**Visiting Professor Program**  
**Academic year 2022/2023**

**TEACHING COMMITMENT:** 16 hours

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**TEACHING PERIOD**  
2nd term

**SCIENTIFIC AREA**  
Herpetology

**LANGUAGE USED TO TEACH**  
English / Italian

**COURSE SUMMARY**  

**LEARNING OBJECTIVES**  
The main objectives of the course deal with basic information about:
- Systematics, origin and evolution of the major extant groups of amphibians and reptiles Apoda, Urodela, Anura, Testudines, Crocodylia, and Lepidosauria;
- Major morphological traits of these groups, with special reference to the skeletal system that will allow us to discuss the fossil record that testifies their origin and evolution;
- Physiology and reproduction;
- Italian herpetofauna;
- How to search for amphibians and reptiles in the field;
- Problems of conservation of the herpetofauna.
TUTORSHIP ACTIVITIES
N/A

LAB ACTIVITIES
Several excursions in Italy and possibly abroad are an important element of the course.

OTHER ACTIVITIES BESIDES THE COURSE
N/A

VISITING PROFESSOR PROFILE
Relevant experience and scientific production in the field of Herpetology with special reference to biogeography and/or ecology and/or ethology.

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