

## Field Methods B (C004279)

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

**Credits 3.0**

**Study time 84 h**

**Course offerings in academic year 2026-2027**

A (semester 1)

English

Gent

**Lecturers in academic year 2026-2027**

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lecturer-in-charge

**Offered in the following programmes in 2026-2027**

[International Master of Science in Marine Biological Resources](#)

**crdts**

3

**offering**

A

**Teaching languages**

English

**Keywords**

Field methods, marine biology and ecology, fisheries, oceanography, environmental sciences, transferable skills

**Position of the course**

The objective of this course is to gain experience in Field methods in one or more of the following related areas: Biology, Marine Biology, Marine Ecology, Fisheries, Oceanography, and Environmental Sciences, by means of practical participation in research projects.

**Contents**

Each student will be assigned to one professor or researcher with a PhD degree coordinating the work process during the training period, named as supervisor, who will be responsible for the final evaluation, although other researchers may function as co-supervisors. The training period schedule will be planned according to the type of work and the student and supervisors schedule requirements, keeping in mind that the total number of work hours cannot be changed.

**Initial competences**

Background in a relevant scientific area.

**Final competences**

This is a practical training course. The objective is for the students to gain experience in real research and learn new methods. Thus, they will be integrated in research groups and will learn the applications and limitations of one or more methods.

**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**

**Extra information on the teaching methods**

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**Study material**

None

**References**

The supervisors will assign appropriate literature according to the Field method or methods.

**Course content-related study coaching**

Individual coaching is foreseen for students having problems, and will be on a one to one basis.

**Assessment moments**

continuous assessment

**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**

Professional practice, Skills test, Participation, Assignment

**Possibilities of retake in case of permanent assessment**

examination during the second examination period is possible in modified form

**Calculation of the examination mark**

Continuous evaluation. The student's final grade will be calculated as 60% from a written report and 40% from the student's practical performance during the hours of practical work. An evaluation form will be filled in by each supervisor as a justification of the scores given.

Retakes are possible for the written report. However, if the student fails in terms of practical performance, either a new Field methods must be taken or additional hours of work must be carried out.