Course Unit Descriptor

Study Programme: BSc Biology

Course Unit Title: Population genetics

Course Unit Code: OB020

Name of Lecturer(s): Full Professor Dr. Mihajla Đan; Assistant Professor Dr. Nevena Veličković

Type and Level of Studies: Undergraduate studies

Course Status (compulsory/elective): Elective

Semester (winter/summer): Summer

Language of instruction: English

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

Number of ECTS Allocated: 6

Prerequisites: None

Course Aims:

The aim of this course is to introduce students to the mechanisms of transmissions of genetic informations at the population level.

Learning Outcomes:

After successful fulfilling of pre-exam and exam obligations student can explain genetic variation within populations and how genetic structure of populations is influenced by mutation, migration, genetic drift and natural selection.

Syllabus:

Theory

Genetic variability of natural populations. The Hardy-Weinberg equilibrium and factors that change allele frequences in natural populations. Protein markers in populations genetics. Molecular markers (RFLP, PCR based markers, RAPD, AFLP). Extranuclear molecular markers. Population genomics.

Practice

Calculation of genetic variability parameters. Hardy-Weinberg equilibrium and deviation. Phylogenetic trees construction. Application of SSR molecular markers in population genetics. DNA sequence editing and analysis. Introduction to computer software: ARLEQUIN, BioEdit, MEGA, STRUCTURE, MrBAyes.

Required Reading:

- 1. Gillespie JH. Population Genetics A Concise Guide. The John Hopkins University Press, USA, 2004.
- 2. Hartl DL. A Primer of Population Genetics. Sinauer Associates, Inc., Sunderland, 1988.

3. Frankham R., Ballou JO, Briscoe DA. Introduction to Conservation Genetics. Cambridge University Press, 2002.

Weekly Contact Hours: 4	Lectures: 2	Practical work: 2

Teaching Methods:

Lectures, computer labs

Knowledge Assessment (maximum of 100 points):

points	Final exam	points
5	written exam	
5	oral exam	60
30		
	5	5 written exam 5 oral exam

The methods of knowledge assessment may differ; the table presents only some of the options:

project presentation, seminars, etc.