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Re: Welcome to your first summer semester at our university!

Dear Students,

On behalf of the Department of Biology, I would like to congratulate you on your admission to the Master's program in Biodiversity, Ecology and Evolution (M.Sc. BEE) at the University of Greifswald.

Clearly with every new start, also here are a couple of decisions to be made prior to the actual semester start such as the choices of elective modules, etc.

During the first two weeks in the first semester, you will have lectures of the obligate 1st basis module, they are planned for the afternoons, so that in the first week you can join the preliminary meetings for the elective modules (usually scheduled in the mornings). Some of the actual lectures of the elective modules will start in the first week, too, but most of them start in the second week. Practical courses are often in block or in the afternoons and usually should not interfere with the 1st basis module.

In the upcoming weeks the University Information System will provide you with the time schedules, depicting the time slots at which preliminary meetings, lectures, seminars and practical courses of the elective modules will take place. If you're planning your courses, please consider that there are lots of possibilities for combinations of the elective modules BUT unfortunately this freedom comes with some disadvantages, too. It's obvious that time and space constraints do not allow the realisation of all combinations. Therefore, it's important for you to plan, and to select the most important courses and potential alternatives for you.

There will be an Excel-File uploaded approx. 3-4 weeks before the semester starts (see please regularly check the link below for updates) in which you will have the opportunity to indicate your priorities for the elective modules. If there are too many students, perhaps only those get the courses, which had set their best (1) (or second best: 2) priorities indicated there. This selection procedure happens each semester, so you will have another chance to set higher priorities to get your desired modules – depending on their availability – in the next semester or year. This selection procedure allows fair admittance to overcrowded/overbooked modules and courses.

I am also up to organise a 1st meeting on Friday, September, 19th at 4:00 pm (16:00, time zone: Berlin) to discuss urgent questions on the study program and module choices. This will be online, so you have not already to be present in Greifswald. The meeting link is the following:

Time: Mar 13, 2026 04:00 PM Amsterdam, Berlin, Rome, Stockholm, Vienna

<https://uni-greifswald-de.zoom.us/j/86469050483?pwd=7xAZOEHudliAgyQZR5qrdurw1V7GWf.1>

Meeting ID: 864 6905 0483

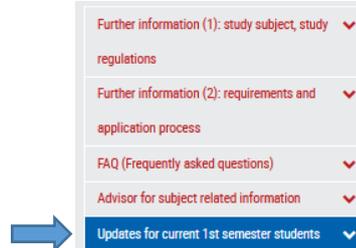
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Join instructions:

https://uni-greifswald-de.zoom.us/join/86469050483/invitations?signature=dTPsAY8rK68dExag1fRof5TLGhtJ_vb4i0el_EMBw7Y

However, in advance to the meeting, there will also be some presentations/videos/pdf with the most important information about the module selection procedure, personal profiling, and some basics of your study program. **Please make sure that you watched these videos and read the texts in advance of our meeting.** I will not repeat the issues & details from the videos, the meeting is meant to give you the opportunity to ask questions, and to meet and connect to your new student colleagues.

We are still in the planning phase for the next semester, but if closer information is available, there might be some news on the M.Sc. BEE homepage: <https://biologie.uni-greifswald.de/en/studium-und-lehre/msc-studiengaenge/msc-biodiversity-ecology-and-evolution/> and you will find a button at the bottom-right of the page:



Therefore, please **check regularly the information on the link** and please check your emails, too! In case there are some changes for the introductory meeting or some updates on the basic module schedule, this might be posted over there! Note: The videos and study regulations can be found in the same box, in the links above – make sure to check them!

HIGHLY IMPORTANT: I plan to send more details by email, as however not all of you might have valid university-emails by that time, and I do not have your private emails, please check out the following link on a regular basis, which might contain the email texts, which might be send out, with certainly additional important information on deadlines and module selection issues! Until our meeting, don't send me back your chosen priorities, we have to meet and talk about this first!

LINK: <https://nextcloud.uni-greifswald.de/index.php/s/cgRCmjsRt6ZyEWH>

There's additional information on the study programme, and some of the basic modules under the following moodle-link: <https://moodle.uni-greifswald.de/course/view.php?id=5521>

To ensure that you receive the important information by email, please make sure that you accept your university place confirmation promptly and also pay the semester fee. Only then will our *university computer centre* can assign you an email address and will automatically add you to the mailing list for your study program stud_mscbee@listen.uni-greifswald.de. This mailing list is my most important medium to communicate with you! And please note, my own E-mail address, which I will mostly use to communicate new information and the upcoming module selection procedure is that of the examination committee: msc.biodiv.eco.evo@uni-greifswald.de In all other cases, please use alexander.wacker@uni-greifswald.de

Sincerely

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