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| **UNIVERSITY OF NIŠ** | | | | | | |
| **Course Unit Descriptor** | | **Faculty** | | | Faculty of Sciences and Mathematics  Department of Biology and Ecology | |
| **GENERAL INFORMATION** | | | | | | |
| Study program | | | | Biology | | |
| Study Module (if applicable) | | | | / | | |
| Course title | | | | Systematics and phylogeny of the selected animal taxa | | |
| Level of study | | | | Bachelor  Master’s  Doctoral | | |
| Type of course | | | | Obligatory  Elective | | |
| Semester | | | | Autumn Spring | | |
| Year of study | | | | second | | |
| Number of ECTS allocated | | | | 12 | | |
| Name of lecturer/lecturers | | | | Vladimir A. Žikić | | |
| Teaching mode | | | | Lectures Group tutorials  Individual tutorials  Laboratory work  Project work  Seminar  Distance learning  Blended learning  Other | | |
| **PURPOSE AND OVERVIEW (max. 5 sentences)** | | | | | | |
| Getting acquainted with main morphological and biological characteristics of the selected animal taxa.  Acquiring knowledge on the traditional and modern methods used in animal classification and phylogeny. | | | | | | |
| **SYLLABUS (brief outline and summary of topics, max. 10 sentences)** | | | | | | |
| Selected taxa: short biology of the group; current systematic status of the whole group and its members; evolution and phylogeny of the selected taxa. Traditional morphometrics: selecting of the relevant characters for analysis. The novel methods in systematics and phylogeny of the selected taxa: geometric morphometrics and molecular analysis. Construction of pylogenetic trees. | | | | | | |
| **LANGUAGE OF INSTRUCTION** | | | | | | |
| Serbian (complete course)  English (complete course)  Other \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (complete course)  Serbian with English mentoring Serbian with other mentoring \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ | | | | | | |
| **ASSESSMENT METHODS AND CRITERIA** | | | | | | |
| **Pre exam duties** | **Points** | | **Final exam** | | | **points** |
| **Activity during lectures** | **/** | | **Written examination** | | | **20** |
| **Seminar** | **20** | | **Oral examination** | | | **30** |
| **Teaching colloquia** | **30** | | **OVERALL SUM** | | | **100** |
| **\*Final examination mark is formed in accordance with the Institutional documents** | | | | | | |