## UCL Université catholique de Louvain UDIVERSITÉ 2013-2014 Biologie animale - biologie comparée des vertébrés

4.0 credits

45.0 h + 15.0 h

1+2q

Teacher(s) :	Gofflot Françoise ; Knoops Bernard ;
Language :	Français
Place of the course	Louvain-la-Neuve
Main themes :	Module A - Biology of Invertebrates (7.5 ECTS) - The concept of biodiversity will be approached by examining the major organisation plans during the evolution of Invertebrates. The BIR students will follow 3 ECTS. On the same basis, the BIOL students (7.5 ECTS) will receive a larger vision by analysing the evolutionary radiation within these plans. The notions included in this first part will be generalised in a global approach of the evolution mechanisms and the principles of systematics.
	Module B - Comparative biology of Vertebrates (3 ECTS) - The elements of comparative anatomy of Vertebrates are the logical sequence after the part devoted to Invertabrates. The influence of the biosphere on the general evolution of Vertebrates will be studied. Then, the structure-function relationship will be examined in the different classes of existing vertebrates. The evolutionary adaptation will be shown in the organ systems. A part of the course will deal with hominisation. For the BIOL students (3 ECTS), other aspects such as the functional structures of skeletal and nervous systems as well as practice will be developed. In particular the nervous system will illustrate the complex level of organisation in the organism structure. For that purpose, it will be used as an object for both studying the levels of interactions between cell populations and placing these relations into an environmental and evolutionary context. The volume available to BIR students is 1 ECTS.
	Module C Thorough study of a question in animal biology by means of problem based learning (1.5 ECTS) - For BIOL students, the evolutionary or functional dimension in Invertebrates will be elaborated. For BIR students (1 ECTS), the problem will be related to the cell physiology by analysing mechanisms controlling the specialisation and adaptation of cells. These notions will be applied to questions such as the regulation of cellular proliferation and differentiation, membrane transport, motility, excitability,
Aims :	To establish a general scheme of the object, starting from observation. If the scheme reveals to be not applicable, to conceive new observations and hypotheses. To treat the information, structure and synthesise it, and to criticise this approach. To encounter the biological diversity of Invertebrates in an evolutionary perspective and to define the acquisitions of the different evolutionary steps to the process of life expression. To apprehend the specific modalities of nervous functioning in relation to the general activities of the organism. The contribution of this Teaching Unit to the development and command of the skills and learning outcomes of the programme(s) can be accessed at the end of this sheet, in the section entitled "Programmes/courses offering this Teaching Unit".
Cycle and year of study :	<ul> <li>Bachelor in Information and Communication</li> <li>Bachelor in Philosophy</li> <li>Bachelor in Pharmacy</li> <li>Bachelor in Economics and Management</li> <li>Bachelor in Motor skills : General</li> <li>Bachelor in Human and Social Sciences</li> <li>Bachelor in Sociology and Anthropology</li> <li>Bachelor in Political Sciences: General</li> <li>Bachelor in History of Art and Archaeology : General</li> <li>Bachelor in Mathematics</li> <li>Bachelor in History</li> <li>Bachelor in Biomedicine</li> <li>Bachelor in Religious Studies</li> <li>Bachelor in Biology</li> </ul>
Faculty or entity in charge:	BIOL