Course analysis BIOR65 ”Marine Ecology” autumn 2019

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Number of students: 28 registered students

Grades: 2 Fail (U), 9 Pass (G), 17 Pass w distinction (VG).

Evaluation

I. Summary of the course evaluation
Number of answers: 18 (64%)

Short summary of the result: Overall the students were very pleased with the course (grade 4.7), even if one student seem to have been less satisfied. Teachers and assistants were considered to motivate the students and give good feed-back (4.6) and the breakdown of the different learning activities into lectures, exercises, field and laboratory work was also considered very good (4.7). The course literature was also appreciated (4.3), and the examination forms (written exam and grading of practical work, seminars, projects, oral presentations etc. was also considered very good (4.6). Students also thought that the course really increased their subject knowledge (4.7).

The students especially appreciated the one week long field trip week, and the in depth knowledge from the lectures, even if some students wish more advanced lectures. The students also appreciated that the field trip project contained all parts of the scientific process: from planning the project, performing the field work, doing the laboratory analyses, statistical analyses, writing a report and also presenting the work orally. A few students felt that the work load was a bit large at the end of the course with both the written exam, the group work lectures and the individual project presentations.

II. Comments from the teachers team
The teachers on the course considered that the course went very well. We enjoyed the creativity of the students and felt that it was a very good teaching and learning atmosphere during the course. We are also very happy for all the positive feedback in the course evaluation!

III. Evaluation of changes made since the previous course
After the previous course we increased the time available for writing the report from the field trip with one day and this was appreciated by the students.

IV. Suggested changes for the next course
The next time the course is given we plan to look into the possibilities to rearrange the position of the presentations of individual projects and group work lectures in the schedule. Perhaps at least one of these modules can come earlier during the course.

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