Curriculum and Module Description

Master study programme Forest Information Technology

The present curriculum characterizes sequence and content of the International Master Study Programme Forest Information Technology (M.Sc.) at the Faculty of Forest and Environment of the University of Applied Sciences, Eberswalde (UASE) in Germany and the Faculty of Forestry of the Warsaw University of Life Science (WULS) in Poland. The study programme consists of four semesters and is divided into mandatory and elective modules. Assignment rules for elective modules are as follows:

Elective modules open to students from different semesters can be selected only once. If the number of applicants for elective modules exceeds the number of available places, priority is given to students from lower semesters. 10% of the places can be assigned according to criteria defined by the lecturer. Registration and selection procedure of the elective modules are accomplished by the head of the study programme at the end of the lecture period of the previous semester (exception: selection procedure for first and fourth semester will be accomplished during the first week of the corresponding semester).

In order to achieve not only the Master of Science degree from UASE but also from WULS, students are obliged to choose one elective module from each of the two marked groups (A [Principles of Landscape Ecology, Forest Ecology, Landscape Systems Analysis] and B [Sustainable Forest Management, Forest Monitoring, Forest Inventory, Forest Mensuration, Forest Productivity, Forest Ecosystem Modelling, Introduction to Ecosystem Modelling]) during the whole study period. Specific advice will be given by the responsible programme coordinator. All other specific requirements for the selection of modules are determined in the corresponding module description.

Semester: 1 Mandatory

Semester. I	Manuatory						
Data analysis and mar	nagement I	CR: 6	EF: WE 1	80			
Module components	Goal		SWH	TF	TL	EF	CR
Database management	Students know theoretical fundamentals of databases and are able to plan and to implement databases and to retrieve data from databases using various software tools.		2	L, PE	E	WE 90	3
Statistics I	Students know selected descriptive and analytical statistical methods and are enabled to accomplish environmental data analyses.		2	L, PE	E	WE 90	3
Fundamentals of prog	ramming	CR: 3	EF: WR				
Module components	Goal		SWH	TF	TL	EF	CR
Programming I	Students understand the theoretical fundamentals of computer programming and are able to create application programs of limited extent and function in a systematic way using an object-oriented programming language.		2	L, PE, S	E	WR	3
Geomatics I		CR: 9	EF: PP, P	R			
Module components	Goal		SWH	TF	TL	EF	CR
Geographic information systems I	Students know theoretical fundamentals of Geographic Information Systems (GIS) and are enabled to use GIS for various purposes of natural resources management.		4	L, PE, S	E	PP	6
Remote sensing	Students know theoretical fundamentals and are enabled to use remote sensing as one of forest and environment monitoring tools.		2	L, PE, P	E	PR	3

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L	S	PE	Т	Р	TD	PP	OR	WE	TP	P	WR	PR

Semester: 1	Elective						
Computer science and tec	hnology	CR: 4	EF: TD 20)			
Module components	Goal		SWH	TF	TL	EF	CR
Computer science and technology	Students know topical fundamentals of computer science and technology including current computer hardware and possess practical skills using different computer environments and operating systems.		3	L, PE	E	TD 20	4
Ecosystem modelling (B)		CR: 4	EF: TD 20)			
Module components	Goal		SWH	TF	TL	EF	CR
Ecosystem modelling (B)	Students have a principal understanding of notion and approach of ecosystem modelling and have basic practical skills to plan, develop and apply models of ecosystem related target areas.		3	L, PE, S	E	TD 20	4
German culture and langua	age	CR: 2	EF: TD 20				
Module components	Goal		SWH	TF	TL	EF	CR
German culture and language	Students know the fundamentals of the current German society and are able to apply German language in everyday situations.		3	PE, S	G, E	TD 20	4
Landscape systems analys	sis (A)	CR: 4	EF: TD 20				
Module components	Goal		SWH	TF	TL	EF	CR
Landscape systems analysis (A)	Students are enabled to understand concepts, principles and methods of landscape systems analysis and are trained to select and to apply different quantitative methods of landscape systems analysis for varying targets.		3	L, PE, S	E	TD 20	4
Project planning and mana	agement	CR: 4	EF: PP, P	R			
Module components	Goal		SWH	TF	TL	EF	CR
Project planning and management	Students are acquintad with methods of project planning and management and are able to apply these methods in practice.		3	L, P	E	PP (50%) PR (50%)	4
Scientific writing and pres	enting	CR: 4	EF: PP, T	Р			
Module components	Goal		SWH	TF	TL	EF	CR
Scientific writing and presenting	Students know the fundamentals of effective scientific writing and oral presenting.		3	PE, S	E	TP (50%) PP (50%)	4
Specialisation module I (C applications)	urrent technologies and	CR:	EF:				
Module components	Goal		SWH	TF	TL	EF	CR
Specialisation module I (Current technologies and applications)	Students become acquainted with current developments of IT and their applications in forestry and environment related areas.		3	L, PE, S	E		4

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Semester: 2 Mandatory

Data analysis and mana	gement II	CR: 6	EF: PR 2	n WF 90			
Module components	Goal	OIV. U	SWH	TF	TL	EF	CR
Programming II	Students are able to develop application programmes of increased extend using the object oriented programming approach.		2	L, PE, P	E	PR 20	3
Statistics II	The main objective of the course is to introduce the use of the statistical programming environment for practical statistical problem solving.		2	L, PE, S	E	WE 90	3
Geomatics II		CR: 6	EF: PR, V	VE 90			
Module components	Goal		SWH	TF	TL	EF	CR
Forest photogrammetry	The main objective of the course is to introduce the use of Photogrammetry and other related tools in solving of various forestry-related problems.		2	L, PE, P, S	E	WE 90	3
Geographic information systems II	The main objective of the module is to introduce the use of GIS and GPS in solving of various forestry-related problems.		2	L, PE, S	E	PR	3
Operational forestry I		CR: 6	EF: TD 2	0, WE 90			
Module components	Goal		SWH	TF	TL	EF	CR
Close-to-nature silviculture and nature conservation	The objective of this module is to develop an understanding of major principles of close-to-nature silviculture determining its role in the sustainable forest resource management and multifunctional forestry.		2	L, PE	E	WE 45	3
Forest utilization	Students are able to recognize wood of the most important European tree species. Further they gain knowledge about wood properties, wood processing, industry and forest resources.		2	L, PE, T	E	TD 20 (10%) WE 45 (90%)	3

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Semester: 2	Elective						
Digital processing of remo	otely sensed data	CR: 4	EF: PR				
Module components	Goal		SWH	TF	TL	EF	CR
Digital processing of remotely sensed data	The main objective of the course is to provide students with the ability of processing remotely sensed data for forestry and environmental purposes.		3	L, PE	Е	PR	4
Forest ecology (A)		CR: 4	EF: WE 9	0			
Module components	Goal		SWH	TF	TL	EF	CR
Forest ecology (A)	Students are able to analyse processes in forests and of interactions between processes and external influences for practical purposes.		3	L, PE, S	E	WE 90	4
Forest information system	ns	CR: 4	EF: PR				
Module components	Goal		SWH	TF	TL	EF	CR
Forest information systems	The main objective of the course is to introduce students to a wide range of topics in nowadays forest ecosystem management, information systems architecture and their use in forest ecosystems management. Students will know the utility of various information systems for forestry data analyses and will be able to apply them for solving problems related to forestry and natural environment.		3	PE, P, S	E	PR	4
Polish culture and language	ge	CR: 4	EF: TD 20	0			
Module components	Goal		SWH	TF	TL	EF	CR
Polish culture and language	Students know the fundamentals of the current Polish society and are able to apply Polish language in everyday situations.		3	PE, S	E	TD 20	4
Social and market survey	methods	CR: 4	EF: WE 9	0			
Module components	Goal		SWH	TF	TL	EF	CR
Social and market survey methods	Students understand basics of social and market surveys, know tools and methods for social and market surveys, and are able to design and elaborate surveys.		3	L, S	E	WE 90	4
Spatial analysis		CR: 4	EF: PP				
Module components	Goal		SWH	TF	TL	EF	CR
Spatial analysis	To introduce students to wide range of topics regarding spatial analyses; develop students' abilities to choose adequate analysis and successfully process and analyze spatial data and information about environmental objects and processes		3	PE, S	E	PP	4
Specialisation modul II (Coapplications)	urrent technologies and	CR:	EF:				
Module components	Goal		SWH	TF	TL	EF	CR
Specialisation modul II (Current technologies and applications)	Students become acquainted with current developments of IT and their applications in forestry and environment related areas.		3		Е		4

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Semester: 2 Elective

Sustainable forest ma	nagement (B)	CR: 4	EF: TD 20	0			
Module components	Goal		SWH	TF	TL	EF	CR
Sustainable forest management (B)	Students are able to use various sources of information and different techniquess to prepare management plans and are able to analyze the impact of various management scenarios on forest structure.		3	L, PE, P, S	E	TD 20	4

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L	S	PE	Т	P	TD	PP	OR	WE	TP	Р	WR	PR

Semester: 3 Mandatory

Operational forestry II		CR: 6	EF: PP,	WR, WE	90		
Module components	Goal		SWH	TF	TL	EF	CR
Forest policy	Students can apply fundamentals of modern Forest policy in practice.		3	L, PE, S	Е	PP	3
Forest technology and engineering	Students are able to manage the sustainable use of forest resources by using new technologies, optimization and planning techniques.		3	L, PE, P	E	WR (25%) WE 90 (75%)	3
Research project		CR: 12	EF: PR				
Module components	Goal		SWH	TF	TL	EF	CR
Research project	Students are enabled to plan and accomplish a research project of moderate size and have consolidated their graduate profession empowering competences.			Р	E	PR	12
Scientific internet colloqu	uium	CR: 4	EF: TP				
Module components	Goal		SWH	TF	TL	EF	CR
Scientific internet colloquium	Students are able to open new areas of IT applications, extend and manifest abilities for accomplishing scientific work incl. writing and reviewing scientific papers.		3	S	Е	TP	4

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L	S	PE	Т	Р	TD	TD PP OR WE TP P WR						PR

Semester:	3	Elective

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Administration and mana	ngement in forestry	CR: 4	EF: WR				
Module components	Goal		SWH	TF	TL	EF	CR
Administration and management in forestry	The objective of the course is to develop knowledge about specific forest management processes and to reflect their importance for the competitive position and growth of forest businesses. Students will know how to use some analytical tools helpful in solving economic problems in forestry. The influence of non-timber forest functions on the financial results of forest businesses will also be analyzed and discussed.		3	L, PE, P	E	WR	4
Ecosystem modelling (B)		CR: 4	EF: TD 20)			
Module components	Goal		SWH	TF	TL	EF	CR
Ecosystem modelling (B)	Students have a principal understanding of notion and approach of ecosystem modelling and have basic practical skills to plan, develop and apply models of ecosystem related target areas.		3	L, PE, S	E	TD 20	4
Forest biometry		CR: 4	EF: PR, T	D 20			
Module components	Goal		SWH	TF	TL	EF	CR
Forest biometry	The main objective of the course is to introduce to theoretical foundations of forest measurements, use of principles and techniques for evaluating and monitoring forest growth and yield in various methods.		3	L, P, S	E	PR (50%) TD 20 (50%)	4
Forest decision support	systems	CR: 4	EF: PR				
Module components	Goal		SWH	TF	TL	EF	CR
Forest decision support systems	Students know the growth dynamics of trees and forest stands and are able to use various growth models and Forest Decision Support Systems to derive and support decisions.		3	L, S	E	PR	4
Geographic information sprotection	systems and remote sensing in forest	CR: 4	EF: OR, 1	TD 20			
Module components	Goal		SWH	TF	TL	EF	CR
Geographic information systems and remote sensing in forest protection	Students are enabled to use remote sensing and geographic information system in different applications related to forest protection.		3	S	E	TD 20 (50%) OR (50%)	4
Internet programming		CR: 4	EF: PR				
Module components	Goal		SWH	TF	TL	EF	CR
Internet programming	Students know the potentials of the Internet as source and target of various forest and environmental information and are able to develop static and dynamic websites.		3	PE, P, S	Е	PR	4

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Semester: 3	Elective						
Landscape systems anal	lysis (A)	CR: 4	EF: TD 2	0			
Module components	Goal		SWH	TF	TL	EF	CR
Landscape systems analysis (A)	Students are enabled to understand concepts, principles and methods of landscape systems analysis and are trained to select and to apply different quantitative methods of landscape systems analysis for varying targets.		3	L, PE, S	E	TD 20	4
Non-wood forest product	ts and services	CR: 4	EF: WR,	WE 90			
Module components	Goal		SWH	TF	TL	EF	CR
Non-wood forest products and services	The main objective of the course is to present forest as a source of various non-wood forest products as well as problems of estimation of non-wood forest resources, its utilization, market and law instruments.		3	L, PE	E	WE 90 (50%) WR (50%)	4
Principles of landscape e	ecology (A)	CR: 4	EF: PR				
Module components	Goal		SWH	TF	TL	EF	CR
Principles of landscape ecology (A)	Students have an understanding of landscape processes and skills of improvement of functioning of disturbed landscapes.		3	L, P, S	E	PR	4
Programming III		CR: 4	EF: WR				
Module components	Goal		SWH	TF	TL	EF	CR
Programming III	Students are enabled to use methods of object oriented programming with ArcObjects, Visual Basic and Visual Basic for Applications, to extend ArcGIS Desktop applications and to programmativally access Database systems.		3	L, PE, S	E	WR	4
Project planning and mai	nagement	CR: 4	EF: PP, F	PR			
Module components	Goal		SWH	TF	TL	EF	CR
Project planning and management	Students are acquintad with methods of project planning and management and are able to apply these methods in practice.		3	L, P	E	PP (50%) PR (50%)	4
Scientific writing and pre	esenting	CR: 4	EF: PP, 1	ГР			
Module components	Goal		SWH	TF	TL	EF	CR
Scientific writing and presenting	Students know the fundamentals of effective scientific writing and oral presenting.		3	PE, S	E	TP (50%) PP (50%)	4

		Teaching form (TF)				Examination form (EF)							
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L	S	PE	Т	Р	TD	PP	OR	WE	TP	Р	WR	PR	

Semester: 3 Elective

Specialisation modul III applications)	e (Current technologies and	CR: 4	EF:				
Module components	Goal		SWH	TF	TL	EF	CR
Specialisation modul IIIe (Current technologies and applications)	Students become acquainted with current developments of IT and their applications in forestry and environment related areas.		3	S	E		4
Specialisation modul III applications)	w (Current technologies and	CR: 4	EF:				
Module components	Goal		SWH	TF	TL	EF	CR
Specialisation modul IIIw (Current technologies and applications)	Students become acquainted with current developments of IT and their applications in forestry and environment related areas.		3	S	E		4
Tree ring analysis		CR: 4	EF: PR, W	/E 60			
Module components	Goal		SWH	TF	TL	EF	CR
Tree ring analysis	Students are able to conduct research based on tree-ring data and have an extended understanding of past responses of tree growth to environmental variability and prediction of forest responses to change of environment in the future.		3	PE, S	E	PR (40%) WE 60 (60%)	4

		Teaching form (TF)			Examination form (EF)							
Lecture Seminar		Practical Exercise	Tutorial	Project	Technical discussion	Project presentation	Oral report	Written exam	Term paper	Protocol	Work report	Project report
L	S	PE	Т	Р	TD	PP	OR	WE	TP	P	WR	PR

Semester: 4 Mandatory

Master thesis and defen	ce	CR: 20	EF: PP, P	R, TD 1	5		
Module components	Goal		SWH	TF	TL	EF	CR
Defence	Students present individual research results as academic personalities.				E	PP (25%) TD 15 (25%)	
Master thesis	Students obtain own research results while solving an IT application related design or discussing a scientific problem.			Р	E	PR (50%)	
Student research colloq	uium	CR: 4	EF: PP				
Module components	Goal		SWH	TF	TL	EF	CR
Student research colloquium	Students extend and strengthen abilities to carry out scientific work and develop and manifest skills to evaluate and communicate results of this work.		3	S	E	PP	4

		Teaching form (TF)				Examination form (EF)							
Lecture	ecture Seminar Practical Exercise Tutorial		Tutorial	Project	Technical discussion	Project presentation	Oral report	Written exam	Term paper	Protocol	Work report	Project report	
L	S	PE	Т	Р	TD	PP	OR	WE	TP	Р	WR	PR	

Semester: 4	Elective											
Environmental data analys	sis					CR: 6	E	F: PR				
Module components	Goal							SWH	TF	TL	EF	CR
Environmental data analysis	are able to pre-process	s, compile	amentals of analyzing no e and analyze large struc are able to apply relat	tured and unstructured	environmental	data		4	L, PE, S	E	PR	6
Forest inventory and mode	elling (B)					CR: 6	E	F: PR, \	NE 90			
Module components	Goal							SWH	TF	TL	EF	CR
Forest inventory and modelling (B)	Students are able to applanning and evaluating		ened knowledge of the s ries.	tatistical fundamentals (of forest invento	ory for		4	L, P, S	E	WE 90 (50%) PR (50%)	6
Remote sensing for enviro	onmental monitorin	ng				CR: 6	E	F: TD 2	0			
Module components	Goal							SWH	TF	TL	EF	CR
Remote sensing for environmental monitoring	Students are able to se techniques with a land		n fields and apply possib plogical approach.	le practical application c	f remote sensi	ng		4	L, S	E	TD 20	6
Remote sensing for global	l monitoring					CR: 6	E	F: PR				
Module components	Goal							SWH	TF	TL	EF	CR
Remote sensing for global monitoring			mote Sensing (RS) and plications related to pher			for		4	L, S	E	PR	6
Specialisation modul IVe (applications)	Current technolog	ies and	I			CR: 6	E	F:				
Module components	Goal							SWH	TF	TL	EF	CR
Specialisation modul IVe (Current technologies and applications)	Students become acquenvironment related ar		ith current developments	of IT and their applicati	ons in forestry	and		4	S	E		6
Specialisation modul IVw applications)	(Current technolog	gies and	d			CR: 6	; E	F:				
Module components	Goal							SWH	TF	TL	EF	CR
Specialisation modul IVw (Current technologies and applications)	Students become acquenvironment related ar		ith current developments	of IT and their applicati	ons in forestry	and		4	S	E		6
Web databases						CR: 6	E	F: PR				
Module components	Goal							SWH	TF	TL	EF	CR
Web databases	Students know the the Internet based database		indamentals and posses	s the practical skills to d	esign and to in	nplement		4	L, PE, S	E	PR	6
Teaching for	·m (TF)					Examination form (EF)					
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