Course Information Sheet

University: University of Prešov in Prešov

Faculty: Faculty of humanities and natural sciences

Code: 2EKO/MEPOEK/22 | Title of Course: Methods in Soil Ecology

Form of Study: Lectures, Seminars

Number of contact hours: 2 hours lectures/2 hours seminars per week

per week: 2/2 per level/semester: 20 lectures, 20 seminars, 110 hours of self-work

Number of credits: 5

Semester: Winter/summer

Degree/Level: 3. (PhD.) degree

Prerequisities: -

Grading Policy (Assessment/Evaluation):

participation in lectures, seminar assignments, final exam

Aims and Objectives:

The student knows theoretically and practically basic methods that are used in soil science. He/She can apply individual methods in the study of soil ecology issues. He/She can process and interpret the obtained results.

Syllabus/Indicative Content:

Basic terminology in soil ecology

Methods for determining the physico-chemical properties of soil

Methods for determining soil microbial indicators - soil respiration, soil microbial biomass

Methods for determination of biochemical soil indicators - soil enzymology

Soil biota - as an indicator of soil quality and health (selected groups of edaphon)

Determination of hazardous substances in the soil environment

Bioindication and remediation methods in soil ecology

Protection of the soil environment due to anthropogenic activities

Suggested readings:

ALEF, K., NANNIPIERI, P. 1995. Methods in Applied Soil Soil Microbiology nad Biochemistry. Academic Press, ISBN 0-12-513840-7, p. 576.

Fejér, J., Bobuľská, L. 2015. Pedológia. Prešov: prešovská univerzita v Prešove.

Pansu, M. 2016. Handbook of Soil Analysis. Berlin: Springer-Verlag, p. 993.

White, R.E. 2005. Principles and Practice of Soil Science. John Wiley & Sons, p. 376.

Language of Instruction:

Slovak, English

Other course information:

Grading history

Lecturer/Instructor:

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