

# Diplomirani ekolog naravovarstvenik (un)/diplomirana ekologinja naravovarstvenica (un)

# **Selected qualifications**

| Name of qualification                 | Diplomirani ekolog naravovarstvenik (un)/diplomirana<br>ekologinja naravovarstvenica (un) |
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| Translated title (no legal<br>status) | Bachelor of Science in ecology and nature conservation                                    |
| Type of qualification                 | Diploma prve stopnje (UN)   |
| Category of qualification             | Izobrazba   |
| Type of education                     | Academic bachelor's education   |
| Duration                              | 3 years   |
| Credits                               | 180 credits   |

| Admission requirements | <ul> <li>Matura or</li> <li>vocational matura and an examination in one of the matura subjects; the selected subject may not be a subject which the candidate has already taken in the vocational matura; or</li> <li>school-leaving examination (prior to 1 June 1995) under any four-year secondary school programme.</li> </ul> |
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| ISCED field            | Field<br>Naravoslovje, matematika in statistika  |
| ISCED subfield         | subfield okoljske znanosti   |
| Qualification level    | SQF 7<br>EQF 6<br>First level  |

# Learning outcomes

The qualification holder will be able to:

(general competences)

- analyse, synthesise and anticipate solutions and consequences of various levels of the natural sciences from molecular biology to landscape ecology,
- demonstrate mastery of research methods, procedures and processes in ecology and nature conservation and develop a range of self-critical assessments in this field,
- demonstrate knowledge of all components of "traditional biology" (flora, fauna, gea), above all from the point of view of biodiversity,
- apply knowledge of the basics of natural science disciplines, above all the foundations of biology and ecology with nature conservation at various levels,
- demonstrate autonomy in professional work in the fields of ecology and nature conservation,
- demonstrate proficiency in communication skills and expertise in general, and take part in teamwork in both the national and international business and scientific environments,
- demonstrate awareness of the limits placed by professional ethics in this field of the natural sciences,

(subject-specific competences)

- demonstrate knowledge of all basic theoretical and applied aspects of ecology and conservation biology as scientific disciplines,
- demonstrate knowledge of the natural, social and legal basis of nature conservation around the world, in Europe and in Slovenia,
- demonstrate knowledge of the biological, legal, spatial planning-and information-related background to the planning, management and protection of the natural environment,
- demonstrate mastery of the basics of all three aspects of ecology and nature conservation: the specialist aspect (biodiversity at the level of genes, populations, species, ecosystems and landscape), the social aspect (knowledge of legal regulations in Slovenia and the EU) and the practical/technical aspect (geographical information systems),

- address biological and ecological problems at the "macro" level, in both basic contexts (research, education, some sectors of biotechnology) and applied contexts (project work in nature conservation, administration, business sector),
- demonstrate understanding of and implement nature conservation laws and regulations, EU directives and international conventions regarding nature,
- participate in the preparation and implementation of international agreements in the field of nature conservation and biodiversity,
- demonstrate understanding of the inclusion of nature conservation elements in sectoral policies.

#### **Assessment and completion**

Students' knowledge is assessed by means of practical exercises and seminar papers, and also via products, projects, performances, services, etc. and by examinations. Examination performance is graded as follows: 10 (excellent); 9 (very good: above-average knowledge but with some mistakes); 8 (very good: solid results); 7 (good); 6 (adequate: knowledge satisfies minimum criteria); 5–1 (inadequate). In order to pass an examination, a candidate must achieve a grade between adequate (6) and excellent (10).

#### **Progression**

A condition for progression to the second year is the completion of at least 45 ECTS credits. The subjects completed must include: Physics, Chemistry, Basics of Environmental Chemistry and General Zoology. In order to progress to the third year, students must have completed all first-year course units (60 ECTS credits) and have accumulated 45 ECTS credits from completed second-year course units.

# **Transitions**

Second-cycle master's study programmes (SQF level 8)

# **Condition for obtaining certificate**

In order to complete the programme, students must complete all course units prescribed by the study programme.

# **Awarding body**

University of Maribor, Faculty of Natural Sciences and Mathematics

URL

http://fnm.um.si/index.php?lang=en