

Introduction to Freshwater Ecology

Course Objective:

Upon completion of *Introduction to Freshwater Ecology*, students will have attained a strong foundational knowledge of freshwater ecology. A complete list of the topics covered is available at [AquariumKids.com/freshwater-ecology/](https://www.aquariumkids.com/freshwater-ecology/).

Course Structure:

Introduction to Freshwater Ecology is divided into five units: Water, Ecological Principles, Flora and Fauna, Water Quality, and Human Impact. The units are further broken down into topics, each containing a video lecture, Quizlet flashcards, external resources, and a quiz. This course concludes with a self-administered, 100-question multiple choice exam.

Recommended Background Knowledge:

- High school biology
- High school chemistry

Course Creator:

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