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DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGICAL AND BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES

Degree courses tables

ACADEMIC YEAR 2018 / 2019

DEGREE COURSE (L-13) BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES

Degree courses - academic year 2018/19

Deb 01 Biological Sciences (L-13)

Exam	Professor	SSD	Year	Sem.	Hours	W/O/ E	CFUs
Maths	(channel A-L) Mugnai (channel M-Z) Mugnai	MAT/04	1	1	56	W/O/E	6 +1*
Cytology	(channel A-L) Romano (channel M-Z) Ceci	BIO/06	1	1	72	O/E	9
General and inorganic chemistry	(channel A-L) contract (channel M-Z) contract	CHIM/03	1	1	56	W/O/E	5 +2*
Physics	(channel A-L) contract (channel M-Z) Bizzarri	FIS/07	1	2	56	W/O	5 +2*
Computer Science	(channel A-L) contract (channel M-Z) contract	INF/01	1	2	32	W/O/E	4
Botanics	(channel A-L) Zucconi (channel M-Z) Selbmann	BIO/03	1	2	72	O/E	7 +2*
Zoology	(channel A-L) Fausto (channel M-Z) Scapigliati	BIO/05	1	2	72	O/E	8 +1*
Physics and statistics workshop	Bizzarri	FIS/07	2	1	48	W/O	3 +3*
Genetics	Prantera	BIO/18	2	1	72	W/O/E	8 +1*
Organic chemistry	Saladino	CHIM/06	2	1	56	W/O/E	6 +1*
Biologic chemistry	Caruso	BIO/10	2	2	72	O/E	8 +1*
Morphogenesis and comparative anatomy	Romano	BIO/06	2	2	72	O	8+1*
English language	contract	L-LIN/12	2	2	48	W/O	4+2*
Training activities chosen by the student			2	2	48		6
Molecular biology	Rinalducci	BIO/11	3	1	72	O	9
Immunology	Velotti	MED/04	3	1	48	W/O	6
Microbiology	Fenice	BIO/19	3	1	72	O	8+1*
Training activities			3	1	48		6

chosen by the student							
Internship			3	1	150		6
Biochemical methodology	Bertini	BIO/10	3	2	48	O	5+1*
Physiology	Carere	BIO/09	3	2	72	O/E	9
Ecology	Nascetti	BIO/07	3	2	40 32	O/E	2+3*
Food science	Canestrelli	MED/49	3	2	48	O	4
Final test			3	2	250		6

AFS (Free exams offered)

Genetic methodologies workshop	Meschini	BIO/18	2	2	48	W	5+1*
Hydrobiology	Cerfolli	BIO/07	2	2	48	O	6
Hereditary human syndromes	Proietti De Santis	BIO/18	3	1	48	O	6
Biodiversity conservation	Cimmaruta	BIO/07	3	2	48	O	6

Sem Semester **W/O/E** Written/Oral/Exemption during the course

CFUs The CFUs marked with an asterisk (*) indicate practical training/workshop credits and they correspond to 8 hours of frontal lessons

DEGREE COURSE (L-32) ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES

Degree courses - academic year 2018/19

Deb 02 Environmental Sciences (L-32)

Exam	Professor	SSD	Year	Sem.	Hours	W/O/ E	CFUs
Maths	contract	MAT/04	1	1	72	W/O/E	6+3*
Physics	Armentano	FIS/07	1	1	56	W/O/E	5+2*
Environmental economy	Branca - transfer credit	AGR/01	1	1	48	O	6
Animal biology	Belfiore	BIO/05	1	1	56	O	7
General geology	Piscopo	GEO/04	1	2	48	O	5+1*
General and inorganic chemistry	contract	CHIM/03	1	2	56	W/O/E	5+2*
Plant biology	Onofri	BIO/02	1	2	56	O/E	5+2*
English language	contract	L-LIN/12	1	2	40	W/O	5
Computer science ability	contract	INF/01	1	2	32	O/E	4
Physics complements and workshop	Delfino	FIS/07	2	1	56	W/O/E	4+3*
Environmental law and policy	contract	IUS/09	2	1	48	O	6
Fundamentals of genetics	Mosesso	BIO/18	2	1	48	O	5+1*
Climatology and oceanography	contract	GEO/12	2	1	72	O	7+2*
Training and orientation workshops			2		125		5
General and population ecology	Nascetti (mod. 1) Canestrelli (mod. 2)	BIO/07 BIO/07	2	2 2	40 40	OO	2+3* 4+1*
Organic chemistry	Saladino	CHIM/06	2	2	56	W/O/E	6+1*
Microbiology	Barghini	BIO/19	2	2	48	O/E	6
Ecology of the ecosystems	Arduino	BIO/07	2	2	48	O	6
Environmental monitoring workshop	Cerfolli Willems	BIO/07 BIO/06	3 3	1 1	48 48	O	4+2* 4+2*

Applied ecology	Angeletti	BIO/07	3	1	48	O	4+2*
Training activities chosen by the student			3	1	96		12
Marine ecology and biologic oceanography	Marcelli	BIO/07	3	2	72	O	7+2*
Applied geology	Piscopo	GEO/05	3	2	80	O	8+2*
Internship in companies			3	2	125		5
Final test			3	2			6
Training activities chosen by the student (proposed by the CdS)							
Environmental monitoring workshop		BIO/05 - CHIM/12	3	1	96	O	3+3* 3+3*

Sem Semester **W/O/E** Written/Oral/Exemption during the course

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SECOND-LEVEL DEGREE COURSE (LM-6) CELLULAR AND MOLECULAR BIOLOGY

Degree courses - academic year 2018/19

Deb 03 Cellular and Molecular Biology (LM-6)

Exam	Professor	SSD	O/O	Year	Sem.	Hours	W/O/ E	CFUs
Proteomic and metabolic	Anna Maria Timperio	BIO/11	Compulsory	1	1	48	O	4+2*
Cytogenetics	Roberta Meschini	BIO/18	Compulsory	1	1	48	O	5+1*
Cellular biochemistry	Carla Caruso	BIO/10	Compulsory	1	1	48	O	5+1*
# Bionformatics and applications	Silvia Proietti	BIO/10	Compulsory	1	1	48	O	6
Cellular and developmental biology	Nicla Romano	BIO/06	Compulsory	1	2	48	O	6
Genetic engineering	Giampiero Gualandi	BIO/18	Compulsory	1	2	48	O	6
Dietetics and Functional food	Nicolò Merendino	MED/49	Compulsory	1	2	48	O	6
Molecular biology 2	Sara Rinalducci	BIO/11	Compulsory	1	2	48	O	6
Internship						50		2
English language	Contract	L-LIN/12	Compulsory	2	1	48	W/O	6
Biomolecular techniques	Laura Bertini	BIO/10	Optional	2	1	48	O	4+2*
Enzymology	Contract	BIO/10	Optional	2	1	48	O	5+1*
Instrumental diagnostics, biophysics and nanosciences	Salvatore Cannistraro	FIS/07	Optional	2	1	48	O	3+3*
Genetics of getting old	Luca Proietti De Santis	BIO/18	Optional	2	1	48	O	5+1*
Genetics of development and epigenetics	Giorgio Prantera	BIO/18	Optional	2	2	48	O	6
Chemistry of bioactive	Raffaele Saladino	CHIM/06	Optional	2	2	48	O	6

substances								
General mycobacteriology and phyto-genesis	Laura Selbmann	BIO/03	Optional	2	2	48	O	3+3*
Supplementary exams (AFS)				2		96		12
Final test				2				40

Compulsory/Optional

Sem Semester

W/O/E Written/Oral/Exemption during the course

CFUs The CFUs marked with an asterisk (*) indicate practical training/workshop credits and they correspond to 8 hours of frontal lessons

Part of the course will be held in English

The study course includes 9 compulsory exams (54 CFUs), 2 exams chosen among those available (12 CFUs), exams chosen by the student (12 CFUs), Internships (2 CFUs) and experimental thesis (40 CFUs).

INTERDEPARTMENTAL MASTER'S DEGREE (LM-8) INDUSTRIAL BIOTECHNOLOGY FOR HEALTH AND WELLBEING

Degree courses - academic year 2018/19

Deb 04 Industrial biotechnology for health and wellbeing (LM-8)

Exam	SSD	Year	Sem.	Hours	Theoretical activity (A.T.)	Practical activity (A.P.)	Biannual (S) / Annual (A)	CFUs
Microbiotechnologies	BIO/19	1	1	48	40	8	W	6
Spectroscopic and computational methods for the study of biomolecules		1	1	48	0		A	9
- Spectroscopic methods	CHIM/02	1	1	48	40	8		6
- Computational methods	CHIM/07		1	24	16	8		3
Biochemical characterization of pharmacologically active molecules	BIO/10	1	1	48	40	8	W	6
Biostatistics and experimental data analysis	SECS-S/02	1	1	48	32	16	W	6
Industrial catalysis and biocatalysis							A	6
- Principles of catalysis	CHIM03	1	1	24	24			3
- Industrial biocatalysis	AGR/13		1	24	20	4		3
Applied omics sciences	BIO/11	1	2	48	32	16	W	6
Chemistry of bioactive substances	CHIM/06	1	2	48	48		W	6
Genetic	BIO/18	1	2	48	40	8	W	6

toxicology								
English language (B2)		1	2	32	24	8	W	4
Training								3
Exam chosen among similar and supplementary exams								6
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Exam chosen among similar and supplementary exams								6
Exams chosen by the student (AFS)								12
Final test (dissertation)								32
Similar and integrated exams								
Sustainable biorefineries and biotechnologies	BIO/19	2	1	48	40	8	W	6
Functional food	MED/42	2	1	48	40	8	W	6
Pharmacogenetics	BIO/18	2	1	48	40	8	W	6
Animal molecules biotechnologies	BIO/05	2	2	48	40	8	W	6
Plant molecules biotechnologies	BIO/01	2	2	48	40	8	W	6
Industrial applications of microscopic techniques	BIO/05	2	2	48	24	24	W	6
Applied neurophysiology	BIO/09	2	2	48		48	W	6

SECOND-LEVEL DEGREE COURSE (LM-6) BIOLOGY AND MARINE ECOLOGY

Degree courses - academic year 2018/19

Deb 05 Biology and Marine Ecology (LM-6)

Exam	Professor	SSD	Year	Sem.	Hours	W/O/E	CFUs
Ecology of fishing and experimental aquaculture	contract (mod. 1) contract (mod. 2)	BIO/07	1	1	40	O	3+2*
		BIO/07	1	1	40		4+1*
Marine biology		BIO/07	1	1	40	O	5+1*
2 to be chosen amongst:							
a) Marine parasitology	contract	VET/06	1	1	48	O	5+1*
b) Marine environment protection	Angeletti	BIO/07	1	1	48	O	5+1*
c) Marine biological monitoring	contract	BIO/07	1	1	48	O	4+2*
d) Plant biology and coastal ecosystems	Onofri	BIO/03	1	2	48	O/E	5+1*
Biology of algae and marine mushrooms	Pasqualetti	BIO/02	1	2	56	O	6+1*
Marine microbiology and laboratory	Fenice Barghini	BIO/19	1	2	48	O	5+1*
		CHIM/11	1	2	48		5+1*
Ecology, etology and evolution of marine organisms	Canestrelli Carere	BIO/07	1	2	48	O	4+2*
		BIO/05	1	2	40		4+1*
Applied oceanography and dynamics of marine ecosystems	Marcelli	BIO/07	2	1	72	O	7+2*
Marine biodiversity conservation	Cimmaruta	BIO/07	2	1	56	O	6+1*
Training activities chosen by the student			2	1	96		12
Training			3	2	100		4
Experimental thesis			3	2			30
Sem Semester W/O/E Written/Oral/Exemption during the course CFUs The CFUs marked with an asterisk (*) indicate practical training/workshop credits and they correspond to 8 hours of frontal lessons							

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DEPARTMENT HANDBOOK

ACADEMIC YEAR 2018 / 2019

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WELCOME

Professor Giorgio Prantera

Head of Department

Dear Students, It is with great pleasure that I welcome you to the University of Tuscia.

I am the Director of the Department of ecological and biological sciences, which you will learn to refer to as DEB. University departments are the hub of the didactic and research activities, which together represent the starting point of the cultural and professional growth of university students.

University courses offer two successive degree courses: a first level three year degree course and a second level two year degree course, providing a specialised and in-depth training for some of the subjects studied during the first level degree course.

DEB offers four degree courses: a first level course in Biological Sciences, providing a solid foundation in all the sectors of biology. Its natural progression is the second level degree course in Cellular and molecular biology, which provides in-depth knowledge of the latest aspects of biomolecular research, and the first level course in Environmental Sciences, allowing students to studies the different aspects related to the interaction between human beings and the environment. These can also be studied further during the second level degree course in Marine biology and ecology, especially as far as the marine and coastal environment goes. Those who wish to go into research can enrol on the PhD course in Ecology and Sustainable Management of Environmental Resources.

The didactic activities of the Biology degree and Cellular and molecular biology degree, including theses, take place in DEB's classrooms and laboratories in Viterbo, located in the Riello campus, and also in the Faculty of Agriculture. On the contrary, the didactic activities of the Environmental Sciences degree course and the Marine biology and ecology course take place the DEB department in Civitavecchia, at the LOSEM (Experimental Ichthyogenic Center) at the Saline di Tarquinia.

The three-year degree course and the second level degree course offered by DEB train highly skilled technicians and professionals in the environmental and biological sectors. Graduates in Biological Sciences will be skilled at carrying out activities in various fields of application, such as production and technological activities in laboratories (in hospitals, private laboratories dealing with bioanalysis, private industries and more) and analysis, control and management services. The degree course in Environmental Sciences aims to train professionals equipped to tackle environmental problems, recognize, classify and define solutions, in informed and competent consultation with nature specialists, analytical technicians, businesses, public institutes and public opinion. DEB is divided into a number of laboratories which boast cutting-edge equipment, with professor-researchers who have earned international and national recognition and who publish in the best international scientific journals. The laboratories, where Bachelor's, Master's, and Phd theses are carried out are: Comparative Anatomy and Developmental Biology, Biochemistry, Bio-climatology, Molecular Biology, Botany and Mycobacteriology, Organic Chemistry, Cytology, Dietetics and Functional food, Ecology, Ecology of Fungi and Algae, Genetics, Bio-physics, Hydro-biology, Hydro-geology, Immunology, Microbiology, and Oceanology.

You will be helped plan your studies in our department and you will be able to interact with our structures dedicated do didactics, such as the group of professors managing the Degree courses, the professors working on orientation and mentoring and the administrative staff that looks after organisation and logistics.

I hope to see lots of you join our classes with your curiosity and passion for life sciences.

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DEGREE COURSES

ACADEMIC YEAR 2018/2019

DEGREE COURSE (L-13)

BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES

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Teaching Aims

The training needs that have been identified will equip a graduate in Biological Sciences with a solid cultural basis, which can be employed in various fields. Therefore, the degree course in Biological Sciences aims to train young graduates who have adequate basic preparation in various sectors of Biology. The study pathway has been designed to provide the student with essential, integrated and progressive acquisition of skills aimed at understanding biological phenomena at levels of increasing complexity. The specific objectives of the course, while keeping in mind the competences required for future professional activities at the end of the three-year course, are oriented primarily towards the acquisition of further university education.

The academic programme includes three different study areas:

- non-biological disciplines;
- biological disciplines;
- in-depth study of biological disciplines.

The above-mentioned areas contribute sequentially and jointly to achieving the teaching aims which are specific to the course, targeted at giving the student a modern and thorough grounding in life sciences.

Career opportunities

Our graduates will be able to carry out professional activities and techniques in various fields of application, such as production and technology activities in laboratories, and services regarding analysis, control and management; and in all those public and private areas where it is necessary to classify, manage and use living organisms and their constituents. They will also be able to handle the relationship between development and quality of the environment in multidisciplinary professional firms engaged in the fields of environmental impact assessment, in the development of projects for the conservation and restoration of the environment and of biodiversity and biosafety.

In particular, according to the ISTAT classification of professions, DEB graduates qualify for employment in the following categories:

Biologists and related professions, biotechnologists, technicians operating in the manufacturing of food products.

As a graduate, you will be able to integrate into various working environments using your training as a ductile base from which to further your specific, professional knowledge.

The role of the Biologist is professionally recognized. Graduates are expected to enrol in the National Association of Biologists (Junior Biologist), after having passed a State examination.

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Deb 01 Biological Sciences (L-13)

DEGREE COURSE (L-32) ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES

Degree Courses in Sciences and Technologies of the Environment and Nature
(ex DM 270/04)

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Teaching Aims

The Degree Course includes 20 exams, many of which are dedicated to the marine environment. The course enables the student to acquire a systemic environmental culture and practical experience in the scientific world regarding process analysis methodology, systems and problems related to the environment, both natural and modified by man.

The course objectives are to form professionals able to tackle, recognize, classify and develop solutions to environmental problems, while carrying out informed and competent consultation with nature specialists, analytical technicians, businesses, public institutes and public opinion. At the end of your study pathway, as a university graduate in Environmental Sciences, you will have acquired the ability to carry out an interdisciplinary approach to the study of environmental issues, thus becoming a specialist with a definite working method rather than a specialist in a single disciplinary area. You will be able to dialogue with professionals from different backgrounds and put contributions resulting from more specific and sectoral areas into a perspective view.

The course aims to provide you with the following knowledge:

- appropriate and adequate elements of mathematics, physics, chemistry, statistics, information technology and English language;
- suitable operational elements relative to animal and plant biology, genetics, ecology, microbiology, earth science, soil science, environmental law and policy and environmental economics;
- methods of analysis achieved through laboratory activities in various sectors for at least 20 Credits (CFU);
- professional experience gained through training activities, such as external internships in companies, in public administration and laboratories, and internships at Italian and foreign universities within the framework of international agreements;

and the following skills:

- detection, classification, analysis, restoration and conservation of biotic and abiotic components of natural eco-systems, including water and land (parks, natural reserves etc.);
 - analysis, monitoring and simulation of systems and environmental processes controlled by scientists, focusing on sustainability and prevention, which aims towards the promotion of environmental quality;
 - localization, diagnostics, protection and recovery of environmental assets.
- The course consists of several exercises at sea, thanks also to the small fleet available to the department for teaching and research activities that are also held at:
- the Laboratory of Experimental Oceanology and Marine Ecology at the Port of Civitavecchia;
 - the Laboratory of Ecology and Experimental Ichthyogenic Centre at the Saline di Tarquinia (salt flats).

Career opportunities

Employment and professional opportunities can be found in public and private sectors as well as in freelance work. In particular, central government research institutes and relevant ministries regarding the environment, agriculture, forestry and fishing, local, city, provincial and regional administrations, and organizations such as the water authorities, park authorities, ASSIND, ARPA, ISPRA, etc. represent natural employment possibilities for a professional with the skills of a graduate in Environmental Sciences. In addition, our graduates typically possess requirements which are needed by professionals operating in private institutes, industries and companies in the environmental field (water treatment, control of drinking water, waste disposal management, etc.). As a graduate in Environmental Sciences, you could also consider employment in activities regarding advisory services for small business in many sectors, which include safety at work, EU safety legislation, quality control, industrial hygiene, waste disposal, and the assessment of environmental impact.

The course prepares students for the profession of:

- Environmental Control Technician
- Specialized guide
- Environmental restoration technician
- Coastal Management Technician

Degree courses - academic year 2018/19

Deb 02 Environmental Sciences (L-32)

MASTER'S DEGREE (LM-6)

CELLULAR AND MOLECULAR BIOLOGY

Degrees in Biology (ex DM 270/04)

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Teaching Aims

The main objective of the Master's of Science Degree in Cellular and Molecular Biology, LM-6, is to deepen cultural knowledge and skills in the field of basic and applied biology, coupled with thorough scientific and operational training in the disciplines that characterize the course. This objective is in line with improvements to the university system, in relation to a European and international context, thus improving the quality of training. The second level degree course aims at providing graduates a solid practical grounding in all the disciplines related to biology. The second level degree course offers in-depth studies and an expansion of the competences and knowledge acquired during the first level degree course. These will allow students to acquire the knowledge and competences they need to become the apt professionals the job market requires.

All the scientific laboratories used for the training activities provide the necessary skills, as the research carried out is coherent with the course profile. Moreover, training include laboratory activities such as exercises, experimental work for the final dissertation that are aimed at teaching students the experimental methodology and its application in research and diagnostics. The degree course also includes internships in other universities, research centres, private or state-run research laboratories, and businesses.

The degree course is aimed at building specific competences and abilities needed to carry out several different high-level jobs. Benchmarking as well as the direct experience of graduates who passed the selection process for the Master's Degree and Phd fellowship show that the course is at the same level as those offered by other Italian and European universities.

The degree course has nine compulsory exams that aim at giving graduates in-depth competences in the sector of cellular biology and development, molecular biology, genetics, biochemistry, food science and English. Specific insights are provided by four exams which can be included in each student's individual study plan. Students can choose some exams they are interested in and study specific aspects of cellular and molecular biology in order to specialise even further. Some exams examine more specific cellular and molecular mechanisms with a focus on the different experimental systems and to man. Some others offer further knowledge about the latest biological technologies, with a focus on diagnostic methodologies using advanced tools and bio-nanotechnological aspects.

Career opportunities

A Master's Degree in Cellular and Molecular Biology can offer you a wide range of employment opportunities, for example:

- fundamental research activities in biology, biomedicine, molecular biology, nutritional science, physiology, genetics in public or private research institutes and in universities;
- access to various PhDs and specialization schools;
- self-employed and entrepreneurial activities in the life sciences sector as biologists and similar;
- professional activities and projects in areas related to biological disciplines, in institutes and in different sectors, public health and the public administration;
- managerial activities for clinical, biological, microbiological and testing laboratories, the biological and quality control of products of biological origin and the subsequent supply chains

- scientific and technological promotion and innovation activities in various areas of biology, technology planning and management.

In particular, according to the ISTAT classification of professions, Biology graduates can be employed in the following category: Biologists and related professions.

The role of the Biologist is professionally recognized.

Following a successful state examination, second cycle degree graduates can access the national register for biologists (senior biologists).

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Deb 03 Cellular and Molecular Biology (LM-6)

INTERDEPARTMENTAL MASTER'S DEGREE (LM-8) INDUSTRIAL BIOTECHNOLOGY FOR HEALTH AND WELLBEING

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Teaching Aims

The second level degree course stems from the synergy of the DIBAF and DEB departments and from the need to complete the course offer in the biotechnology area and, in particular, in industrial biotechnology. The course aims at giving students a sound scientific basis allowing them to plan, produce and recover animal, plants, microbial and synthetic bioactive molecules for the cosmetic, cosmeceutical, nutraceutical and pharmaceutical sectors. Students learn the advanced scientific methods needed to study and develop extraction and characterisation processes of natural substances, the planning of new specific bioactive molecules, the identification of their pharmacogenetic and toxicological effect and the creation of biomolecular, bio-catalytic and microbiological systems which are of fundamental importance in order to use biotechnologies in applied research, industrial production and services related to human health and wellbeing.

The course has two study areas:

- Biotechnological processes and products;
- Structural and functional characterisation of bioactive molecules.

The course includes 8 compulsory courses, 3 courses to be chosen among the 7 available ones (similar and supplementary sectors) and 12 CFUs from training activities chosen by the student (AFS, attività formative a scelta) who can therefore choose specific areas of individual interest. Moreover, there is a B2 English course and practical laboratory activities.

Skills and knowledge

Second cycle degree graduates in Industrial biotechnology for health and wellbeing acquire the following competences:

- theoretical-practical competences in the molecular and genetic sectors;
- competences in omics sciences;
- theoretical-practical competences in the sector of microbial and fermentation biotechnologies;
- theoretical-practical competences related to techniques and instruments to carry out the structural and functional analysis of macromolecules and biologic molecules;
- Chemistry, biochemistry and molecular competences in order to obtain materials of biotechnological interest;
- general biotechnology competences aimed at the scientific and technological development and innovation;
- general sustainability and bio-economy competences.

Career opportunities

This strongly job-oriented course with a theoretical-practical approach allows graduates to quickly enter the job market. The course prepares students to work in highly-specialised intellectual scientific

jobs such as biologist and similar (biochemist, biotechnologist, microbiologist, researcher and biological sciences technicians).

Therefore, graduates in Industrial biotechnology for health and wellbeing can work in:

- State-run and private research institutes and universities;
- Research and development laboratories, production and quality control departments within biotechnology companies and other companies interested in biotechnological innovation;
- Biotechnological companies in the biomedical, cosmetic, nutraceutical, pharmaceutical and environmental sectors;
- Laboratories, testing centres and imaging centres;
- Organisations dealing with the organisation of patent legislation of bioindustry processes and products;
- Jobs related to national state exams in the healthcare industry, based on the requisites stated in article 2 of decree of equivalence with the second level degree course in Biology (LM-6) (D.I. 15/01/2013, published in the Gazzetta Ufficiale of 22 June 2013, n. 145);
- Self-employed professional (national register for biologists, following a successful state exams for the job of senior biologist, section A - DPR n. 328/01);
- Scientific knowledge and specialised printing sector.

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Deb 04 Industrial biotechnology for health and wellbeing (LM-8)

MASTER'S DEGREE (LM-6) BIOLOGY AND MARINE ECOLOGY

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Teaching Aims

The educational objectives of the course aim to form a highly qualified and specialized professional figure capable of dealing with environmental problems from a biological point of view but at the same time able to manage all ecological processes at the basis of the production of goods and services that the marine environment provides. The study course aims at training marine environmental biologists. Marine environmental biologists are skilled at knowing, classifying and solving environmental issues through a systemic and interdisciplinary approach. This is achieved by prioritising competences in the management and conservation of the marine (coastal and ocean) environment biological resources.

The course is aimed at the acquisition of:

- in depth knowledge of biological and ecological disciplines, both basic and applied to marine environment;
- applied management disciplines that are useful to adequately put into context biologic resources in environmental systems;
- methods of analysis through lab activities in different disciplines and in the sustainable management of fishing resources;
- professional experiences through external training and the writing of an experimental dissertation.

Students will acquire the following competences:

- detection, classification, analysis, restoration and conservation of biotic components of marine ecosystems, with the ability to place them correctly in a general environmental framework;
- monitoring and management of environmental systems and processes with specific reference to biological resources;
- design and management of evaluation, rehabilitation, restoration and conservation operations of the coastal and marine environment with particular reference to biotic components.
- The course consists of several exercises at sea, thanks also to the small fleet available to the department for teaching and research activities that are also held at:
- the Laboratory of Experimental Oceanology and Marine Ecology at the Port of Civitavecchia;
- the Laboratory of Ecology and the Experimental Ichthyogenic Center at the Saline di Tarquinia (Tarquinia salt flats).

Career opportunities

Employment prospects for master's graduates in Marine Biology and Ecology could orient towards freelance work in professional and managerial tasks within a public framework (ministries, regions, provinces, municipalities, health care, national and regional agencies for environmental protection, parks, reserves, etc.) and within a private framework (companies, institutes, etc.) in the following areas:

- analysis, certification and management of the environment according to regulations controlling the quality of sea water;
- the analysis, conservation, management and monitoring of marine and coastal resources and environment systems aiming at maintaining biodiversity in all its components and functional levels;
- professional and project-related work in fields related to biological and ecological disciplines in the sectors of public administration, industry and health care, with particular reference to the knowledge of marine and coastal environments and relative animal and plant organisms, micro-organisms, biodiversity and environment;
- management of parks and nature reserves;
- the evaluation of the quality of the environment and the production of services and tools aimed at its improvement;
- the evaluation and put into practice of environmental impact and strategic evaluation studies;
- analysis and control of pollution;
- planning and monitoring of environmental control actions;
- planning, promotion and coordination of initiatives aimed at sustainability.

Other employment opportunities regard the sector of scientific research at universities and other public and private research institutions. The doctoral programme gives what is known as a third level of training, which is crucial to undertake a career in the field of research.

The course prepares graduates for the following jobs:

- ecologists and marine biologists;
- researchers and graduates in oceanology and biological sciences;
- zoologists and botanists;
- managers of coastal areas.

Degree courses - academic year 2018/19

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POSTGRADUATE STUDIES

PhDs and MASTER'S DEGREES

PhD in

Ecology and sustainable management of natural resources

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The Doctorate in Ecology and Sustainable Management of Environmental Resources aims to train young professionals in the sector of ecological research, both basic, and applied to the sustainable use of natural resources and to environmental management. Students will acquire the skills needed to address the complex and multi-dimensional problems related to research activities, management and conservation in questions regarding the environment with interdisciplinary and multi-sectoral research approaches.

First Level Master's Degree in

Enogastronomy - Management, Enhancement and Promotion

Interdepartmental Master's Degree - DIBAF - DEIM - DAFNE

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The aim of the master's degree course is:

- to prepare highly specialised professionals, with multidisciplinary skills, able to know, understand, evaluate and interpret with expertise the quality of enogastronomic products and activities, and to promote an efficient strategy of enhancement. Today, highly skilled professionals in this field are difficult to find in the current marketplace.
- The course aims to enable you to acquire the technical communicative tools with a view to creating an awareness of the quality of foods, which is essential to successfully evaluate, enhance and/or manage a product.

The master's course will suit you, therefore, if you are interested in working or if you already operate within the agro-food, restaurant or services industries. It could also interest you if you want to follow a freelance career within these environments or if you want to take up a professional activity in the field of communication and in journalism specialising in tourism or enogastronomy.

The master's course is organized in three macro areas, divided into various modules, for a total of 60 CFU:

- Macro area 1
Communication and advertising:

- 7 CFU
- Macro area 2
Business, management and quality:
7 CFU
- Macro area 3
Agro-food:
for a total of 10 CFU
- **Practical activities and workshops:**
for a total of 10 CFU
- **Visits to businesses, planning and analysis of case studies, communication and marketing:**
for a total of 16 CFU

The programme offers students the possibility to study single modules, which could be useful if you want to improve specific business skills. This could interest you for professional or cultural reasons, or if you do not have the necessary entry qualifications for the course (three-year degree or equivalent), or if you do not wish to attend the entire course. Furthermore, it could give you the opportunity to strengthen technical or marketing skills or to better manage your own business.

It is possible to enrol on single or multiple modular courses, without having to complete the whole master's study programme.

You can enrol on the master's degree course if you have a three-year degree in any subject in the field of humanities or science.

You will be granted the postgraduate degree of Master in Enogastronomy - Management, Enhancement and Promotion if you attend the lessons, pass the module exams and the final exam.

RESEARCH

The Department of Biological and Ecological Sciences boasts a group of professors whose background and scientific interests are deeply rooted in the areas of environmental and biological sciences, doing international research with evident competitive characteristics. Since the Department's foundation, the wide range of disciplinary and technical skills of the members of the Department has resulted in fruitful interdisciplinary collaboration. The research objectives of the Department fall into two main and closely linked areas.

- Research in environmental and ecological fields. This is the study and characterization of marine and coastal environments, inland water and terrestrial environments, including extreme environments from a physical-chemical as well as biological perspective. The specific lines of research range from geology to green chemistry, to theoretical and applied ecology, with the study, monitoring and management of environmental resources.
- Research in the field of Biological Sciences. This deals with the analysis of the genetic and molecular mechanisms of fundamental biological processes, such as: evolution, adaptation and biodiversity, the origins of life, cell differentiation, nano-biotechnology, epigenetic inheritance, immunity, biochemistry of nutrients, mechanisms of carcinogenesis and neurodegenerative diseases, mutagenesis and toxicology, plant defense mechanisms, omics sciences (proteomics, metabolomics and lipidomics), extraction, synthesis and biological characterization of natural substances.

USEFUL INFORMATION

On the DEB website www.deb.unitus.it, you can find information regarding:

INFORMATION:

- Courses for the academic year 2018/19
- Calendar, lesson timetable and online forms
- Student services, internships, apprenticeships, choice of activities
- Orientation and mentoring
- Individual study plan (1)
- Support courses (2)

1. In order to take exams starting from the early session in January / February 2019, students must validate their individual study plan through the online student portal in the periods set by the Department (01-12-2018/10-01-2019; 01-04-2019/30-04-2019; 01-06-2019/15-06-2019).

2. As of September/October 2018, support courses in Mathematics, Chemistry, Biology and Physics will take place. The Mathematics and Chemistry courses are required for freshmen who have not passed the entry test (recupero debito formativo-OFA). These support courses are aimed at raising the initial preparation of students to a required standard.

ORIENTATION

An online orientation service is available.
student support and mentoring:

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STUDENT SERVICES

In addition to normal office hours for students (every day, from Monday to Friday, from 10:00 to 12:00am), from the 1st of May until the 31st of December and excluding the month of August an **afternoon support service** is available every Tuesday from 2:30pm to 4:00pm at the Department Academic Office. This is an initiative of the administrative staff in the hope of meeting the needs of students, which are not only of a strictly educational nature. Students will be able to ask the administrative staff about some general information such as public transport services, housing, services provided by the University (legal defence, psychological services) and more.

Department of Biological and Ecological Sciences Off-campus Laboratories

The **Centro Ittiogenico Sperimentale Marino** (CISMAR) (The Experimental Ichthyogenic Centre) was founded in 2008 and has its headquarters at the Animal Repopulation Reserve, "Le Saline di Tarquinia." The Centre consists of 4 laboratories dedicated to Molecular Genetics, Monitoring of Marine and Coastal Environments, Monitoring of Benthos, Parasitology and Fish Pathology, and a Hatchery.

CISMAR was created with the aim of activating restocking projects of commercial and non commercial species of the coastal strip, for the benefit of professional, sports and recreation fishing activities, in

addition to work aimed at the recovery of marine biodiversity also within protected marine areas. The creation of the Centre also pursues an objective of social and cultural nature aimed at fostering an awareness of the management of the coastline and proposes innovative strategies for management of “fishing” resources. Furthermore, CISMAR aims at being a reference point for both authorities and private parties in the sector for testing of breeding techniques for fish not already included among those currently farmed, and for the refinement of techniques already used.

The **Laboratory of Experimental Oceanology and Marine Ecology** was founded in 2001 and since 2005, it has its headquarters within the Port of Civitavecchia; the structure consists of 200 square meters of offices and laboratories (electronics, ecology, oceanographic instrumentation and an optical laboratory) and a library boasting around 1000 reference titles, and 180 square meters of warehouse for oceanographic equipment. The equipment includes scientific research instruments worth about 3 million euros, including a steel boat measuring 8.5 meters and two dinghies.

You can learn more about the courses offered by the Department on:

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1st semester lessons begin 1st October, 2018
Lessons suspended for exams 19th to 23rd November, 2018
1st semester lessons end 18th January, 2019

Beginning of Christmas holidays 22nd December, 2018
End of Christmas holidays 6th January, 2019

1st semester exams begin 21st January, 2019
1st semester exams end 28th February, 2019

2nd semester lessons begin 4th March, 2019
Lessons suspended for exams From 15 to 18 April 2019
2nd semesters lessons end 14th June, 2019

Beginning of Easter holidays 19th April 14, 2019
End of Easter holidays 24th April, 2019

Summer session exams begin 17th June, 2019
Summer session exams end 31st July, 2019

Autumn session exams begin 5th September, 2019
Autumn session exams end 30th September, 2019

Beginning of 2nd session exams, autumn session 18th November, 2019
End of 2nd session exams, autumn session 22nd November, 2019

Additional session exams start
final session academic year 2016/2017 20th January, 2020
Additional session exams end
final session academic year 2016/2017 28th February, 2020

Graduation Sessions

22nd - 23rd - 24th July, 2019
21st - 22nd - 23rd October, 2019
16th - 17th - 18th December, 2019
24th - 25th - 26th February, 2020

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