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Insect diversity 355 (ZEN 355)

Qualification	Undergraduate
Faculty	Faculty of Natural and Agricultural Sciences
Module credits	18.00
NQF Level	07
Programmes	BSc (Entomology) BSc (Genetics) BSc (Microbiology) BSc (Plant Science)
Service modules	Faculty of Education
Prerequisites	ZEN 251 GS
Contact time	2 practicals per week, 4 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Zoology and Entomology
Period of presentation	Quarter 1

Module content

The extent and significance of insect diversity. Functional insect morphology. The basic principles of taxonomy and the classification of taxa within the Insecta. Insect orders and economically and ecologically important Southern African insect families. Identification of insect orders and families using distinguishing characteristics. General biological and behavioural characteristics of each group. Grouping of insects into similar life-styles and habitats. Examples used in this module are directly relevant to the sustainable development goals of Good Health and Well-being, Sustainable Cities and Communities, Climate Action and Life on Land.

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