

Doctoral Study Programme Conservation Biology

Why Conservation Biology

The **doctoral study programme** trains students to conduct independent scientific work in the field of **conservation of species and their natural environment**. During the program, students learn **multidisciplinary approaches** to the conservation and restoration of **biodiversity and ecosystem services**. The close collaboration between the PhD student and the mentor will enable the student to eventually establish themselves in the **Slovenian and international scientific community**. During their studies, students will also acquire skills in appropriate scientific communication with the public about human impacts on populations, species, communities, ecosystems, and the biosphere, as well as appropriate skills for environmental policy-making.



Modern
equipment



Laboratory and
fieldwork research



Networking



International
exchanges



Recognized
lecturers and
scientists

General information

Duration: 4 years (8 semesters)

Mode of study: part-time

Language of study: Slovene, English

Degree awarded: "doktor znanosti / doktorica znanosti"
equivalent to a PhD - Doctorate of Philosophy

Location: Izola

Admission requirements: Completed Master's degree (second cycle) (More about the requirements on: www.famnit.upr.si)

Benefits of the study at UP FAMNIT?

- The programme is **tailored for each student individually**
- Programme provides practical **multidisciplinary approaches** to the conservation and restoration of biodiversity and ecosystem services
- **Modern laboratories** in the **Livade 1.0 building in Izola**
- **Nationally and internationally recognized** lecturers and scientists
- Study in a pleasant **Mediterranean environment**

My **career** opportunities

- At the universities,
- public and private research institutions,
- non-governmental organizations in the field of nature conservation,
- private companies.

The doctoral study programme Conservation Biology trains experts who are able to conduct research in national and international settings. It provides guidelines for nature protection in a critical time of biodiversity crisis, contributing directly to solving the most important challenges of our time.

What do **professors** think about the programme?

Course **structure**

1st year

Seminar

Research Methodology

Individual research work 1

Internal elective courses

2nd year

Preparation of doctoral dissertation topic

Individual research work 2

Internal elective courses

3rd year

Individual research work 3

4th year

Individual research work 4

Individual research work - preparation and defense of doctoral dissertation

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Our PhD program offers the opportunity to dive deep into the field and contribute to the conservation of biodiversity and ecosystems in one of the biodiversity hotspots - the Mediterranean Basin - but also globally. It addresses the pressing global challenges such as climate change and habitat loss. In addition, it provides a platform for interdisciplinary research, fosters collaboration with experts from diverse fields, and enables the development of innovative solutions for sustainable conservation practices.

Assoc. Prof. Vladimir Ivović, coordinator of the programme



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