

Subject card

Subject name and code	Introduction to marine mammals biology and protection - laboratory exercises, PG_00118092						
Field of study	Oceanography						
Date of commencement of studies	October 2025		Academic year of realisation of subject		2027/2028		
Education level	Bachelor's studies		Subject group		Obligatory subject group in the field of study Optional subject group Subject group related to scientific research in the field of study		
Mode of study	full-time studies		Mode of delivery		at the university		
Year of study	3		Language of instruction		Polish		
Semester of study	6		ECTS credits		1.0		
Learning profile	academic		Assessment form		credit		
Conducting unit							
Name and surname of lecturer (lecturers)	Subject supervisor		dr Iwona Pawliczka Vel Pawlik				
	Teachers						
Lesson types	Lesson type	Lecture	Tutorial	Laboratory	Project	Seminar	SUM
	Number of study hours	0.0	0.0	15.0	0.0	0.0	15
	E-learning hours included: 0.0						
Learning activity and number of study hours	Learning activity	Participation in didactic classes included in study plan		Participation in consultation hours		Self-study	SUM
	Number of study hours	15		6.0		8.0	29
Subject objectives	Understanding the systematic diversity, phylogeny, biology and adaptation to life in the marine environment of mammals. Familiarization with conservation conflicts in population management, the importance of knowledge about species and the implementation of modern research methods for the effective management of human activities. Post mortem analysis as a comprehensive method of getting the knowledge of population parameters.						

Learning outcomes	Course outcome	Subject outcome	Method of verification
	[OCEANL3-K01] is willing to plan and implement, individually or as a team, the subsequent stages of the entrusted task, is willing to take responsibility for the results of these works, effectively cooperates in the team and performs various roles in it	the student is ready to be responsible for his own work and to be subordinated adheres to the principles of teamwork, feels responsible for the joint implementation tasks	[SK6] demonstration of practical skills [SK8] observation of student's independent or team work
	[OCEANL3-K03] is ready to exercise caution and criticism in accepting information from scientific literature, the Internet and other media relating to natural sciences	the student is ready to be careful when accepting information and opinions, from various sources relating to the biology and conservation of marine mammals	[SK1] oral statement/conversation/discussion [SK2] presentation/project/paper/report
	OCEANL3-W06	the student knows and understands potential threats to marine mammals and how to mitigate them, knows and understands the basic legal regulations and principles regarding protection marine mammals	[SW2] presentation/project/paper/report [SW3] text preparation/written work
	OCEANL3-U01	the student is able to formulate and solve complex and unusual problems concerning the functioning of marine mammals by integrating knowledge from various fields and scientific disciplines	[SU2] presentation/project/paper/report [SU8] observation of student's independent or team work
	OCEANL3-U06	the student is able to formulate and solve advanced problems related to functioning of mammals in the marine environment, with support of knowledge in other scientific fields and disciplines	[SU1] oral statement/conversation/discussion [SU5] implementation of a problem task
	OCEANL3-U09	the student is able to take part in a discussion about marine mammals and their protection	[SU1] oral statement/conversation/discussion [SU5] implementation of a problem task
Subject contents	Identification of differences in the body structure of marine mammals and characterization of species..Analysis of the anatomy, behavior and physiological functions of the marine mammals based on post-mortem examinations of grey seals.Objectives and procedures in marine mammal research.		
Prerequisites and co-requisites			
Assessment methods and criteria	Subject passing criteria	Passing threshold	Percentage of the final grade
		51.0%	35.0%
		51.0%	35.0%
		51.0%	30.0%

Recommended reading	Basic literature	Głowaciński (red) 2001. Polish Red Book of Animals. PWRiL, Warszawa IUCN Red List of Threatened Species. Jefferson, T.A., Webber, M.A., Pitman, R. 2015. Marine mammals of the World: A comprehensive Guide to their identification. Academic Press. Marine Mammal Necropsy: An introductory guide for stranding responders and field biologists. Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution. 2007 Society for Marine Mammals, Committee of Taxonomy. Marine Mammals Species List: https://www.marinemammalscience.org/speciesinformation/list-marine-mammal-species-subspecies/ State of the Baltic Sea - Second HELCOM Holistic Assessment 2011-2016 Varjopuro R (2011) Co-existence of seals and fisheries? Adaptation of a coastal fishery for recovery of the Baltic grey seal. Marine Policy 35:450-456
	Supplementary literature	Liebschner A., Seibel H., Teilmann J., Wittekind D., Parmentier E., Dähne M., Dietz R., Driver J., van Elk C., Everaarts E., Findeisen H., Kristensen J., Lehnert K., Lucke K., Merck T., Müller S., Pawliczka I., Ronnenberg K., Rosenberger T., Ruser A., Tougaard J., Schuster M., Sundermeyer J., Sveegaard S., Siebert U., 2016, Impacts of underwater noise on marine vertebrates : project introduction and first results [W:] The effects of noise on aquatic life II / eds. Arthur N. Popper, Anthony Hawkins. Advances in Experimental Medicine and Biology, 2016, vol. 875: 631-636. Carlén I., Thomas L., Carlström J., Amundin M., Teilmann J., Tregenza N., Tougaard J., Koblitz J.C., Sveegaard S., Wennerberg D., Loisa O., Dähne M., Brundiers K., Kosecka M., Kyhn L.A., Ljungqvist C.T., Pawliczka I., Koza R., Arciszewski B, Galatiuse A., Jabbusch M., Laaksonlaita J., Niemi J., Lyytinen S., Gallus A., Benke H., Blankett P., Skóra K.E., Acevedo-Gutiérrez A., 2018, Basin-scale distribution of harbour porpoises in the Baltic Sea provides basis for effective conservation actions, Biological Conservation, Volume 226: 42-53.
	eResources addresses	
Example issues/ example questions/ tasks being completed	Taxonomic identification of marine mammals. Marine mammals stranding response and procedures. Methods of sampling and post-mortem examination of marine mammals.	
Work placement	Not applicable	

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