

DEPARTMENT OF BIOLOGICAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES

ES1605 Environmental Science Internship Course, 15 credits

Miljövetenskaplig praktikkurs, 15 högskolepoäng First Cycle

Confirmation

This course syllabus was confirmed by Department of Biological and Environmental Sciences on 2024-02-14 and was last revised on 2024-02-27 to be valid from 2024-02-27, spring semester of 2024.

Field of education: Science 100%

Department: Department of Biological and Environmental Sciences

Position in the educational system

The course is a general course in Environmental Science course at the undergraduate level within the Bachelor of Science in Environmental Science (N1MVN). The course can also be included in the master's programs in Atmospheric Science, Climate and Ecosystems (N2ACE), Ecotoxicology (N2TOX), Environmental and Health Protection (N2MIH), and Environmental Science (N2MVN), as well as being taken as a separate course.

Main field of studies Specialization

Environmental Science G2F, First cycle, has at least 60 credits in first-cycle course/s as entry requirements

Entry requirements

120 credits in natural science (biology, earth science, chemistry, physics, environmental science-natural science) out of which at least 60 credits in environmental science-natural science or equivalent education.

Applicants must prove their knowledge of English corresponding to English 6/English B from Swedish upper secondary school. For more information, see English language requirements on Universityadmissions.se.

Learning outcomes

On successful completion of the course the student is expected to:

- have a good insight into and good experiences of environmental work at a workplace (a company, an authority or an environmental organization)
- be able to take personal responsibility for planning and carrying out concrete environmental tasks at a workplace
- be able to present and discuss results from completed environmental work be able to apply the knowledge acquired from the environmental education in practical environmental work
- be able to produce and evaluate relevant knowledge for the implementation of environmental tasks at the workplace
- have gained experience of working and functioning together with colleagues with different skills
- feel well prepared and motivated to take the step into working life

The course is sustainability-focused, which means that at least one of the learning outcomes clearly shows that the course content meets at least one of the University of Gothenburg's confirmed sustainability criteria. The content also constitutes the course's main focus.

Course content

The student carries out an internship at a workplace, for example at a company or authority, or carries out a scientifically structured investigation at the Department of Biology and Environmental Science or another department in the same subject area. Previously acquired knowledge in environmental science must be applied by the student. A supervisor must be available at the relevant location where the internship is carried out.

Form of teaching

The work should culminate in a thesis or a report in Swedish or English.

Language of instruction: Swedish and English

Assessment

The work is assessed based on how the internship is conducted and through a written report. Detailed assessment criteria are available to the student at the start of the course.

If a student who has twice received a failing grade for the same examination component wishes to change examiner ahead of the next examination session, such a request should be made to the department in writing and should be approved by the department unless

there are special reasons to the contrary (Chapter 6 Section 22 of the Higher Education Ordinance).

If a student has received a recommendation from the University of Gothenburg for study support for students with disabilities, the examiner may, where it is compatible with the learning outcomes of the course and provided that no unreasonable resources are required, decide to allow the student to sit an adjusted exam or alternative form of assessment.

In the event that a course has ceased or undergone major changes, students are to be guaranteed at least three examination sessions (including the ordinary examination session) over a period of at least one year, but no more than two years after the course has ceased/been changed. The same applies to internships and professional placements (VFU), although this is restricted to just one additional examination session.

Grades

The grading scale comprises: Pass with Distinction (VG), Pass (G) and Fail (U).

Course evaluation

The results of and possible changes to the course will be shared with students who participated in the evaluation and students who are starting the course.