

Welcome to Biology at the University of Bern!

A) How to find courses

The central online course database is called „Core Teaching System“(CTS, in German: Kernsystem Lehre = KSL): www.ksl-vv.unibe.ch. This system can be accessed without a login to search for information on courses.

After you have been registered at the University of Bern and once you have received your personal UniBe-campus account, you login into the same system (www.ksl.unibe.ch) in order to register for participation in courses, register for exams and later to see your grades.

The course database CTS offers you 3 search options (the *Simple search* is default). We recommend you use the **Advanced search** with the option **More criteria** to find courses you might be interested in.

1. **Choose a Subject** (Biology / Cell Biology / Ecology and Evolution / Plant Sciences / Bioinformatics - according to the information in the table below).
Please note that the study programme in Biomedical Engineering (belongs to Medical Faculty) does not accept any biology exchange students.
2. **Select the semester** you are interested in (HS = autumn; FS = spring semester)
3. Select the language of tuition (optional).
4. Click on the button **Search course**.

Subject in CTS	Courses from these study programmes
Biology	Bachelor in Biology (<u>first 2 years only</u>), undergraduate studies
Cell Biology	undergraduate third year Bachelor in Biology studies, specialising in Cell Biology and Plant Physiology <u>and</u> graduate studies in Master in Molecular Life Sciences
Plant Sciences	undergraduate third year Bachelor in Biology studies, specialising in Plant Sciences (Plant Ecology <u>and</u> Plant Physiology) <u>and</u> graduate studies in Master in Molecular Life Sciences (Plant Physiology) <u>and</u> in Master in Ecology & Evolution (Plant Ecology)
Molecular Life Sciences	graduate studies in Master in Molecular Life Sciences (some of which are available for third year Bachelor Biology)
Ecology and Evolution	undergraduate third year Bachelor in Biology studies, specialising in Ecology and Evolution (i.e. Zoology) <u>and</u> graduate studies in Master in Ecology & Evolution
Bioinformatics	Master in Bioinformatics and Computational Biology

The system then generates a list of courses (scroll down) which you can sort (e.g. by ECTS). This list can be exported and then filtered / sorted further (e.g. in Excel).

B) How to register for courses (participation)

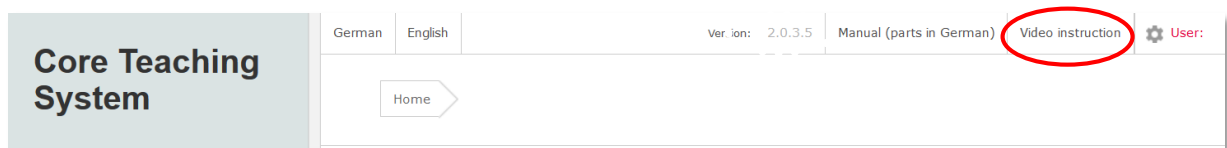
The information provided in the CTS entries should tell you if a registration is required and if yes, where to register and until when. There are courses for which...

- a. ... no registration is required.
- b. ... students register directly in CTS (KSL).
- c. ... students register by going to the corresponding ILIAS folder (see the link provided in the CTS entry). ILIAS is a virtual campus which you can only access with your campus login. In ILIAS you can access downloads for participants (usually pdf-files of slides presented during the lecture) and also directly contact the responsible lecturers per e-mail.

C) How to register for exams

Students must use the CTS system to register for exams.

Please take some time to view the instructional videos provided on the CTS website (only accessible when logged into CTS with campus login).



D) Questions?

If you have any questions concerning the courses (or individual exam dates) please write directly to the lecturers explaining your situation. You can find all e-mail addresses either in the corresponding ILIAS folders (see contact information in the "Info" section of respective ILIAS course folder) or by using the online phonebook of the University of Bern: <http://unitel.unibe.ch>

E) Learning Agreement

If you need a signature on your learning agreement, please come by my office on the first floor of the Institute of Cell Biology, office no. C155, Baltzerstrasse 4, 3012 Bern.

We wish you a pleasant and inspiring stay in Bern!

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