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Animal Form & Function - ZYU4300

Information Sheet - 2022/2023

Welcome to the course of study on Animal Form & Function, a three-credit course offered by the Department of Zoology, in the 2nd semester. Please read this information sheet carefully and plan your activities accordingly. For any further assistance please contact the following staff members:

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Course material

- There are two Blocks (Four Units) of course material for this course.
BLOCK 1: Unit I; **BLOCK 1:** Unit II; **BLOCK 2:** Unit III; **BLOCK 2:** Unit IV
- Please *collect all of the above from the Book Dispatch Centre* well in advance of the scheduled academic activities. If the course material is not available at the Book Dispatch Centre, please report to the Head/Zoology or the Senior Coordinator immediately.
- You will also receive a Practical Guide when you attend the practical session.



Academic activities

Refer the 2nd semester Zoology Activity Schedule for dates and times of activities.

Activity	Units covered in Day schools/Tests	Venues
Day school 1	Block 1: Units I	Online
Day school 2	Block 1: Unit II	Online
NBT 1	Block 1: Units I - II (MCQ/Structured)	CRC, KRC, MRC, ARC, JRC, BRC, KuRC, RRC, BaRC
Day school 3	Block II: Units III	Online
Day school 4	Block II: Units III & IV	Online
NBT 2	Block 2: Units III - IV (MCQ/Structured)	Online
Laboratory sessions	5-7 groups depending on student no.	CRC, KRC, MRC
Revision DS		Online

CRC: Colombo Regional Centre; KRC: Kandy RC; MRC: Matara RC; ARC: Anuradhapura RC; JRC: Jaffna RC; BRC: Batticaloa RC; RRC: Ratnapura RC; KuRC: Kurunegala RC; BaRC: Badulla RC



Day Schools

- Four Day Schools (DS) will be conducted during the 2nd semester.
- Study material covered at each DS is given in the table above. Make sure you read the relevant course material in the book before attending each DS. Your active participation at these discussion classes is expected. You may send any problems you wish to be discussed, to the respective Coordinator at the Regional Centre:

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OUSL, Nawala, Nugegoda
Tp. 011 2881446

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- A Revision Day School will be conducted before the final examination to further clarify any problems and to discuss previous final examination question papers.

On-line support

- This course is supported through a Moodle online course. The online facility provides course information, learning resources, such as PowerPoint presentations used at Day schools, MCQs and previous CAT and final exam papers. You need to reserve the practical group also through the online course. There is also an assessment test which contributes marks towards the over CA marks.
- Log in from: <https://learnousl.ou.ac.lk>
Username: 's' number given in the student record book; Password: National Identity Card Number (with Capital V)

If you have problems in logging to the online course – contact Ms G Kulasekera, Senior Lecturer at CETMe – dgkul@ou.ac.lk



Practical Sessions

- The practical session includes a four-day laboratory session, you will be assessed during class and also at the end by a spot test. **Attendance on all days of the practical session is compulsory.**
- Practical sessions are scheduled in the 2nd semester and will be conducted at the CRC, KRC, MRC and JRC. Refer the 2nd semester Zoology Activity Schedule for the dates and times.

Registration for a Practical Group

- **Prior registration is essential** to attend a particular practical group. It is **COMPULSORY** that you register for a group by logging into the online course. You cannot reserve a group any other way for attending practical at CRC, KRC, MRC and JRC.
- **Register in advance**, as only a limited number is allowed in each group, and **places will be allocated on a first come first served basis.**
- You have to reserve a group **AT LEAST ONE WEEK BEFORE THE 1ST PRACTICAL GROUP** of this course commences in the second semester (check the Activity schedule for the date of the 1st group) you will not be allowed to sign up for any group after this period.
- **Please note only those who have signed up for the particular group will be admitted into the laboratory.** If for some unavoidable reason you want to change the group you may do so by mutual arrangement or provided vacancies are available, with the permission of the Senior Coordinator.

Items to be brought for practical sessions:

Drawing papers/ half sheets, graph papers, a good pencil (HB), eraser, dissecting instruments (a pair of forceps, dissecting scissors, sharp pointer, hand lens, etc)

Exemption from attending practical sessions

- A student who has obtained a Practical Assessment Mark of 30% or more, but fails to obtain eligibility to sit the final examination, may seek exemption from attending the practical session of the succeeding academic year only. You will be **exempted only if you obtain approval** to do so by making a **request in writing** to the Senior Coordinator, using the **form available in the Department**. When granted such exemption, the practical marks obtained in the previous year will be taken into account for computing the CAM.



Assessment & Evaluation of the Course

Continuous Assessment Tests

- This course has 2 No Book Tests (NBTs), each of one hour duration. Refer the Zoology Activity schedule/CA schedule for the dates and times. The study material covered in each test and the nature of the tests (MCQ/Structured, etc) are indicated in the Table given earlier.

Eligibility to sit the final examination

- Continuous Assessment Mark (CAM) is computed based on the two Continuous Assessment Tests (NBT 1 & NBT 2) and the Practical Assessment as follows:

$$\text{CAM} = 50\% \text{ better NBT mark} + 20\% \text{ other NBT mark} + 30\% \text{ Practical Assessment Mark (PAM)}$$

- In order to be eligible to sit the final examination, you must satisfy **all three criteria** below:
 - Attendance on all days of the practical session.
 - PAM should be 30% or more.
 - CAM should be 35% or more.

Final Examination

- Final examination will be held at the end of the 2nd semester and paper will consist of two parts. The duration of the paper will be three hours.
 - Part A** – Structured Essay – Compulsory
 - Part B** – 3 Essay questions to be answered out of 4 optional-Essay type questions

- The Overall Mark (OVM) will be computed based on both the CAM and Final Examination Mark (FEM).

$$\text{OVM} = 50\% \text{ of FEM} + 50\% \text{ of CAM}$$

ZooNet Award for ZYU4300 will be awarded to the student who scores the highest Overall Mark and an A Grade at the Final Exam (provided he/she has sat the final exam in the year of obtaining eligibility).

GOOD LUCK!

Senior Coordinator- ZYU4300