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Entomology

ENT 110 INSECT BIOLOGY. (3)

Overview of the biology of insects. Emphasizes how this enormously abundant and important group of animals has resolved the basic challenges of survival and reproduction. Principles of physiology, behavior, ecology, and evolution are introduced using insects as examples. The roles of both beneficial and detrimental insects will be discussed. [Offered in fall, spring and summer.]

ENT 300 GENERAL ENTOMOLOGY. (3)

Fundamentals of insect biology and relationships among insects, plants, and other organisms; identification of commonly encountered insects. Beneficial and detrimental effects of insects are discussed. Lecture, two hours; laboratory, two hours per week. Prereq: One course in introductory biology. (Same as BIO 300.) [Offered in fall only.]

ENT 310 INSECT PESTS OF FIELD CROPS. (3)

Identification, life histories and control of insects attacking field crops, especially those of importance in Kentucky. The damage that these insects cause, the reasons for their abundance, and alternatives in control practices will also be emphasized. Lecture, two hours per week; laboratory, two hours per week. [Offered in fall only.]

ENT 320 HORTICULTURAL ENTOMOLOGY. (3)

A detailed coverage of the insects and mites attacking turf, ornamentals, greenhouse plantings, vegetables and fruits, with emphasis on field recognition of the pests and their damage. Lecture, two hours per week; laboratory, two hours per week. [Offered in fall only.]

ENT 340 LIVESTOCK ENTOMOLOGY. (2)

Biology and behavior of insects and other pests attacking livestock, poultry, pets and wildlife. Current control methods are discussed. For students interested in livestock production, farm management, dairy science, poultry science, and preveterinary medicine, as well as general agriculture. [Offered in spring only.]

ENT 360 GENETICS. (3)

The basic principles of heredity as currently understood from evidence accumulated in classical, cytogenetic, molecular, and quantitative genetic experiments. Emphasis is placed on a thorough understanding of genetic principles and the relationship of genetics to all biological disciplines. Prereq: BIO 148, BIO 152 and CHE 105 or consent of instructor. (Same as ABT 360.) [Offered in fall only.]

ENT 395 INDEPENDENT WORK. (1-3)

Special problems for individual students who are capable of pursuing independent investigations in the various areas of entomology. May be repeated to a maximum of six credits. Prereq: ENT 300. [Offered in fall, spring and summer.]

ENT 399 FIELD BASED/COMMUNITY BASED EDUCATION. (1-6)

Field-based or community-based experience in entomology under supervision of a faculty member. Pass/Fail only. Prereq: Permission of faculty member and department chairperson and completion of a departmental learning agreement before registration. [Offered in fall, spring and summer.]

ENT 460 INTRODUCTION TO MOLECULAR GENETICS. (3)

Molecular genetics is the study of the biochemical basis of heredity and focuses on the structure and expression of DNA at the molecular and cellular level. The course will provide a detailed understanding of the biochemical events involved in genome replication, prokaryotic and eukaryotic transcription, and translation of DNA, as well as RNA processing, recombination and the theoretical underpinnings of genetic engineering. Prereq: ABT/ENT 360 or BIO 304 or consent of instructor. (Same as ABT 460.) [Offered in spring only.]

ENT 461 INTRODUCTION TO POPULATION GENETICS. (3)

This survey course examines the population dynamics and equilibria of genes in nuclei, chloroplasts and mitochondria. Emphasis will be on biological relevance (in plants, animals, and micro-organisms), but some theoretical derivations will also be introduced. Prereq: ABT 360 (or equivalent) and one course in probability/statistics. (Same as ABT/BIO/FOR 461.) [Offered in spring only.]

ENT 502 FOREST ENTOMOLOGY. (3)

Lectures primarily address principles and concepts. Laboratories use a hands-on approach to demonstrate insect collecting and identification techniques, ecological concepts and management approaches, and use of reference materials. Prereq: A minimum of 3 credits of basic biology (BIO 103 or BIO 148 or equivalent) or consent of instructor. (Same as FOR 502.) [Offered in fall only.]

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ENT 505 EVOLUTION IN AGRICULTURE, MEDICINE AND CONSERVATION BIOLOGY. (3)

An introduction to modern evolutionary theory with emphasis on its application to current problems in agriculture, the biomedical sciences, and conservation biology. Prereq: Genetics (ABT 360, BIO 304 or equivalent introductory genetics course). (Same as ABT 505.)

#ENT 509 BRAINS AND BUDS: NEUROSCIENCE OF POLLINATION. (3)

Pollinators have tremendous agricultural and societal value, and to a neuroscientist, they showcase principles of cognition in the real world. Pollinator species present exquisite examples of co-evolution, physiological and dietary specialization, navigation in complex landscapes, collective decision-making processes, and the behavioral consequences of environmental toxins and disease. In this course, we will use pollinator species (honey bees and other insects, as well as vertebrate pollinators) to explore how critical features of pollination intersect at the level of brain function, covering important neuroscience topics including sensory ecology and evolution, neural energetics, mechanisms of addiction and reward, molecular neuroscience, cognition, and learning and memory. Prereq: Students must have at least Junior standing in a life sciences discipline, or permission from instructor. (Same as BIO 509.)

ENT 530 INTEGRATED PEST MANAGEMENT. (3)

Principles of insect damage, populations and distributions. Various types of natural and applied control, including problems of insecticide toxicity, resistance and residues. Prereq: ENT 300 or ENT 310 or ENT 320.

ENT 550 SPIDER ECOLOGY AND BEHAVIOR. (3)

Spiders are fascinating in their own right, and also are major predators in terrestrial food webs. This course examines the ecology and behavior of spiders as model predators in systems ranging from undisturbed forests and meadows to agroecosystems and the urban landscape. While focusing on spiders, the course also intertwines two general sub-themes: (1) the advantages of employing diverse approaches (e.g. field and laboratory experiments, non-manipulative observations, and meta-analyses) in ecological and behavioral research; and (2) the strengths, and limitations, of using model organisms to develop and test theory. Prereq: One year of undergraduate biology.

ENT 561 INSECTS AFFECTING HUMAN AND ANIMAL HEALTH. (3)

Discussion of arthropod parasites and disease vectors. Topics include an overview of disease transmission and public health, epidemiology, vector biology, important arthropod groups and their control. Prereq: 3 credits of basic biology (BIO 103 or BIO 148 or equivalent) or permission of instructor. (Same as BIO/CPH 561.) [*Offered in fall – odd years.*]

ENT 563 PARASITOLOGY. (4)

Protozoan, helminth and arthropod parasites of man and domestic animals, emphasis on etiology, epidemiology, methods of diagnosis, control measures, and life histories. Techniques for host examination and preparation of material for study. Prereq: BIO 148, BIO 152, BIO 155 or BIO 198, or consent of instructor. (Same as BIO 563.)

ENT 564 INSECT TAXONOMY. (4)

A study of insect taxonomy including the collection, preparation, and identification of adult insect specimens. Prereq: Consent of instructor. (Same as BIO 564.) [*Offered in fall – even years.*]

ENT 568 INSECT BEHAVIOR. (3)

The principles of animal behavior will be stressed using insects as examples. Physiology, mechanisms, behavioral ecology and evolution of insect behavior will be covered. Prereq: One year of biology. (Same as BIO 568.) [*Offered in spring – odd years.*]

ENT 574 ADVANCED APPLIED ENTOMOLOGY. (4)

The objective of this course is to present the student with advanced concepts of applied entomology in a system-specific context. Each week, the insect problems associated with a different commodity/production system will be presented so as to illustrate a different broadly-based theme. Prereq: An introductory entomology course and consent of instructor.

#ENT 595 ENTOMOLOGICAL SPECIAL TOPICS (Subtitle required). (1-4)

Special topics or experimental courses in Entomology for undergraduate and graduate students. Special title is required and must be approved by the chairperson of the Department of Entomology. A particular title may be offered twice at most under ENT 595. Students may not repeat under the same subtitle. Prereq: Will be set by instructor. (Offered in fall and spring.)

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ENT 606 CONCEPTUAL METHODS IN ECOLOGY AND EVOLUTION. (3)

This course provides students with hands-on experience in a diverse array of conceptual research techniques used by ecologists and evolutionary biologists. The focus will be on optimization methods used for predicting animal and plant behaviors and life histories, and on methods for assessing population trends and dynamics. Mathematical techniques used will include graphical analyses, matrix algebra, calculus, and computer simulations. The latter part of the course will consist of collaborative modeling projects, in which small groups of students will work with the instructor to address an important contemporary research problem and will report their results in a public talk and a project writeup. Prereq: One year of calculus and BIO 325 or FOR 340 or ENT 665, or consent of instructor. (Same as BIO/FOR 606.)

ENT 607 ADVANCED EVOLUTION. (2)

This course covers advanced topics in evolution, concentrating on questions central to the understanding of general evolutionary processes. Phenomena occurring both within populations (e.g., selection, inheritance, population subdivision) and between populations (e.g., gene flow, competition) will be addressed. Special attention will be given to modern research approaches and techniques including quantitative genetics, measurement of selection, phylogenetic analyses of comparative data and molecular systematics. Prereq: One year of calculus, genetics (BIO 304 or BIO 461) and BIO 508 or consent of instructor. (Same as BIO/FOR 607.) [Offered in fall only.]

ENT 608 BEHAVIORAL ECOLOGY AND LIFE HISTORIES. (2)

This course uses an evolutionary approach to examine behavior and life histories. Topics addressed include: the optimality approach, constraints on optimality, kin and group selection, predator and prey behaviors, social and mating behaviors, and life history evolution. Prereq: BIO 325 and one semester of calculus; or consent of instructor. (Same as BIO/FOR 608.)

ENT 609 POPULATION AND COMMUNITY ECOLOGY. (3)

This course discusses the processes that determine population distributions and dynamics and community structure for both plants and animals. Topics addressed include: population regulation and population stability, community diversity and stability, ecological succession, population interactions (competition, predation, mutualism), coevolution, and the effects of spatial and temporal heterogeneity on population and community patterns. Prereq: BIO 325 or FOR 340 or consent of instructor. (Same as BIO/FOR 609.) [Offered in fall only.]

ENT 625 INSECT-PLANT RELATIONSHIPS. (3)

This course examines the natural history, ecology, and evolution of insect/plant relationships. Topics include mechanisms and theory of plant defense, behavioral and physiological adaptations of herbivorous insects, pollination biology, multitrophic-level interactions, causes of insect outbreaks, and applications to managed ecosystems. Critical reading and discussion of current literature is emphasized. Prereq: Two years of college-level biology. (Same as BIO 625.) [Offered in spring – odd years.]

ENT 635 INSECT PHYSIOLOGY. (4)

Study of insect physiological processes including development, digestion, reproduction, respiration, excretion, hormones and immunity. Opportunity to learn techniques used in insect physiology and molecular biology. Prereq: Consent of instructor. (Same as BIO 635.) [Offered in spring – even years.]

ENT 636 INSECT MOLECULAR BIOLOGY. (4)

Principles of insect molecular biology. Analysis of insect development, reproduction, behavior, immunity, transgenic insects and insecticide resistance at the molecular level. Hands-on experience with molecular biology techniques. Prereq: ENT/BIO 635 or consent of instructor. (Same as BIO 636.) [Offered in spring – odd years.]

ENT 660 IMMATURE INSECTS. (3)

Bionomics, structure and classification of immature stages of insects; practice in their identification. Lecture, one hour; laboratory, six hours. Prereq: BIO 570 or ENT 564, or consent of instructor.

ENT 665 INSECT ECOLOGY. (3)

The biotic and physical factors influencing the distribution and abundance of insects and insect populations. Prereq: Consent of instructor. (Same as BIO 665.) [Offered in fall – even years.]

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- ENT 667 INVASIVE SPECIES BIOLOGY. (3)**
This course will examine circumstances that allow introduced species to become invasive, how invasive species threaten our resources, and approaches to minimizing the incidence and impact of invasions. Prereq: Graduate standing or consent of instructor. (Same as BIO/FOR 667.) [Offered in fall – odd years.]
- ENT 670 SCIENTIFIC PUBLISHING: PROCESS AND ETHICS. (2)**
An introduction to scientific publishing, including types of scientific journals, choosing where to publish, the structure of scientific papers, the peer review process, data management and archiving, post-publication promotion of research, metrics of scientific impact such as impact factors and altmetrics, and publication ethics.
- ENT 680 BIOLOGICAL CONTROL. (3)**
Principles related to the use of arthropods to suppress populations of arthropod pests and weeds. Includes historical perspective, ecological relationships, and contemporary issues related to the conservation and manipulation of arthropod predators, parasitoids, and herbivores. Prereq: ENT 300 or equivalent. [Offered in spring – even years.]
- ENT 684 PHYLOGENETIC SYSTEMATICS. (3)**
Theory and methods of phylogenetic analysis and cladistics will be explained. Applications of phylogenetic analysis, such as historical biogeography, biological classification, and testing of ecological hypotheses will be explored. (Same as BIO 684.)
- *ENT 695 SPECIAL TOPICS IN ENTOMOLOGY (Subtitle required). (1-4)**
Special topical or experimental courses in entomology for graduate students. Special title required and must be approved by the chairperson of the Department of Entomology. A particular title may be offered twice at most under ENT 695. Students may not repeat under the same subtitle. Prereq: Will be set by instructor. [Offered in fall and spring.]
- ENT 748 MASTER’S THESIS RESEARCH. (0)**
Half-time to full-time work on thesis. May be repeated to a maximum of six semesters. Prereq: All course work toward the degree must be completed. [Offered in fall and spring.]
- ENT 749 DISSERTATION RESEARCH. (0)**
Half-time to full-time work on dissertation. May be repeated to a maximum of six semesters. Prereq: Registration for two full-time semesters of 769 residence credit following the successful completion of the qualifying exams.
- ENT 767 DISSERTATION RESIDENCY CREDIT. (2)**
Residency credit for dissertation research after the qualifying examination. Students may register for this course in the semester of the qualifying examination. A minimum of two semesters are required as well as continuous enrollment (Fall and Spring) until the dissertation is completed and defended. [Offered in fall and spring.]
- ENT 768 RESIDENCE CREDIT FOR THE MASTER’S DEGREE. (1-6)**
May be repeated to a maximum of 12 hours.
- ENT 769 RESIDENCE CREDIT FOR THE DOCTOR’S DEGREE. (0-12)**
May be repeated indefinitely.
- *ENT 770 ENTOMOLOGICAL SEMINAR. (0-1)**
Discussion of current research problems in entomology. May be repeated to a maximum of six hours. [Offered in fall and spring.]
- ENT 780 SPECIAL PROBLEMS IN ENTOMOLOGY AND ACAROLGY. (2-3)**
Investigations of chosen insect problems, including original work. Discussion and assignment of current insect subjects. May be repeated to a maximum of six credits. Prereq: Consent of instructor. [Offered in fall and spring.]
- ENT 790 RESEARCH IN ENTOMOLOGY AND ACAROLGY. (1-6)**
Independent research in entomology or acarology. May be repeated to a maximum of 12 hours. Prereq: Consent of instructor. [Offered in fall and spring.]