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Insect-plant interactions 782 (ZEN 782)

Qualification	Postgraduate
Faculty	Faculty of Natural and Agricultural Sciences
Module credits	13.00
Programmes	BScHons Entomology
	BScHons Zoology
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	4 discussion classes per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Zoology and Entomology
Period of presentation	Semester 2

Module content

An overview of the complex world of insect-plant interactions. Insects and plants have co-occurred and co-evolved on this planet for at least 400 million years, and in many systems insects are the primary consumers of plant tissue. The diverse strategies and counter-strategies that have evolved at the interface between herbivory and plant defences will be examined, using case studies and applying unifying theory wherever possible.

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