

Module I – “Discovering the Open Seas Course”

Understanding open ocean ecosystem functions through the study of marine pelagic species

ECTS Credit Points, Recognition at your University

Dear participant,

Below is the information required if you wish to receive credit points according to the European Credit Transfer System and / or accredit the course at your university. Our courses are designed according to the ECTS modules, however we cannot grant credit points directly.

For the KAI Marine courses "Discovering the open seas" (Module I), and the "Advanced course on tracking of great pelagic species" (Module II) we recommend 2 credit points each, with the possibility to extend to 3 credit points for each of the courses.

For credit recognition at your university you have two options:

1. Apply to the board of examiners for recognition of the module(s) with the course description attached. When this is achieved the course has been officially accepted and you will get the credit points directly. We recommend 2 CP, with the option of 3 CP if additional course assessments are completed. If the board of examiners need further information about the course and the lecturers we are at your disposal to send any relevant documents.
2. Clarify directly with one of your professors if he/she will accept your participation and approve the recommended 2 credit points (see below).

We recommend clarifying course recognition prior to travelling.

KAI's recommendation for a 1 week field course (module 1 or module 2):

2 credit points (according to the European Credit Transfer System)

To get 2 CP you have to fulfil the following course assessments:

1. Successfully complete the technical and scientific program of the class.
2. Give a "stand-up" talk of 3 minutes during one of the course units: e.g. explain an experiment that took place during a class, a studied organism

or a marine phenomenon.

3. Compile and hand in prior to leaving a short report for each course unit. Please bring a laptop computer if possible to take daily notes and write the report. You can also submit a hand-written report; however an electronic version is preferred.

There is no preparation for the class or post-processing. The workload is limited to the timeframe of the field course.

3 credit points (according to the European Credit Transfer System)

To be eligible for 3 CP you have to fulfil the same course assessments required for 2 CP (see above). Additionally, instead of the "stand-up" talk you are asked to prepare a 15 minute presentation beforehand at home. The topic will be on a given scientific publication. Upon request, the course director will e-mail you the chosen paper as a pdf-file.

Please feel free to contact us for any remaining questions.
We are looking forward to having you in class.

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "R.J. Sagarminaga van Buiten". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'R' and 'J'.

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