

Course report BL7064 HT20 Ecosystem Service Assessments 4 hp

Course coordinator

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Number of students taking exam/other relevant examination form

32

Number of students passed

28

Description of any changes since the last time the course was given

This was the first time this course was given.

Positive things about the course according to students (summary based on both quantitative data from evaluation and the students' text answers)

Students appreciated a course that was focused on developing one specific skill. They remarked that the content was well organised and was presented accessibly and because of the online formate all the material was available afterwards as well. They also liked interacting with each other and benefiting from the diversity of the participants (age, experience, cultural...).

Things about the course that could be improved according to students (summary based on both quantitative data from evaluation and the students' text answers)

Some students would have liked more homework and practical exercises for them to prepare. Some students remarked that the short and intense structure of the course meant that it was difficult to participate and also have a job or other obligations, so maybe the course could be spread over a longer period of time. Some students asked for more written examination.

Teachers' analysis of the course

I think the course was well organised to teach a specific method/tool in the short duration of the course in a step-by-step way. The online format makes it difficult to assess if the students are engaging and following along lectures so ample discussion time was needed. It was very clear what was expected from each day, what would be taught and what the students should know by the end of each day.

Conclusions and suggestions for changes (if any)

Overall the course was very successful. The students felt supported and guided in learning a new skill and gained a community of students. If this course is run again, I would use a similar format but develop more practical exercise to make the concepts more concrete and lower the amount of lecturing time.

Other comments on the administration of the course

This was a unique type of course that had not previously been offered so if it to be run again I am sure the administration would be even smoother, but overall everyone was helpful and everything was taken care of well.
