

BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES 2023/2024

TRACK ECOLOGY & EVOLUTION (TC Emily Burdfield-Steel)

Period 1		Period 2		Period 3	Period 4		Period 5		Period 6	Holiday	
September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August

Elective courses 0 - 18 EC (see electives list)

Research variant	Year 1	Current Trends in Ecology and Evolution (UvA)	Ecological Data Analysis (VU)	Environments through Time (UvA)	Global Ecology and Biodiversity (UvA)	Invasion and Conservation Biology (UvA)	Research Project 1 (30-42 EC, its size depending on the amount of courses, Professional Skills modules and Literature Review)	If the summer months are used for the study, students take their holidays earlier
				Plastic & Chemical Pollution (VU)	Cooperation & Conflict in Nature (VU)	Ecosystem Services and Scientific Advocacy (VU)		
				Optional early start of Research Project 1-->				
				Masterclasses in Ecology and Evolution (3 EC)				
Either 3 EC of Professional Skills Scientific Writing combined with one other Professional Skills module, or Scientific Writing in English (VU, 3 EC)								
	Year 2	Research Project 2 (30-48 EC) and Literature Review (12 EC, when not already done in year 1)						If the summer months are used for the study, students take their holidays earlier
Only if Research Project 2 is relatively short: Courses and/or Professional Skills modules (if not done in year 1)								

Major variant	Year 1	Current Trends in Ecology and Evolution (UvA)	Ecological Data Analysis (VU)	Research Project 1 (30 EC) and Literature Review (12 EC)				If the summer months are used for the study, students take their holidays earlier
				Masterclasses in Ecology and Evolution (3 EC)				
				Either 3 EC of Professional Skills Scientific Writing combined with one other Professional Skills module, or Scientific Writing in English (VU, 3 EC)				
	Year 2	Major Teaching, Science Communication, Science and Society or Big Biomedical Data Analysis (60 EC)						

Minor variant	Year 1	Current Trends in Ecology and Evolution (UvA)	Ecological Data Analysis (VU)	Research Project 1 (30 EC) and Literature Review (12 EC)				If the summer months are used for the study, students take their holidays earlier
				Masterclasses in Ecology and Evolution (UvA) (3 EC)				
				Either Scientific Writing in English (VU, 3 EC) or Professional Skills Scientific Writing (1.5 EC) combined with one other Professional Skills module (1.5 EC)				

	Year 2	Research Project 2 (30 EC)	Minor Tesla (30 EC)	
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NB: All courses are 6 EC, unless otherwise indicated

 **Darker colors mean obligatory curriculum elements**

 **Lighter colors mean elective or free curriculum elements**