

Course title	Introduction to scientific study of animal behaviour
Type of course unit: Obligatory/Optional	This module is an optional module for students taking part in the Companion Animal Behaviour and Welfare Program being either the postgraduate course leading to the role of Animal Behaviour Technician (ABT), Clinical Animal Behaviourist (CAB) or Veterinary Behaviourist (VB) but is also open for other students.
Prerequisites and co-requisites	The student should have a bachelor diploma.
Level of course unit	Postgraduate level 6/7
Language	- Course materials: English - Formative assignment: English - Summative assignment: English
Year of study – date course unit is delivered	Academic year 2026-2027
Number of ECTS credits allocated to the unit	3 credits = 75 study hours
Summary of key learning outcomes of the unit	- Students will have a critical attitude, consisting of precision, reflection, curiosity regarding scientific enquiry and the practical application. - Develop the essential skills for academic writing.
Specific learning outcomes of the course unit	- Students will be able to: - Search for and select scientific literature appropriate to their goal. - Judge the relevance to the objective and credibility of the literature. - Communicate written information in a format appropriate for academic communication to professional and non-professional audiences in writing.
Course contents	- The criteria of writing a good assignment. - Searching for relevant scientific literature. - Understanding the structure of scientific articles. - Critical reading and assessing the quality of scientific literature and other available sources. - The principles of academic integrity.

	The criteria of scientific writing: the format, content and structure.
Planned learning activities and teaching methods	Distance learning consisting of: Online PowerPoint lectures and guided literature study.
Assessment methods and criteria	- Individually composed formative assignment. - Individually composed summative assignment. Grading: - To pass the module the student must score at least 50% out of a total of 20 points on the summative assignment. - The formative assignment will not be graded, but if submitted before the deadline, the student will receive feedback. If a student fails the module: - Students who fail the module may retake the summative assignment during the next exam period (Second chance). A tolerance cannot be applied to this module (see the 'Education and examination regulations').
Essential study materials	Course materials provided by the lecturers.
Recommended or required reading	See reading list provided in the course syllabus.
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