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Master's Programme in Ecology

www.prf.jcu.cz/ecology

application deadline: 18 May (study start: September 2021)

A new 2 year **Master's study programme in Ecology** has started at the University of South Bohemia in 2019, with the admission of students at each semester. The programme extends a successful Quantitative Ecology Module (botanika.prf.jcu.cz/quantecol) lead by Professor Jan Lepš, since 2011.

Students will be trained in **modern ecology research**. The courses are focused on ecological theory and analysis as well as interpretation of ecological data using **modern computational approaches**.

Strong **emphasis is laid on the students' own research**; almost half of credits is awarded for a research project which is conducted throughout the entire two years of study and is the basis of the Master Thesis. The best **projects will likely get published with the student as the first author**. The lecturers and Thesis supervisors lead high-quality research, often in close collaboration with Biology Centre of the Czech Academy of Sciences. Groups involved include David Boukal, Francesco de Bello, Jan Hrček, Jan Lepš, Vojtěch Novotný, Karel Prach, Petr Šmilauer and many others.

Students will develop their critical thinking, acquire strong statistical foundations, excellent field skills, learn how to present their research and how to write successful grants. **Graduates will be ready to pursue a PhD in Ecology** at any university around the world. Last but not least, several field trips and practical nature-conservation courses are included, in the broad graduate's profile.

Outline: **Two application deadlines per year: 18 May 2021** (study start: September 2021) or 31 October 2021 (start in February 2022), Study duration: 2 years, Study fee: 20 EUR per year.

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