Course code								
Type and description	Elective Course							
ECTS credit	1							
Course name	Ecotoxicological assessment of chemicals and materials							
Course name in Polish	Ocena ekotoksykologiczna substancji chemicznych i materiałów							
Language of instruction	English							
Course level	8 PRK							
Course coordinator	Ewa Liwarska-Bizukojć							
Course instructors	Ewa Liwarska-Bizukojć							
Delivery methods and course duration		Lecture	Tutorials	Laboratory	Project	Seminar	Other	Total of teaching hours during semester
	Contact hours	0	0	0	15	0	0	15
	E-learning	No	No	No	No	No	No	
	Assessment criteria (weightage)	0,00					0,00	
Course objective	 Acquiring knowledge about fate of pollutants in the environment and their effect on living creatures. Acquiring knowledge about testing of ecotoxicity. Acquiring knowledge regarding preparation of the protocol of ecotoxicity assessment. 							
Learning outcomes	Having completed the course student can:							
	Describe the fate and transformation of pollutants in the environment and their effect on biota (W4, K1)							
	2. Characterise bioindicators, endpoints and types of ecotoxicity tests (W4, U4, K1)							
	3. Apply the knowledge to prepare the protocol of ecotoxicity assessment (U4, K1)							
Assessment methods	U4, K1 – project seminar presentation							
	W4,, U4, K1 – project (written protocol)							
	W4, K1 - discussion							
	The final grade:							
	Project (written protocol) - 60%							
	Presentation - 30%							
	Discussion – 10%							
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Prerequisites						
Course content with delivery methods	INTRODUCTION TO THE PROJECT					
delivery methods	Major groups of pollutants and their fate in the environment.					
	2. Effect of pollutants on organisms. Testing for ecotoxicity.					
	3. Bioindicators and endpoints used ecotoxicity tests. Ecotoxicity vs. risk assessment.					
	PROJECT					
	The aim of the project is to prepare the protocol of ecotoxicity assessment for the selected chemical or material (defined type of waste or wastewater). The main stages of the project are as follows: (a) data collection; (b) characterisation of the studied object (e.g. chemical, wastewater) and its effect on organisms - identification of gaps in available ecotoxicity data; (c) discussion in the classes; (d) preparation of the written protocol and its presentation in the classes.					
Basic reference materials	1. Newman M.C. (2019) Fundamentals of Ecotoxicology. The science of pollution. 5th ed. CRC Press; ISBN 9780815354024					
	2. Sparling D. W. (2017) Basics of ecotoxicology. 1st ed. CRC Press, ISBN 9781138031715					
	3. Begum G. (2012) Ecotoxicology. InTech, ISBN 978-953-51-0027-0					
Other reference materials	Bharagava R. m. (Ed.) (2019) Environmental Contaminants: Ecological Implications and Management. Springer Nature Singapore Pte Ltd., ISBN 978-981-13-7903-1					
Average student workload outside classroom	10 h					
Comments	Not applicable					
Last update	26.04.2023					