

International Winter School
“Biodiversity, Ethnoecology and Bioprospecting in Nepal Himalaya”

January 29 – February 8, 2018 Kathmandu, Nepal

Course Guidance

1. There will be four lectures in a day in Kathmandu. Each lecture comprises 1 hour class followed by 1 hour exercise/practicum.
2. In exercise/practicum, the students will be provided with one (at least) or more published article(s) in the related field. Resource persons will be assisted by one faculty researcher from RECAST/TU.
3. Each student is supposed to spend four hours in the night and submit a written synthesis (about 500 words) of article for evaluation consisting of: (i) three – five key messages; (ii) gaps; and (iii) perception/way forward. Each student will choose one related topic out of four lectures delivered on that day for synthesis.
4. Before departing to field work, each student will produce a concept note (about 500 words) consisting of: (i) Title; (ii) Name of the student; (iii) Background; (iv) Objectives; (v) Rationale; (vi) Methodology; and (v) Expected outcomes. The research concept should be finalized in Kathmandu before the students leave for field work.
5. The students will be assigned with short exercise related to contemporary issues related to environment. Based on their observation along the highway and surrounding areas while travelling from Kathmandu to Pokhara, and visiting places in Pokhara and around, the students will submit a report.
6. Based on the research concept (Point no. 4), each student will undertake an independent field study when they stay as home stay in the village, and submit a field research report (draft or final) for evaluation.
7. Based on field research report, each student will make presentation for 10 minutes highlighting the results followed by 5 minutes discussion.
8. After incorporating the suggestions given during during ppt presentation, the students will submit final field research report within two weeks from the presentation date.
9. Based on need a few lectures would be conducted in the field. However, methodology part would be discussed each evening in the field.
10. A panel of experts from University of Padova and Tribhuvan University will jointly make evaluation of the students’ performance. Each student will be awarded a *Mark Sheet* with grades, and a *Certificate* up on satisfactory completion of the course.