FACULTAD DE CIENCIAS

CURSO DE POSTGRADO

Nombre del curso	**Ecología Evolutiva del Comportamiento - 2023**
Tipo de curso (Obligatorio, Electivo, Seminario)	Electivo
N° de horas totales (Presenciales + No presenciales)	40 + 40
N° de Créditos	6
Fecha de Inicio – Término	Martes 23 de Marzo – Martes 6 de Julio
Días / Horario	Martes, 9:30 – 12:30 ; 14:30-17:30
Lugar donde se imparte	Sala de Postgrado, edificio Aulario, costado sur-oeste de edificio G.
Profesor Coordinador del curso	Rodrigo A. Vásquez
Profesores Colaboradores o Invitados	Camila Villavicencio, Nelson Velasquez, Juan Rivero de Aguilar
Descripción del curso	Este curso aborda aspectos evolutivos y mecanísticos en el estudio del comportamiento animal. Se discuten aproximaciones clásicas en Etología y Psicología Experimental, y se revisan las tendencias actuales, tanto mecanicistas como adaptacionistas. La mayor parte del curso aborda aspectos evolutivos y ecológicos en el estudio del comportamiento animal, enfatizando el valor adaptativo y el contexto ecológico de las conductas. Preguntas acerca de la historia evolutiva, desarrollo, mecanismos y valor adaptativo de las conductas son revisadas a la luz de evidencias teóricas y empíricas recientes. Se incluyen aspectos desarrollados para diversos taxa y herramientas analíticas como optimización y teoría de juegos. El curso abarca conceptos y teorías desarrollados a partir de otras disciplinas, incluyendo Biología Evolutiva, Fisiología, Genética, y Psicología comparada, entre otras.
Objetivos	Los estudiantes deberán lograr un conocimiento amplio de las tendencias actuales en investigaciones sobre Ecología del Comportamiento. Aprenderán a desarrollar modelos propios y a generar preguntas, profundizando un área específica. Además, los estudiantes deberán hacer presentaciones orales sobre trabajos científicos.
Contenidos	1. Introducción a la Biología del Comportamiento. Preguntas y aproximaciones. 2. Conceptos fundamentales en Biología del Comportamiento y Ecología del Comportamiento. 3. Evolución, adaptaciones conductuales y bases hereditarias de la conducta. Selección frecuencia-dependiente. 4. Obtención y uso de recursos. Uso del tiempo y la energía. 5. Toma de decisiones. Teoría de forrajeo. Optimización. Conductas frecuencia-dependientes. Teoría de juegos.

	6. Bases endocrinológicas del comportamiento 7. Selección sexual. Perspectivas funcionales y filogenéticas. Selección sexual y cuidado parental. 8. Sistemas de apareamiento. Dimorfismo sexual. 9. Comunicación animal. Tipos de Comunicación Animal. Relación estructural entre señal y receptor. 10. Evolución de las señales. El ambiente y sus influencias. 11. Defensas anti-depredatorias. Defensas individuales y sociales. Cooperación y conductas sociales no ligadas a parentesco. 12. Conducta y parasitismo. Parasitismo de nidada. Influencia de parásitos sobre el comportamiento. 13. Conductas sociales y selección de parentesco. Adecuación inclusiva. Reconocimiento de Parentesco. Nepotismo y evitación de endogamia. 14. Comportamiento humano, cultura y evolución.
Modalidad de evaluación	(a) Prueba 1 (35 %), (b) Prueba 2 (35 %) y (c) presentación de artículos (30 %, en 2 sesiones de seminarios, i.e., 15% c/u).
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