

## Data and Information Management (C002477)

Due to Covid 19, the education and assessment methods may vary from the information displayed in the schedules and course details. Any changes will be communicated on Ufora.

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

**Credits 3.0**                      **Study time 90 h**                      **Contact hrs**                      30.0h

### Course offerings and teaching methods in academic year 2021-2022

A (semester 1)	English	Gent	lecture	15.0h
			seminar: practical PC room classes	15.0h

### Lecturers in academic year 2021-2022

Deprez, Tim	WE11	lecturer-in-charge
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### Offered in the following programmes in 2021-2022

<a href="#">Master of Science in Marine and Lacustrine Science and Management</a>	<b>crdts</b>	<b>offering</b>
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### Teaching languages

English

### Keywords

Information management, data management, data formats, metadata, datasets, derived products, relational databases

### Position of the course

To discuss the importance of data- and information management for marine and lacustrine sciences. To give an overview of state-of-the-art principles, practices and networks in a global context. To illustrate the relevance of good data and information management for the production of derived products for the support of research and policy. To get the basic understanding of designing a proper relational database for supporting a research project.

### Contents

Introduction to data- and information management in marine and lacustrine sciences. The participants get an overview of what data- and information management implies, and an introduction to some tools which are often used for information management. The topics handled in this course are:

- 1 Data and information in global oceanography today (Collecting data, Research oceanography, Survey oceanography, Operational oceanography, International programs, agencies & organizations)
- 2 Information technology & scientific communication (Computer technologies, Metadata, Information seeking in electronic environments, Information & technology programs & organizations)
- 3 Information management principles (concepts, relational databases, data centres)
- 4 From research proposal to derived products (data policies, data protocols, databases, distribution of data),
- 5 Hands on exercises (both in IODE project office, MSaccess and database design at University)

### Initial competences

Basic biology, geology, chemistry, physics basic computing skills

### Final competences

- 1 At the end of the course, the participant should have insight in the relevance of data- and information management.
- 2 He/she should be able to find and integrate information and data from several sources, and use this to generate reports, both for the benefit of policy makers and for other scientists.

**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**

Lecture, Seminar: practical pc room classes

**Extra information on the teaching methods**

Lectures, practical exercises and discussions; visit to the IOC Project Office for IODE in Ostend

**Learning materials and price**

Cost: 0.0 EUR Syllabus, lecture notes, handouts of ppt files, articles.

**References**

Recommended literature is available in OceanPortal's digital library at <http://ioc.unesco.org/oceanteacher/oceanteacher2/DigitalLibrary.htm>

**Course content-related study coaching**

Teacher is available for questions, and help, extra material will be posted online.

**Assessment moments**

end-of-term assessment

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

Oral examination, Written examination with open questions, Assignment

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

Oral examination, Written examination with open questions, Assignment

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

not applicable

**Extra information on the examination methods**

Summary report by each student, to be discussed at examination. Short written exam with possibility of oral defence.

**Calculation of the examination mark**