

**COURSE DATA****DATA SUBJECT****Code:** 33111**Name:** Exploitation and control of natural populations**Cycle:** Undergraduate Studies**ECTS Credits:** 4.5**Academic year:** 2025-26**STUDY (S)**

Degree	Center	Acad. year	Period
1104 - Degree in Environmental Sciences	Facultat de Ciències Biològiques	4	First quarter

SUBJECT-MATTER

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1104 - Degree in Environmental Sciences	Exploitation and control of natural populations	ELECTIVES

COORDINATION

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SUMMARY

The course "Exploitation and Control of Natural Populations" is a four-month optional subject taught in the fourth year of the Environmental Sciences degree at the University of Valencia, within the Module XI "Optional Subjects", in the Thematic Block of Evaluation and Management of the Natural Environment. The subject, of 4.5 ECTS credits, will deal in an integrated way with all aspects of exploitation and control of natural populations, with special emphasis on the management of hunting, fishing and forest and pests, in accordance with the legislation and taking into account the socio-economic aspects of these activities.

The contents of the subject are structured in 5 theoretical blocks, with a total of 20 topics, and the corresponding practicals, in another block. In the first block, the general context of the study of natural populations will be established, all based on the ecology of populations, presenting the different theoretical models and their general applications to the study of populations. The remaining four blocks will deal with aspects related to the exploitation of populations in relation to hunting, fishing, forestry and pest management, with each block going into more detail on specific aspects of each activity, in as much depth as possible due to time constraints.



PREVIOUS KNOWLEDGE

RELATIONSHIP TO OTHER SUBJECTS OF THE SAME DEGREE

There are no specified enrollment restrictions with other subjects of the curriculum.

OTHER REQUIREMENTS

You must be taking or have taken the subjects of the modules Environmental Technology, Environmental Management and Quality and Social, Economic and Legal Sciences, and have passed at least 120 credits.

COMPETENCES / LEARNING OUTCOMES

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Capacidad para elaborar planes de gestión de poblaciones de flora y fauna relativos a especies explotadas y plagas.

Conocer y saber aplicar modelos de explotación sostenible a recursos cinegéticos, pesqueros y forestales.

DESCRIPTION OF CONTENTS

1. 1. Population Ecology: Models of Sustainable Exploitation

Lesson 1. Natural Population Dynamics: General Concepts and Models

Lesson 2. Spatial Patterns and Metapopulations

Lesson 3. Predator-Predator-Predator Interactions

Lesson 4. Epidemiology: Pests and their Population Models

Lesson 5. Competition and Mutualism

2. Exploitation of hunting resources

Lesson 6. Population Monitoring of Hunting Resources

Lesson 7. Management and Conservation of Hunting Resources

Lesson 8. Social Context of Hunting Exploitation

Lesson 9. Technical Hunting Plans



3. Exploitation of fishery resources

Lesson 10. Fishery Resources Population Survey

Lesson 11. Management and Conservation of Fishery Resources

Lesson 12. Social Context of Fisheries Exploitation

Lesson 13. Technical Fishing Plans

4. Exploitation of forest resources

Lesson 14. Theoretical Models of Forest Harvesting

Lesson 15. Forest Management and Conservation

Lesson 16. Social Context of Forest Harvesting

5. Pest Control

Lesson 17. Pest Population Functioning Patterns

Lesson 18. Pest Management and Management

Lesson 19. Social Context and Economic Factors of Pests

6. Practicum

Practical 1 (Field; 1 session of 4 hours). Visit to a natural area, identification of game and fish species. Use of electric fishing.

Practical 2 (Computer room; 2 sessions of 2 hours). Population models.

Practice 3. (Computer room; 4 sessions of 2 hours). Technical Hunting Plan.

WORKLOAD

PRESENCIAL ACTIVITIES

Activity	Hours
Tutorials	2,00
Theory	27,00
Laboratory	4,00
Computer classroom practice	12,00



	Total hours	45,00
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NON PRESENCIAL ACTIVITIES

Activity	Hours
Attendance at other activities	0,00
Individual or group project	0,00
Independent study and work	15,00
Preparation of lessons	32,50
Preparation for assessment activities	20,00
Resolution of case studies	0,00
Total hours	67,50

TEACHING METHODOLOGY

ATTENDANCE AT THEORY CLASSES

The 20 topics of the theoretical programme will be explained in theory lessons. Each topic will be developed in one hour session and will consist of a presentation of the contents by the professor, formulation of questions and discussion of the answers.

In these presentations, attention will be paid to the

interpretation of tables and figures, and methodological aspects, highlighting the more general aspects, and illustrating these with

case studies. Attendance is compulsory and can be verified by the lecturer on any day of the course.

ATTENDANCE AT SEMINARS

During the course, a total of 4 seminars will be held, given by specialists or professionals in different aspects related to the management of protected areas. Attendance is compulsory.

At the end of each of the seminars, the student may be asked to provide written information on what was covered in the seminar, in order to evaluate the student's work.

PREPARATION OF THEORY LESSONS

The time the student must spend on advance preparation for theory lessons is counted here. The didactic material (projections and topic script) for each theory lesson will be available online at least one week



before the lesson takes place.

ATTENDANCE TO PRACTICAL CLASSES

The practical classes of the subject will be carried out in the field, in an outing coordinated with other subjects, and in sessions in the computer classroom, which will total 12 hours of attendance. Both activities will cover all the topics proposed in the Practical Programme. Attendance is compulsory, and the teacher will take a roll call to confirm attendance.

At the end of each of the practicals, the student will hand in the results obtained, which will be used for the evaluation of the activity.

ATTENDANCE TO GROUP TUTORIALS

During the course there will be 2 one-hour group tutorial sessions. In these sessions, various aspects related to the subject will be presented and discussed, such as the presentation of the subject and how it is organised, the organisation and contents of the practicals, the type of evaluation, etc. The

attendance is compulsory, and the teacher will take a roll call to confirm attendance.

EXAM PREPARATION STUDY

Independent study by the student.

CONDUCT OF EXAMINATIONS

Partial tests may be taken during the course. There will be a single exam at the end of the quarter. The exam will include questions on the theoretical and practical parts of the course, including the content of the seminars given during the course.

USE OF VIRTUAL CLASSROOM (<http://aulavirtual.uv.es>)



The e-learning platform AULA VIRTUAL of the University of Valencia will be used for all the activities. The main tools to be used will be:

- E-mail. Aula Virtual, through its email module, will allow for fluid communication between student-teacher. The teacher will continuously use this medium to inform the student of any aspect related to the development of the subject.

IMPORTANT: only emails from the email account of the Universitat de València will be accepted (alumni.uv.es). "Hotmails" or other email accounts will be automatically deleted.

- News. The news module will be used as a regular means of information. When the student enters in the Virtual Classroom immediately sees any news related to the subject.

- Resources. The resources folder will be the place where subject materials will be deposited: reference sources, images, animations, tutorials, practice scripts, course calendars, etc.

EVALUATION

The evaluation will consist of three sections, with the following distribution of points per section:

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