



# Methods in Field Ecology

A joint course between Germany and Brazil



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## Organizers

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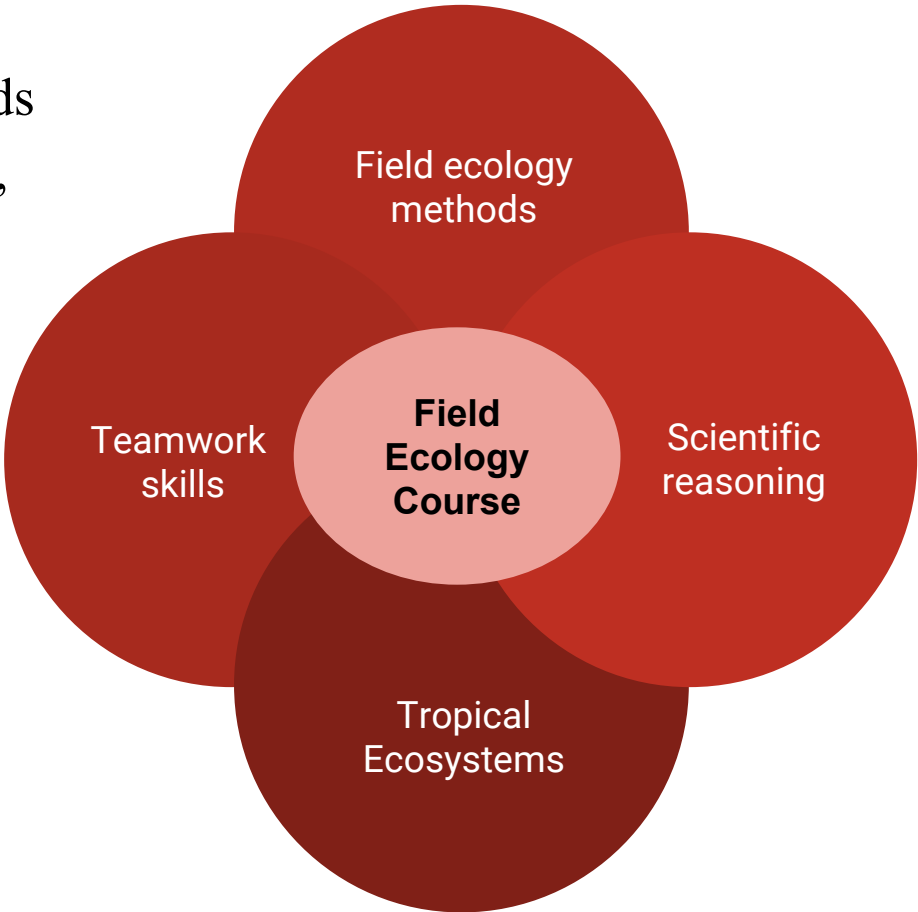


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The course aims for a deep scientific experience in field Ecology. Students will have the opportunity to deepen their skills across different stages of the scientific reasoning: (i) elaborate questions and hypothesis; (ii) design experiments and surveys; (iii) sample data in the field; (iv) analyze their results and (v) write scientific reports. Further, the course will offer an intense experience in tropical ecosystems and a great opportunity for students to strengthen their teamwork skills within an international group of students and mentors.

- 1. Learn fundamental field ecology methods
- 2. Deepen scientific reasoning (hypothesis, design, sampling, writing)
- 3. Increase understanding of Tropical Ecosystems
- 4. Strengthen team teamwork skills





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**10** positions for master students (TUM)



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**5** positions for master/PhD students  
(UFJF)



**5** positions for master or PhD students  
from South Am. Universities

# Course Instructors



## Germany

Leonardo H. Teixeira (PhD in Ecology, TUM) - Restoration ecology and biodiversity and ecosystem functioning



## Austria

Christian Bräuchler (PhD in Biology, Natural History Museum of Vienna) - Botany and systematic



## Brazil

Gustavo B. Paterno (PhD in Ecology, UFRN) - Plant Ecology and Evolution

Nathan Barros (PhD in Ecology, UFJF) - Limnology

Raquel Barros (PhD in Ecology, UFJF) - Limnology

Fabício Alvim (PhD in Ecology) - Plant and community ecology

Luiz Menine Neto (PhD in XXXX, UFJF) - Botany

Juliane Santos (PhD in XXXX, UFJF) - Plant-insect interactions

André Megali (PhD in Ecology, UFJF) - Ecosystem ecology



# Course Program

## Applications

**Between 15 of June to 30 of July**

**7-8 of September:** Arrival and organization of field material and equipment

**9-15 of September:** Module 1 - Short term field methods

*Site 1. Parque Estadual de Ibitipoca - MG*

Field Ecology Methods and short-term practices

Writing Module reports

**16-21 of September:** Module 2 - Long term field methods

*Site 2. Reserva Ecológica de Guapiaçu - MG*

Field Ecology Methods and long-term practices

Writing Module reports

**22 of September:** Day trip to Ouro Preto city.

**23-26 of September:** Module 3 - Technical visits to restoration ecology projects

*Site 3. Visit Mariana's degraded area from mining dam collapse and restoration initiatives in the area*

*Site 4. Visit Fazenda Chapéu Durvas - Atlantic forest restoration projects*

*Site 5. Visit Parque Nacional do Rio Doce (Flora and Fauna observation)*

**27 of September:** Course ending and confraternization

**28 of September:** Return

# Module 1 - Short-term field ecology methods and practices

**Summary:** In this module students will perform a single day etc...

## **Schedule** (9-15 of September)

Day 1 -

Day 2 -

Day 3 -

Day 4 -

Day 5 -

Day 6 - Module discussions, presentations, and planning for the next module.





# Module 2 - Long-term field ecology methods and practices

**Summary:** In this module students will perform a week etc (rapid ecosystem functioning assessment practice?)...

## **Schedule** (16-21 of September)

Day 1 -

Day 2 -

Day 3 -

Day 4 -

Day 5 -



# Module 3 - Technical visits to restoration projects and field observations

**Summary:** In this module students will visit different degraded and/or restored sites as well as a well-conserved area in the Rio Doce National Park (MG)...

## **Schedule** (22-27 of September)

Day 1 - Day of in Ouro Preto - MG.

Day 2 -

Day 3 -

Day 4 -

Day 5 -

Day 6 - Course ending and confraternization.



# Prizes and certificates

**Photographic contest**

**Short-term report contest**

**Long-term report contest**



