

Module title		Abbreviation
Developmental cognitive Neuroscience		03-TN-DCN-152-m01
Module coordinator		Module offered by
University Hospital, Department of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry, Psychosomatics and Psychotherapy		Faculty of Medicine
ECTS	Method of grading	Only after succ. compl. of module(s)
5	numerical grade	--
Duration	Module level	Other prerequisites
1 semester	graduate	--
Contents		
<p>Students will get an introduction to the key cognitive, behavioral and brain developmental steps. There will be strong focus on how the computational lens of reinforcement learning models, tightly linked to monoamine transmission and dopamine in particular, can be useful to investigate research questions in developmental neuroscience. It will be discussed how developmental neuroscience can be a useful tool to investigate the development of psychiatric conditions, in particular ADHD and substance use problems. The methods focus will be on behavioral experiments, neuroimaging, in particular task-based fMRI, and computational modelling. Students will learn to critically evaluate the role of these techniques. Students will give presentation on the topics based on state-of-the-art research articles.</p>		
Intended learning outcomes		
<p>Students who successfully completed this module will have acquired insights into the current scientific state of normal and altered cognition and motivation as well as brain development. Developmental changes of basic cognition and motivation such as working memory, reinforcement learning and emotion processing will be addressed via behavioral and neuroscientific studies. Abnormal development will be explained in the context of the neuropsychiatric disorders such as attention-deficit / hyperactivity disorder, autism, substance use and anxiety / depression. The influences of main monoaminergic neuromodulators, in particular dopamine in the context of reinforcement learning, will be discussed.</p>		
Courses (type, number of weekly contact hours, language — if other than German)		
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Method of assessment (type, scope, language — if other than German, examination offered — if not every semester, information on whether module is creditable for bonus)		
a) written examination (30 to 60 minutes, including multiple choice questions) or b) log (approx. 10 to 30 pages) or c) oral examination of one candidate each (30 to 60 minutes) or d) oral examination in groups of up to 3 candidates (approx. 30 to 60 minutes) or e) presentation (20 to 45 minutes)		
Allocation of places		
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Additional information		
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Workload		
150 h		
Teaching cycle		
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Referred to in LPO I (examination regulations for teaching-degree programmes)		
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Module appears in		
Master's degree (1 major) Translational Neuroscience (2015)		
Master's degree (1 major) Translational Neuroscience (2017)		
Master's degree (1 major) Translational Neuroscience (2018)		

Supplementary course Translational Neuroscience (2018)
Master's degree (1 major) Translational Neuroscience (2022)
Supplementary course Translational Neuroscience (2022)