

MSc in BIODIVERSITY CONSERVATION, DEPARTMENT of BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES, UNIVERSITY OF CYRPUS

TABLE 2: Course distribution per semester

A/A	Course Type	Course Name	Course Code	Periods per week	Period duration (hours)	Number of weeks/ Academic semester	Total hours/ Academic semester	Number of ECTS
Semester 1								
1.	Compulsory	Biological Data Analysis	BIO 616	2	2 2	13	52	10
2.	Compulsory	Postgraduate Seminar Series I (MSc)	BIO 806	1	1	11	11	0
3.	Compulsory	Soft Skills	BIO 615	1	2	13	26	2.5
4.	Compulsory	Conservation in practice	BIO 873	1	2	13	26	2.5
5.	Restricted Elective	Selection from a list of Courses in Annex 1		3	1.5 1.5 1	13	52	7.5
6.	Restricted Elective	Selection from a list of Courses in Annex 1		3	1.5 1.5 1	13	52	7.5

Semester 2

7.	Compulsory	Postgraduate Seminar Series II (MSc)	BIO 807	1	1	11	11	0
8.	Restricted Elective	Selection from a list of Courses in Annex 1		3	1.5 1.5 1	13	52	7.5
9.	Restricted Elective	Selection from a list of Courses in Annex 1		3	1.5 1.5 1	13	52	7.5
10.	Restricted Elective	Selection from a list of Courses in Annex 1		3	1.5 1.5 1	13	52	7.5
11.	Restricted Elective	Selection from a list of Courses in Annex 1		3	1.5 1.5 1	13	52	7.5

Semester 3 (Option I)

12.	Compulsory (research-based thesis)	Master Research Dissertation in Biodiversity and Ecology	BIO 831	N/A	N/A	13	N/A	30
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Semester 3 (Option II)

12.	Compulsory (literature-based thesis)	Scientific Methodology in Biodiversity Conservation	BIO 681	N/A	N/A	13	N/A	15
13.	Restricted Elective	Selection from a list of Courses in Annex 1		3	1.5 1.5 1	13	52	7.5
14.	Restricted Elective	Selection from a list of Courses in Annex 1		3	1.5 1.5 1	13	52	7.5

Note on data analysis and computational skills

BIO 616 Biological Data Analysis is a new compulsory postgraduate course offered to provide advanced data analysis skills to students. In addition, the students can advance their knowledge on computational tools, coding and systems biology through the **BIO 621 Computational and Systems Biology** postgraduate course that is offered as elective to the MSc programme in Biodiversity Conservation and the PhD programme in Biodiversity and Ecology.