

Professional Practice (C003906)

Course size *(nominal values; actual values may depend on programme)*

Credits 12.0 **Study time** 300 h

Course offerings in academic year 2026-2027

A (semester 2) English Gent

Lecturers in academic year 2026-2027

Da Costa Monteiro, Luana	WE11	lecturer-in-charge
Marigomez, Ionan	LE10A01	co-lecturer
Méjanelle, Laurence	PARIS64	co-lecturer
Stemmann, Lars	PARIS01	co-lecturer

Offered in the following programmes in 2026-2027

	crdts	offering
International Master of Science in Marine Biological Resources	12	A

Teaching languages

English

Keywords

--- Internship; preparing for the job market; professional skills; science outreach; written communication; oral communication---

Position of the course

Students will engage in a 6-8 week period of Professional Practice in one of the IMBRSea (main or associated) partners. Those partners include universities, research stations, companies and NGOs. During Professional Practice students will work under the guidance of a mentor in this host organisation. The main course lecturer is responsible for follow-up and students' guidance and advice, provided during open-virtual office sessions organized during the internship period.

Contents

The main objective of the IMBRSea Professional Practice is for the student to become familiar with different work functions and roles expected for a particular profession. The Professional Practice should allow the student to understand how knowledge acquired through formal learning may be applied to solving problems in real-world situations. Over the Professional Practice the student will be immersed in the working environment and will get acquainted with real-life job world.

Initial competences

--- Skills acquired during Sem 1 and Sem 2 of IMBRSea studies - e.g. knowledge of R!, marine-ecology; relevant required skills asked by the internship tutor (that will require previous approval by the IMBRSea consortium) - e.g. programming skills---

Final competences

- 1 Describe how their Professional Practice experience has improved their professional competence (e.g. through an improved ability to: communicate and work effectively with others; show initiative and work independently; organise their workload and set priorities; respond to new challenges and changing situations).
- 2 Critically evaluate how they have contributed to their host organisation's objectives.
- 3 Explain how they applied previously acquired theory and practical knowledge to their professional duties in the host organisation.

4 Explain how their Professional Practice experience has modified their career aspirations.

5 Assess the effect of their Professional Practice on their future employment prospects.

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

Work placement

Extra information on the teaching methods

work placement

Study material

None

References

Course content-related study coaching

Assessment moments

Examination methods in case of periodic assessment during the first examination period

Examination methods in case of periodic assessment during the second examination period

Examination methods in case of permanent assessment

Possibilities of retake in case of permanent assessment

examination during the second examination period is possible

Extra information on the examination methods

The evaluation of the professional practice will be based on several elements:

- 1 An online reflective portfolio (10%)
- 2 A final reflective report (60%)
- 3 An exhibition stand at the IMBRSea Summer School* in which the professional practice is presented (30%)

All elements of the portfolio will be validated and the correctness of completion of the online-portfolio tasks, as well as the respect with the timing to conclude the tasks according to the guidelines, will be evaluated.

The report, as well as the exhibition, will be evaluated and graded by an Examination Committee consisting of two members who belong to two distinct IMBRSea partner universities.

Further guidelines on the online reflective portfolio and the final reflective report are provided in the Professional Practice Guidelines.

Calculation of the examination mark

The online reflective portfolio counts for 10%, the final reflective report counts for 60%, and the Professional-practice exhibition counts for 30% of the final grade.

The exhibition presentation occurs in the IMBRSea Summer School. All students are expected to be physically present to present their Professional-practice exhibition.

More information on the evaluation is provided in the Professional Practice guidelines.