Module description

Module title					Abbreviation
General Biology for students of biochemistry 07-1A1ZO-BC-092-m01					
Module coordinator				Module offered by	
Dean of Studies Biologie (Biology)		Faculty of Biology			
ECTS	Method of grading		Only after succ. compl. of module(s)		
5 numerical grade					
Duration Module level		Other prerequisites			
1 semester undergraduate					
Contents					
The first part of the course will acquaint students with the elementary building blocks of life as well as biologi- cal categories. Building on this knowledge, the course will then discuss the cell, the smallest unit of life, star- ting with its macroscopic structure before moving on to its microscopic structure. The course will point out dif- ferences and similarities between prokaryotic cells (bacteria, archaebacteria) and eukaryotic cells (animals, plants). The second part will address one of the central issues of biology: evolution. Fundamental mechanisms and hypotheses will be discussed and students will be introduced to major phylogenetic reconstruction me- thods. Using the examples of plants and animals, the subsequent module components will introduce students to the phylogenetic diversity of eukaryotes. At the level of groups in the plant and animal kingdoms, students will acquire the fundamental knowledge necessary to understand the forms and functions of animal and plant organisms, with morphology and cytology being discussed in an evolutionary and ecological context. The con- tents of the module are relevant for biological disciplines at all levels of biological organisation. Intended learning outcomes - Knowledge of the structures of prokaryotic and eukaryotic cells and their (biological) macromolecules Know- ledge of the specific characteristics of the intracellular and extracellular structures of prokaryotes as well as ani- mal and plant cells Ability to recognise evolution as the driving force behind the phylogeny of species Fami- liarity with the concepts of phylogenetic relationships between plants/animals Familiarity with the distinguis- hing characteristics and major representatives of groups in the plant and animal kingdoms Ability to select tho- se plant and animal organisms that are most suitable for particular scientific issues Familiarity with the compo-					
nents and functioning of microscopes. 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)					
4 written examinations (3 examinations: 60 minutes each; 1 examination: 30 minutes; including multiple choice questions), weighted 3:3:3:1					
Allocation of places					
Additional information					
Workload					
Teaching cycle					
Referred to in LPO I (examination regulations for teaching-degree programmes)					
Module appears in					
Bachelor's degree (1 major) Biochemistry (2011) Bachelor's degree (1 major) Biochemistry (2009)					

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