Course Unit Descriptor

Study Programme: MSC Ecology

Course Unit Title: Basics of Forestry

Course Unit Code: ME31

Name of Lecturer(s): Ružica Igić

Type and Level of Studies: Master Academic Degree

Course Status (compulsory/elective): elective

Semester (winter/summer): Winter

Language of instruction: English

Mode of course unit delivery (face-to-face/distance learning): Face-to-face

Number of ECTS Allocated: 7

Prerequisites: None

Course Aims:

Students should acquire basic knowledge about forestry, as well as to point to the necessity of preservation of forest ecosystems. Getting students familiar with restoration of the existing and establishing new forests. The goal is students to learn about forest genetic resources, targeted use and sustainable forest management in disturbed conditions.

Learning Outcomes:

The course provides the knowledge about cultivation and management of forests.

Syllabus:

Theory

Forest genetic resources; Threats to forest genetic resources; Forest condition; Physiology of trees; Seeds of forest trees; Production of seedlings; Forest cultivation; Establishment of forests and plantations; Growth of forests; Forest protection; Forest management; Forest exploitation; Monitoring of forest ecosystems; Agrochemical systems.

Practice

Practical application of instruments for diameter and tree height measurements; Creation of volume tables;

Determination of the tree age; Highlights of promising genotypes in natural populations; Test of progeny; Methods of seed treatment; Seed quality; Nurseries; Selection of a place for a nursery; Ways of restoring leaf and coniferous tree species in Serbia; Types of seedlings for planters; Methods of planting; Care after planting; Development of practical works on agro-industrial design; Plantation of forest trees in the protection of the environment; Planting fast-growing tree species.

Required Reading:

Гузина, В. (1986). Тополе и врбе у Југославији. Институт за тополарство, Нови Сад.

Матаруга М., Исајев В., Орловић С. (2013). Шумски генетички ресурси, Шумарски факултет Универзитета

у Бањој Луци, Бања Лука, Босна и Херцеговина.

Крстић, М., (2006): Гајење шума. Шумарски факултет

Maunaga, Z. (2012): Prirast šuma. Šumarski fakultet, Banja Luka.

Weekly Contact Hours:	Lectures: 2	Practical work: 2+0+4		
Teaching Methods:				
Lectures and practical classes				
Knowledge Assessment (maximum of 100 points): 100				

Pre-exam obligations	points	Final exam	points		
Active class	5	written exam			
participation					
Test I and Test II		oral exam	60		
Preliminary exam(s)	20				
Seminar(s)	15				
The methods of knowledge assessment may differ; the table presents only some of the options: written exam, oral exam,					
project presentation, seminars, etc.					