

Environmental Case Studies in Europe (ECSE 2010) Wetland Water Management, Biebrza, Poland

The 7th ECSE summer school will be held from 27th June to 10th July 2010 and hosted by the Warsaw University of Life Sciences (WULS), Poland. Two weeks of home e-learning studies is followed by two weeks field course in the Biebrza valley, located in north-east Poland. A general background in environmental science including insight in hydrology, soil, water and water resources management, ecology, botany, zoology related to nature conservation is recommended. The course is aimed at students finalizing their BSc or starting up their MSc programme. Staff from WULS, other ELLS universities and representatives from administration and National Park will act as teachers and instructors.

Objectives

- To apply environmental science theories to problems observed in the field
- To get insight into different types of wetland habitats and conditions, dominating processes, interaction between main components such as soil, water and vegetation (entailing its impact on the avifauna), anthropogenic impacts and their environmental effects, environmental management policies and strategies
- To experience the management of natural resources, especially water and wetlands
- To learn tools for collecting, processing and interpreting environmental data
- To draw on different expertises for problems solving in a group of students of different nationalities and with different backgrounds
- To use intensive e-learning as integrated tool for the two weeks preparation to the field course



Practicalities

ECSE (7,5 ECTS) is in English and includes:

- Pre-course e-learning (approx. 25 hrs) is started with a videoconference 10th May 2010 for introduction
- Two weeks intensive e-learning (60 hrs) study from home university, starting with 2nd videoconference 7th June 2010
- Two weeks field course in Poland 27th June – 10th July 2010. Venues are Warsaw and the Biebrza valley.

Deadline for application: 1 March 2010

ECSE is planned for 28 students. Application form should be send to the ECSE coordinator at the home university. For questions contact your local coordinator or the course leaders at WULS:

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Application form and further information:

http://www.euroleague-study.org/en/programs/intensive/environmental_case_studies.php

This is a course supported by Erasmus Life-Long Learning program of the EU commission. The accommodation and food is paid for and only a registration fee of **100 euro** is required.