



In view of the health context linked to the spread of the coronavirus, the methods of organisation and evaluation of the learning units could be adapted in different situations; these possible new methods have been - or will be - communicated by the teachers to the students.

3 credits

10.0 h + 35.0 h

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| Teacher(s) | Desguin Benoît ;Gofflot Françoise ;Hols Pascal ;Lejeune André (coordinator) ;Rees Jean-François ;Van Dyck Hans ; |
| Language : | French |
| Place of the course | Louvain-la-Neuve |
| Main themes | The student will be associated to a team charged to explore a broad scientific question, at the crossroads of disciplines appearing in his programme (animal and vegetal biology, ecology, chemistry,..). Each team will formulate assumptions, and after a training in information retrieval, will search for document allowing to confirm/infirm these assumptions. Once these assumptions validated, students, by group of two, will explore current scientific knowledge underlying each assumption. Regular interviews with one of the teachers will allow the team to confront their work with the aims. Exercises of critical analysis of a scientific question, as well as of written and oral presentation will be organized. At the end of the first four-month period, each team will write a report on its work. The second four-month period will allow each team deepening the analysis of the question which will be the subject of an oral presentation. |
| Aims | <p>1 The activity has several aims: - To learn how to analyze scientific information available on a subject and criticize the validity of this information - Integrate scientific knowledge on an interdisciplinary subject, - Learn data-processing tools for information retrieval and public presentation, To exert oral and written communication of scientific matters, - To learn how to effectively work as a team.</p> <p>-----</p> <p><i>The contribution of this Teaching Unit to the development and command of the skills and learning outcomes of the programme(s) can be accessed at the end of this sheet, in the section entitled "Programmes/courses offering this Teaching Unit".</i></p> |
| Teaching methods | Due to the COVID-19 crisis, the information in this section is particularly likely to change. Accompanied by a tutor they will meet each week, the participants will work as a team. Some training will be provided in computer rooms (text / documentary research). |
| Content | Each participant will be associated with a team in charge of exploring a broad scientific question, at the crossroads of the disciplines appearing in its curriculum (animal biology, plant, ecology, chemistry ..). Each team will formulate hypotheses, and after training in documentary research, will carry out document searches to validate / invalidate the validity of these hypotheses. Once the hypotheses are validated, the students will then explore the current scientific knowledge underlying each hypothesis. Regular interviews with one of the incumbents will allow the team to compare their work to the objectives. Exercises of critical analysis of a scientific question, as well as of written and oral presentation will be organized. |
| Other infos | The evaluation will focus on written submissions. An evaluation of the contribution of each team will allow to modulate the individual note. |
| Faculty or entity in charge | BIOL |

| Programmes containing this learning unit (UE) | | | | |
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| Program title | Acronym | Credits | Prerequisite | Aims |
| Additionnal module in Biology | LBIOL100P | 3 | |  |
| Minor in Biology | LBIOL100I | 3 | |  |