

Practice in Applied Ecology, FAQ

Who can apply?

The course is mainly targeted towards exchange students from partner institutions, but we do accept other applicants (free movers) as well.

The course is on Bachelor level, but we do also accept master students (upon agreement with sending institutions).

Are there any admission requirements?

The students must document the completion of at least one year at a university or university college in the fields of wildlife biology, biology, ecology, evolution, forestry, agriculture, environmental sciences or another related field to enter the study module.

How do I apply?

By submitting an electronic application form on our web site.

Based on this form, your inquiry will be forwarded to the correct research group/supervisor (s) for further assessment.

When and for how long can I do my internship?

Practice in Applied Ecology is running all year round. The number of available internships depends on fieldwork seasons, the number of research projects with a need for interns and the funding situation for those projects. It might therefore be challenging to plan internships very long ahead, and some flexibility is required from both supervisors and students.

What kind of work will I do during my internship?

The content in an internship will vary from project to project. Some will work exclusively outdoor, some will work mainly in the lab or conducting literature studies, and some will be a combination of all these. The plan for *your* internship should be clearly stated in the training agreement.

Is the internship paid work?

No, it is not. The internship is organized as an academic course with ECTS.

Will INN provide insurance during the internship?

No, we will not. All students must make sure they have insurance through their home institution or arrange this on their own. The European Health Card officially documents that you are entitled to coverage of medically necessary health care under the same conditions as Norwegian citizens.

Will I receive ECTS for my internship?

Yes, if you complete your internship as planned and your final report is approved.

8 - 12 weeks internship will provide 15 ECTS

12 < weeks internship will provide 30 ECTS

Please note that the course is evaluated with passed/not passed. Supervisors are free to give a *suggested grade* if required.

What about accommodation?

Most internships are carried out in the area around campus Evenstad. You will get information about how and when to apply for accommodation on campus from the international coordinator. For internships located off-campus, supervisor and student will agree on how to arrange this.

Can I choose the content of my internship myself?

Based on a list of currently available internships, you are encouraged to apply for the one you find most interesting. The project supervisor is free to evaluate all applicants and accept the one(s) they find most suitable for their project (based on previous studies, field experience, etc.). If your number one priority is not available, you may get an offer from another project.

Can I work with different projects during my internship?

If possible, we prefer students working on one project at the time. In cases where a project can't offer a fulltime internship, it is possible to combine different types of fieldwork. Students working on several projects should still have one main project / - supervisor.

What is the expected workload for my internship?

Exactly how the internship is organized will vary from project to project. Some have regular working hours Monday – Friday; others depend on weather and other climate conditions, some have more intensive working periods (also weekends and evenings). This will, of course, be compensated with equivalent days off. In general, it is expected that you will work approximately 40 hours per week. Further details must be agreed upon with the supervisor.

What is expected of me during my internship?

- To be punctual and follow agreements on how and where to be.
- To hand in the final report (see own guidelines) within 3 weeks after fulfilling the internship.
- To be flexible when needed due to weather, climate, human resources and other unpredicted incidents that may occur during data collection

What can I expect from my supervisor and Inland Norway University?

- One permanent main supervisor that will be in charge for your agreement, training and evaluation.
- Information about what kind of clothes and equipment you need during the internship.
- To receive a transcript of records and/or evaluation form (upon agreement) within 3 weeks after submitting the final report.

Can I write my thesis (or any other assignment) based on the data I collect during my internship?

Yes, under certain conditions:

- This must be clarified and approved by your supervisor at Evenstad, prior to the internship. This should also be mentioned in the training agreement.
- Your home university will assess the thesis. You cannot gain any ECTS from INN for this work (more than 15 or 30 ECTS for *Practice in Applied Ecology*).
- Your main supervisor must be from your home university. Your project supervisor at INN may assist with parts directly related to data from the project but is not obliged to provide help during the entire process of writing your thesis. This must also be clarified in advance, with your supervisor, both at INN and your home university.

What about other assignments/reports required by my home university?

Lately, we have experienced that many partner institutions require internship reports from their students. Some of these reports are quite comprehensive and require a lot of background information about INN as a receiving institution (e.g. history, strategy, statistical numbers, etc.). Some of this information is easily accessible on our web site, but unfortunately, not all documents are available in English. The supervisors or the international coordinators do not have the time or resources to translate or provide all this information to every student asking. We hope all sending institutions can sympathize with this.

Can I combine the internship with other studies at campus Evenstad?

Practice in Applied Ecology is considered a full-time study and should be your number one priority during your stay. We do not recommend following courses concurrent with your internship. Still, all lectures given on campus are open for all students, and if there is no time conflict, you may attend classes if you want to. If you are staying for a full (or even two) semesters, it is possible to combine an internship with one of our exchange programs, if they are divided in time.