



**TRACK ECOLOGY & EVOLUTION (TC Emily Burdfield-Steel)**

Period 1		Period 2		Period 3	Period 4		Period 5		Period 6	Holiday	
September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August

Elective courses 0 - 18 EC (see electives list)												
<b>Research variant</b>	<b>Year 1</b>	Current Trends in Ecology and Evolution (VU)	Ecological Data Analysis (VU)	Environments through Time (UvA)	Global Ecology and Biodiversity (UvA)	Invasion and Conservation Biology (UvA)	Research Project 1 (30-42 EC, its size depending on the amount of courses, Professional Skills modules and Literature Review)					
				Plastic & Chemical Pollution (VU)	Sustainable Landscape Challenges (VU)	Tropical Ecosystems Field Course						
					Cooperation & Conflict in Nature (VU)	Ecosystem Services and Scientific Advocacy (VU)						
					Optional early start of Research Project 1-->							
				Masterclasses in Ecology and Evolution (3 EC)								
Either 3 EC of Professional Skills: Scientific Writing (1,5 EC) combined with one other Professional Skills module (1,5 EC), or Scientific Writing in English (VU, 3 EC)												
<b>Year 2</b>	Research Project 2 (30-48 EC) and Literature Review (12 EC, when not already done in year 1)									If the summer months are used for the study, students take their holidays earlier		
	Only if Research Project 2 is relatively short: Courses and/or Professional Skills modules (if not done in year 1)											
<b>Major variant</b>	<b>Year 1</b>	Current Trends in Ecology and Evolution (UvA)	Ecological Data Analysis (VU)	Research Project 1 (30 EC) and Literature Review (12 EC)							If the summer months are used for the study, students take their holidays earlier	
				Masterclasses in Ecology and Evolution (3 EC)								
				Either 3 EC of Professional Skills: Scientific Writing (1,5 EC) combined with one other Professional Skills module (1,5 EC), or Scientific Writing in English (VU, 3 EC)								
	<b>Year 2</b>	Major Teaching, Science Communication or Science and Society (60 EC)										
<b>Minor variant</b>	<b>Year 1</b>	Current Trends in Ecology and Evolution (UvA)	Ecological Data Analysis (VU)	Research Project 1 (30 EC) and Literature Review (12 EC)							If the summer months are used for the study, students take their holidays earlier	
				Masterclasses in Ecology and Evolution (UvA) (3 EC)								
				Either 3 EC of Professional Skills: Scientific Writing (1,5 EC) combined with one other Professional Skills module (1,5 EC), or Scientific Writing in English (VU, 3 EC)								
	<b>Year 2</b>	Research Project 2 (30 EC)				Minor Tesla (30 EC)						

**NB: All courses are 6 EC, unless otherwise indicated**

 **Darker colors mean obligatory curriculum elements**

 **Lighter colors mean elective or free curriculum elements**