology
- Minor Research - Major Biodiversity and Evolutionary Biology
- Minor Research - Major Global Change Ecology
- Minor Research - Major Functional Biology

3.1 Major General Biology 42 credits

Subscribe to 42 credit units from the following list, distributed over the first standard learning path as follows:

- no less than 30 and no more than 42 credit units in year 1,
- no more than 12 credit units in year 2.

Nr	Course	CRDT	Ref	MT1	Session	Study
1	C003310 Taxonomy and Systematics <i>Koen Sabbe -- Department of Biology</i> Indicative price: € 0	4		1	A:1	120
2	C003311 Phylogenetics <i>Olivier De Clerck -- Department of Biology</i> Indicative price: € 0	4		1	A:1	120

3	C003312	Integrated Biodiversity Research Project <i>Kenny Bogaert -- Department of Biology</i> Indicative price: € 0	5	1	A:2	150
4	C003313	Biodiversity Patterns in Space and Time <i>Koen Sabbe -- Department of Biology</i> Indicative price: € 0	4	2	A:1	120
5	C003314	Paleobiology <i>Thijs Vandenbroucke -- Department of Geology</i> Indicative price: € 50	5	1	A:1	150
6	C003315	Biodiversity Conservation <i>Ana Rita Giraldes Simoes -- Department of Biology</i> Indicative price: € 20	4	1	A:2	120
7	C003316	Microevolution and Speciation <i>Frederik Hendrickx -- Department of Biology</i> Indicative price: € 0	6	1	A:1	180
8	C004274	Evolutionary Morphology <i>Lars Chatrou -- Department of Biology</i> Indicative price: € 0	5	2	A:1	150
9	C003319	Evolutionary Developmental Biology <i>Paul Witten -- Department of Biology</i> Indicative price: € 0	5	1	A:2	150
10	C003320	Climate Change <i>Dirk Verschuren -- Department of Biology</i> Indicative price: € 90	4	1	A:2	120
11	C003321	Spatial Ecology <i>Dries Bonte -- Department of Biology</i> Indicative price: € 0	5	1	A:1	150
12	C003322	Ecosystem Dynamics <i>Elie Verleyen -- Department of Biology</i> Indicative price: € 15	5	1	A:1	150
13	C003323	Ecosystem Functioning <i>Tom Moens -- Department of Biology</i> Indicative price: € 0	5	1	A:1	150
14	C003324	Behavioural Ecology <i>Lucy Mitchell -- Department of Biology</i> Indicative price: € 56	4	1	A:2	120
15	C003325	Ecological Modelling <i>Dries Bonte -- Department of Biology</i> Indicative price: € 0	7	1	A:2	210
16	C003326	Conservation Genetics <i>Philippe Helsen -- Department of Biology</i> Indicative price: € 50	5	2	A:2	150
17	C003327	Ecosystem Management and Services <i>Sander Jacobs</i> Indicative price: € 0	7	2	A:J	210
18	C003328	Plant Developmental Biology <i>Tom Beeckman -- Department of Plant Biotechnology and Bioinformatics</i> Indicative price: € 0	5	1	A:2	150
19	C003347	Biology of Ageing <i>Bart Braeckman -- Department of Biology</i> Indicative price: € 22	4	1	A:2	120
20	C003329	Physiological Regulation in Plants <i>Dominique Van Der Straeten -- Department of Biology</i> Indicative price: € 1	5	1	A:1	150
21	C003352	Physiological Regulation in Animals <i>Bart Braeckman -- Department of Biology</i> Indicative price: € 28	5	1	A:2	135
22	C003330	Functional Biotic Interactions <i>Dirk de Graaf -- Department of Biochemistry, Physiology and Microbiology</i> Indicative price: € 0	6	1	A:2	180

23	C003331	Functional Abiotic Interactions <i>Anne Willems -- Department of Biochemistry, Physiology and Microbiology</i> Indicative price: € 20	6	1	A:1	180
24	C003332	Model Organisms <i>Bart Braeckman -- Department of Biology</i> Indicative price: € 14	3	1	A:2	90
25	C002865	Bioethics <i>Michiel De Proost -- Department of Philosophy and Moral Sciences</i> Indicative price: € 5	3	1	A:1	80

3.2 Major Biodiversity and Evolutionary Biology

42 credits

Subscribe to 42 credit units from the following list, distributed over the first standard learning path as follows:

- no less than 30 and no more than 42 credit units in year 1,
- no more than 12 credit units in year 2.

Nr	Course	CRDT	Ref	MT1	Session	Study
1	C003310 Taxonomy and Systematics <i>Koen Sabbe -- Department of Biology</i> Indicative price: € 0	4		1	A:1	120
2	C003311 Phylogenetics <i>Olivier De Clerck -- Department of Biology</i> Indicative price: € 0	4		1	A:1	120
3	C003312 Integrated Biodiversity Research Project <i>Kenny Bogaert -- Department of Biology</i> Indicative price: € 0	5		1	A:2	150
4	C003313 Biodiversity Patterns in Space and Time <i>Koen Sabbe -- Department of Biology</i> Indicative price: € 0	4		2	A:1	120
5	C003314 Paleobiology <i>Thijs Vandenbroucke -- Department of Geology</i> Indicative price: € 50	5		1	A:1	150
6	C003315 Biodiversity Conservation <i>Ana Rita Giraldes Simoes -- Department of Biology</i> Indicative price: € 20	4		1	A:2	120
7	C003316 Microevolution and Speciation <i>Frederik Hendrickx -- Department of Biology</i> Indicative price: € 0	6		1	A:1	180
8	C004274 Evolutionary Morphology <i>Lars Chatrou -- Department of Biology</i> Indicative price: € 0	5		2	A:1	150
9	C003319 Evolutionary Developmental Biology <i>Paul Witten -- Department of Biology</i> Indicative price: € 0	5		1	A:2	150

3.3 Major Global Change Ecology

42 credits

Subscribe to 42 credit units from the following list, distributed over the first standard learning path as follows:

- no less than 30 and no more than 42 credit units in year 1,
- no more than 12 credit units in year 2.

Nr	Course	CRDT	Ref	MT1	Session	Study
1	C003320 Climate Change <i>Dirk Verschuren -- Department of Biology</i> Indicative price: € 90	4		1	A:2	120
2	C003321 Spatial Ecology <i>Dries Bonte -- Department of Biology</i> Indicative price: € 0	5		1	A:1	150
3	C003322 Ecosystem Dynamics <i>Elie Verleyen -- Department of Biology</i> Indicative price: € 15	5		1	A:1	150
4	C003323 Ecosystem Functioning <i>Tom Moens -- Department of Biology</i> Indicative price: € 0	5		1	A:1	150
5	C003324 Behavioural Ecology <i>Lucy Mitchell -- Department of Biology</i> Indicative price: € 56	4		1	A:2	120

6	C003325	Ecological Modelling <i>Dries Bonte -- Department of Biology</i> Indicative price: € 0	7	1	A:2	210
7	C003326	Conservation Genetics <i>Philippe Helsen -- Department of Biology</i> Indicative price: € 50	5	2	A:2	150
8	C003327	Ecosystem Management and Services <i>Sander Jacobs</i> Indicative price: € 0	7	2	A:J	210

3.4 Major Functional Biology

42 credits

Subscribe to 42 credit units from the following list, distributed over the first standard learning path as follows:

- no less than 30 and no more than 42 credit units in year 1,
- no more than 12 credit units in year 2.

Nr	Course	CRDT	Ref	MT1	Session	Study
1	C003328 Plant Developmental Biology <i>Tom Beeckman -- Department of Plant Biotechnology and Bioinformatics</i> Indicative price: € 0	5		1	A:2	150
2	C003333 Evolutionary Developmental Biology of Animals <i>Paul Witten -- Department of Biology</i> Indicative price: € 0	5		1	A:2	150
3	C003347 Biology of Ageing <i>Bart Braeckman -- Department of Biology</i> Indicative price: € 22	4		1	A:2	120
4	C003329 Physiological Regulation in Plants <i>Dominique Van Der Straeten -- Department of Biology</i> Indicative price: € 1	5		1	A:1	150
5	C003352 Physiological Regulation in Animals <i>Bart Braeckman -- Department of Biology</i> Indicative price: € 28	5		1	A:2	135
6	C003330 Functional Biotic Interactions <i>Dirk de Graaf -- Department of Biochemistry, Physiology and Microbiology</i> Indicative price: € 0	6		1	A:2	180
7	C003331 Functional Abiotic Interactions <i>Anne Willems -- Department of Biochemistry, Physiology and Microbiology</i> Indicative price: € 20	6		1	A:1	180
8	C003332 Model Organisms <i>Bart Braeckman -- Department of Biology</i> Indicative price: € 14	3		1	A:2	90
9	C002865 Bioethics <i>Michiel De Proost -- Department of Philosophy and Moral Sciences</i> Indicative price: € 5	3		1	A:1	80

4 Master's Dissertation

30 credits

Nr	Course	CRDT	Ref	MT1	Session	Study
1	C002312 Master's Dissertation <i>N. N.</i> Indicative price: unknown	30		2	B:J	840

Programme related study costs

Type: Laptop

Name: laptop

Indicative price: € 700

Optional: No

Fulltime standard learning track year: 1

Usability and Lifetime within the Course Unit : intensive

Usability and Lifetime within the Study Programme : intensive

Usability and Lifetime after the Study Programme : intensive

Additional information: reporting, presentations and computational practices

Teaching

When a course is not taught (solely) in the programme's language of instruction, the effectively used languages are indicated in square brackets following the course name, using the following ISO codes:

bg: Bulgarian	de: German	es: Spanish	ja: Japanese	pl: Polish	sh: Croatian/Serbian	zh: Chinese
cs: Czech	el: Greek	fr: French	nl: Dutch	pt: Portuguese	sl: Slovene	
da: Danish	en: English	it: Italian	no: Norwegian	ru: Russian	sv: Swedish	

Semester

Semesters are indicated by their number (1 or 2); semester 3 represents the summer period and J indicates a course spanning semesters 1 and 2. When a capital letter precedes a semester number, the course has multiple offerings. The letter indicates the offering concerned.

When a semester is shown in brackets, the course is not offered this year in the specific offering.

The offering frequency and first year of offering are indicated by the following codes:

a: bi-annually	c: annually, from 2025-2026	f: annually, from 2026-2027	i: annually, from 2027-2028
b: tri-annually	d: bi-annually, from 2025-2026	g: bi-annually, from 2026-2027	j: bi-annually, from 2027-2028
	e: tri-annually, from 2025-2026	h: tri-annually, from 2026-2027	k: tri-annually, from 2027-2028

Learning materials

The prices stated are indicative and subject to fluctuations.

The list of learning materials per course unit can be found in the course sheets.