

Faculty of Sciences

Master of Science in Biology

Language of instruction: English

Programme version 10

1 General Courses 20 credits

Nr	Course	CRDT	Ref	MT1	Session	Study
1	C004525 Integrated Research Project <i>Olivier De Clerck -- Department of Biology</i> Indicative price: unknown	8		1	A:J	210
2	C003302 Academic Grant Writing <i>Matthew Shawkey -- Department of Biology</i> Indicative price: € 0	3		1	A:2	90
3	C004563 Scientific Communication <i>Danny Haelewaters -- Department of Biology</i> Indicative price: € 0	4		2	A:1	120
4	C003345 Advanced Biostatistics <i>Carl Vangestel -- Department of Biology</i> Indicative price: € 0	5		2	A:1	150

2 Majors 40 credits

Subscribe to 40 credit units from 1 major from the following list. Subject to approval by the faculty.

Full-time standard learning track: Students can choose which of the Major and Elective course units will be taken in the first respectively the second year of study; a total of 49 credits is taken in the first and a total of 21 credits in the second year of study. Courses for which MT1 mentions '1' must be followed in the first master's year.

Please note: some elective courses are offered only every two years or require specific initial competences. Keep this in mind when choosing your Major and Elective courses.

2.1 Major Biodiversity and Evolutionary Biology 40 credits

2.1.1 Core Courses

Subscribe to no less than 24 credit units from the following list.

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	C004527 Spatial Processes and Patterns in Biodiversity <i>Dries Bonte -- Department of Biology</i> Indicative price: € 25	4		1	A:1	120
4	C003314 Paleobiology <i>Thijs Vandenbroucke -- Department of Geology</i> Indicative price: € 50	5		1	A:1	150
5	C003315 Biodiversity Conservation <i>Ana Rita Giraldes Simoes -- Department of Biology</i> Indicative price: € 20	4		1	A:2	120
6	C004274 Evolutionary Morphology <i>Lars Chatrou -- Department of Biology</i> Indicative price: € 0	5		1	A:1	150

7	C004526	Evolutionary Genomics <i>Frederik Hendrickx -- Department of Biology</i> Indicative price: € 0	6	1		A:1	180
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2.1.2 In-depth Courses

[Subscribe to no more than 16 credit units from the following list.](#)

Nr	Course	CRDT	Ref	MT1	Session	Study
1	C004580 Advanced Mycology <i>Annemieke Verbeken -- Department of Biology</i> Indicative price: € 72	5			A:1	150
2	C004581 Ornithology <i>Luc Lens -- Department of Biology</i> Indicative price: € 22	4			(A:2) ^d	120
3	C004386 Phylogenetics and Evolution of Flowering Plants <i>Lars Chatrou -- Department of Biology</i> Indicative price: € 0	5			A:2 ^a	145
4	C004082 Evolution of Primates and Paleo-anthropology <i>Dominique Adriaens -- Department of Biology</i> Indicative price: € 25	3			(A:2) ^d	75
5	C003307 Functional Diversity of Prokaryotes <i>Anne Willems -- Department of Biochemistry, Physiology and Microbiology</i> Indicative price: € 82	4			A:1 ^a	120
6	C004602 Multivariate Analysis of Biological Data <i>Koen Sabbe -- Department of Biology</i> Indicative price: € 0	3			A:2 ^a	90

2.2 Major Global Change Ecology

40 credits

2.2.1 Core Courses

[Subscribe to no less than 24 credit units from the following list.](#)

Nr	Course	CRDT	Ref	MT1	Session	Study
1	C003320 Climate Change <i>Dirk Verschuren -- Department of Biology</i> Indicative price: € 0	4		1	A:2	120
2	C004527 Spatial Processes and Patterns in Biodiversity <i>Dries Bonte -- Department of Biology</i> Indicative price: € 25	4		1	A:1	120
3	C003322 Ecosystem Dynamics <i>Elie Verleyen -- Department of Biology</i> Indicative price: € 15	5		1	A:1	150
4	C003324 Behavioural Ecology <i>Lucy Mitchell -- Department of Biology</i> Indicative price: € 56	4		1	A:2	120
5	C004528 Ecological Modelling <i>Dries Bonte -- Department of Biology</i> Indicative price: unknown	4		1	A:1	120
6	C004564 Human and Political Ecology: Global Perspective <i>Sander Jacobs -- Department of Biology</i> Indicative price: € 0	4		1	A:1	120
7	C004529 Ecophysiology <i>Nicky Wybouw -- Department of Biology</i> Indicative price: € 0	4		1	A:1	120

2.2.2 In-depth Courses

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Nr	Course	CRDT	Ref	MT1	Session	Study
1	C004530 Individual Based Modelling <i>Dries Bonte -- Department of Biology</i> Indicative price: € 0	4			(A:2) ^d	120
2	C003326 Conservation Genetics <i>Philippe Helsen -- Department of Biology</i> Indicative price: € 100	5			A:2 ^a	150

3	C004602	Multivariate Analysis of Biological Data <i>Koen Sabbe -- Department of Biology</i> Indicative price: € 0	3			A:2 ^a	90
4	C004466	Limnology <i>Dirk Verschuren -- Department of Biology</i> Indicative price: € 15	4			A:2	120
5	C003874	Marine Ecology <i>Carl Van Colen -- Department of Biology</i> Indicative price: € 70	6			A:1	150
6	C004582	Microbial Ecology <i>Anne Willems -- Department of Biochemistry, Physiology and Microbiology</i> Indicative price: € 0	4			(A:1) ^d	120
7	C004531	Soil Ecology <i>Elie Verleyen -- Department of Biology</i> Indicative price: € 0	4			A:2 ^a	120

2.3 Major Functional Biology

40 credits

2.3.1 Core Courses

[Subscribe to no less than 24 credit units from the following list.](#)

Nr	Course	CRDT	Ref	MT1	Session	Study
1	C003329 Physiological Regulation in Plants <i>Dominique Van Der Straeten -- Department of Biology</i> Indicative price: € 1	5		1	A:1	150
2	C003352 Physiological Regulation in Animals <i>Bart Braeckman -- Department of Biology</i> Indicative price: € 28	5		1	A:2	135
3	C004532 Functional Abiotic Interactions: Animals <i>Bart Braeckman -- Department of Biology</i> Indicative price: € 20	3		1	A:1	90
4	C004533 Functional Abiotic Interactions: Plants <i>Sébastien Schoenaers -- Department of Biology</i> Indicative price: € 0	3		1	A:1	90
5	C004534 Functional Abiotic Interactions: Prokaryotes <i>Anne Willems -- Department of Biochemistry, Physiology and Microbiology</i> Indicative price: € 0	3		1	A:1	90
6	C002714 Host-Parasite Interactions <i>Dirk de Graaf -- Department of Biochemistry, Physiology and Microbiology</i> Indicative price: € 0	3		1	A:1	80
7	C003097 Plant Biotic Interactions <i>Sofie Goormachtig -- Department of Plant Biotechnology and Bioinformatics</i> Indicative price: € 0	3		1	A:2	80
8	C003328 Plant Developmental Biology <i>Tom Beeckman -- Department of Plant Biotechnology and Bioinformatics</i> Indicative price: € 0	5		1	A:2	150
9	C003333 Evolutionary Developmental Biology of Animals <i>Paul Witten -- Department of Biology</i> Indicative price: € 0	5		1	A:2	140
10	C004535 Plant Evolutionary Developmental Biology <i>Tom Beeckman -- Department of Plant Biotechnology and Bioinformatics</i> Indicative price: € 0	3		1	A:2	90
11	C004529 Ecophysiology <i>Nicky Wybouw -- Department of Biology</i> Indicative price: € 0	4		1	A:1	120

2.3.2 In-depth Courses

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Nr	Course	CRDT	Ref	MT1	Session	Study
1	C003347 Biology of Ageing <i>Bart Braeckman -- Department of Biology</i> Indicative price: € 22	4			(A:2) ^d	120

2	C002755	Biological Excursions in the Human Brain <i>Robrecht Raedt -- Department of Head and Skin</i> Indicative price: € 0	5		A:2 ^a	135
3	C002770	Insect Physiology [nl] <i>Dirk de Graaf -- Department of Biochemistry, Physiology and Microbiology</i> Indicative price: € 0	5		(A:1) ^d	135
4	C002775	Molecular Plant Physiology Indicative price: € 0	5			135
5	C003306	Advanced Cell Biology <i>Geert van Loo -- Department of Molecular Biology</i> Indicative price: € 0	5		A:1 ^a	150
6	C002769	Immunology and Pathology <i>Martin Guilliams -- Department of Molecular Biology</i> Indicative price: € 0	5		(A:2) ^d	135
7	C002713	Glycobiology <i>Nico Callewaert -- Department of Biochemistry, Physiology and Microbiology</i> Indicative price: € 5	3		A:1	80
8	C004385	Laboratory Animal Science <i>Katleen Hermans -- Department of Pathobiology, Pharmacology and Zoological Medicine</i> Indicative price: € 0	9		A:J	270
9	C002865	Bioethics <i>Michiel De Proost -- Department of Philosophy and Moral Sciences</i> Indicative price: € 5	3		A:1	80
10	C003104	Plant Research Technologies <i>Hilde Nelissen -- Department of Plant Biotechnology and Bioinformatics</i> Indicative price: € 0	3		A:1	75
11	C003102	The Plant Factory <i>Frank Van Breusegem -- Department of Plant Biotechnology and Bioinformatics</i> Indicative price: € 0	3		A:1	80
12	C002708	Experimental Molecular Cell Biology <i>Rudi Beyaert -- Department of Molecular Biology</i> Indicative price: € 0	3		A:2	80
13	C003616	Systems Biology <i>Bert De Rybel -- Department of Plant Biotechnology and Bioinformatics</i> Indicative price: € 0	4		A:2	120
14	H002440	Animal Cognition <i>Frederick Verbruggen -- Department of Experimental Psychology</i> Indicative price: € 0	4		A:1	120

3 Elective Courses

30 credits

Subscribe to 30 credit units from no less than 1 and no more than 5 modules from the following list.
To subscribe for courses from the 3 majors, use module 3.5

3.1 Focus Bio-inspired Innovation and Sustainability

Subscribe to no less than 12 and no more than 30 credit units from the following list, with 12 credit units with reference a.

Nr	Course	CRDT	Ref	MT1	Session	Study
1	C004101 Bio-inspired Project <i>Matthew Shawkey -- Department of Biology</i> Indicative price: € 0	9	a		A:J	270
2	C004103 Introduction to Biomimicry <i>Liliana D'Alba Altamirano -- Department of Biology</i> Indicative price: € 0	3	a		A:1	90
3	F001021 Basic Entrepreneurship [nl] <i>Evy Van Lancker -- Department of Marketing, Innovation and Organisation</i> Indicative price: € 0	3	UKV		A:1	90
4	F001022 Dare to Venture <i>Johan Verrue -- Department of Marketing, Innovation and Organisation</i> Indicative price: unknown	4			A:2	120
5	F000752 Environmental Economics and Policy [nl] <i>Brent Bleys -- Department of Economics</i> Indicative price: € 55	6			A:2	180

6	A005569	Global Minds <i>Ines Keygnaert -- Department of Public Health and Primary Care</i> Indicative price: € 0	5	UKV		A:2	150
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3.2 Focus Marine Biology

Subscribe to no more than 18 credit units from the following list.

Nr	Course	CRDT	Ref	MT1	Session	Study
1	C003873 Oceanography <i>Griet Neukermans -- Department of Biology</i> Indicative price: unknown	6			A:1	150
2	C004491 Aquatic Food Web Ecology <i>Marleen De Troch -- Department of Biology</i> Indicative price: € 0	3			B:1	90
3	C003870 Marine Policy and Governance <i>Klaas Willaert -- Department of European, Public and International Law</i> Indicative price: € 0	3				75
4	C004490 Aquatic Genomics [en, nl] <i>Olivier De Clerck -- Department of Biology</i> Indicative price: € 0	6			A:1	180

3.3 Focus Professional Skills

Subscribe to no more than 31 credit units from the following list.

Nr	Course	CRDT	Ref	MT1	Session	Study
1	C004098 Professional Internship I [en, nl] <i>Luc Lens -- Department of Biology</i> Indicative price: € 0	5			A:J	150
2	C004099 Professional Internship II [nl] <i>Luc Lens -- Department of Biology</i> Indicative price: € 0	10			A:J	300
3	C004100 International Project <i>Marleen De Troch -- Department of Biology</i> Indicative price: € 2,000	5			A:J	150
4	C002387 International Course <i>Dries Bonte -- Department of Biology</i> Indicative price: unknown	5			A:J	150
5	C004009 History and Philosophy of Sciences [nl] <i>Maarten Van Dyck -- Department of Philosophy and Moral Sciences</i> Indicative price: € 0	3			B:2	90
6	C004083 History and Philosophy of Biology <i>Gertrudis Van de Vijver -- Department of Philosophy and Moral Sciences</i> Indicative price: € 0	3			A:2	90
7	C004102 Practical Skills in Academic Biological Education [nl] <i>Dominique Adriaens -- Department of Biology</i> Indicative price: € 2	3			A:J	90

3.4 Focus Education

Subscribe to no more than 30 credit units from the abridged MSc in Teaching in Science and Technology (Biology).

3.5 Elective Courses UGent and other Universities

Subscribe to courses for no more than 30 credit units to be chosen from the majors, the study programmes of UGent including the [Ghent University elective courses](#) or from study programmes of other universities of the Flemish Community or (online) courses from [Erasmus+ partner universities](#).

Subscribe to: no less than 20 credit units 'Biology related courses'.

4 Master's Dissertation 30 credits

Nr	Course	CRDT	Ref	MT1	Session	Study
1	C002312 Master's Dissertation Indicative price: unknown	30		2	A: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 2026-2027	f: annually, from 2027-2028	i: annually, from 2028-2029
b: tri-annually	d: bi-annually, from 2026-2027	g: bi-annually, from 2027-2028	j: bi-annually, from 2028-2029
	e: tri-annually, from 2026-2027	h: tri-annually, from 2027-2028	k: tri-annually, from 2028-2029

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.