

MSc BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES 2026-2027

TRACK EVOLUTION OF BEHAVIOUR AND MIND (TC Annemie Ploeger, selection)

Period of Studies on the field of Evolutionary Biology, Ecology, and Conservation																
Period 1			Period 2		Period 3	Period 4		Period 5		Period 6	Holiday					
September		October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August				
Research variant	Year 1	Current Trends in Evolution of Behaviour and Mind	Elective courses 0-18 EC			Research Project 1 (30-60 EC, its size depending on the amount of elective courses) or Literature Review (12 EC)					If the summer months are used for the study, students take their holidays earlier					
		Ecological Data Analysis (VU)											Optional early start of Research Project 1 or Literature Review-->			
		Masterclasses in Evolution of Behaviour and Mind (3 EC)														
		Professional Skills (3 EC)														
	Year 2	Research Project 2 (30-60 EC) and Literature Review (12 EC, if not done in year 1)														
		If not done in year 1: Elective courses and/or Professional Skills modules														
	Major variant	Year 1	Current Trends in Evolution of Behaviour and Mind	Research Project 1 (30 EC) and Literature Review (12 EC)								If the summer months are used for the study, students take their holidays earlier				
Ecological Data Analysis (VU)																
Masterclasses in Evolution of Behaviour and Mind (3 EC)																
Professional Skills (3 EC)																
Year 2		Major Teaching or Big Biomedical Data Analysis (60 EC)														
Minor variant	Year 1	Current Trends in Evolution of Behaviour and Mind	Research Project 1 (30 EC) and Literature Review (12 EC)								If the summer months are used for the study, students take their holidays earlier					
		Ecological Data Analysis (VU)														
		Masterclasses in Evolution of Behaviour and Mind (3 EC)														
		Professional Skills (3 EC)														
	Year 2	Research Project 2 (30 EC)				Minor Collective Futures (30 EC)										

NB: All courses are 6 EC, unless otherwise indicated

Darker colors mean obligatory curriculum elements

Lighter colors mean elective or free curriculum elements

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