

Subject: Library informatics

Year/term: 3rd year (term 5)

Lecture: 2 hours

Practicals: 14 hours

Credits: 1

Grade: signature

Previous studies required: Informatics

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The aim of the subject: In preparation for thesis writing, the course enables students to find information in bibliographic databases or on the internet, and making correct references to information sources. The emphasis of the course is on the development of search skills, and hands-on practice in using a variety of veterinary resources.

Topics:

- The history of scientific publishing, the development of various types of documents. Databases: their structure and functions
- How to build your search strategy? General principles, tricks and tips. Indexing and the role of the thesaurus.
- Search practice:
 - Catalogue of the Veterinary Science Library
 - CAB Abstracts
 - PubMed
 - FSTA, Zoological Record, Biological Abstracts
 - Web of Science
- Introduction to internet sources: an overview of internet, search engines (Google, Scirus, etc.)
- Full text resources on the internet (journal collections: Science Direct, etc., books, etc.)
- Portals and expert systems (e.g. EU, OIE, Consultant, AHPC, etc.)
- Thesis writing and making references

Forms of training: there are two possibilities for completing the course: practices in the computer laboratory of the library or an online course through the internet with feedback tests and evaluations at the end of each study unit.

Evaluation:

- For students in the classroom: participation at practices and final test (searching) is required for signature
- Online students: tests closing the units and the final test at the end of the course have to be returned to the teacher for signature.