Module title | Abbreviation
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Neurobiology for Advanced Students | 07-4BFNVO1-152-m01

Module coordinator | Module offered by
holder of the Chair of Neurobiology and Genetics | 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 module Neurobiologie für Fortgeschrittene (Neurobiology for Advanced Students) will comprise lectures, exercises and talks. The lecture will address different aspects of the human brain, and students will acquire a knowledge of the respective fundamental principles. A new aspect will be discussed each day. Wherever possible, parallels will be drawn with the neurobiology of the fruit fly, Drosophila melanogaster, and advantages and limitations of this model organism will be discussed. Students will deliver short talks to complement the lecture. The topics of these talks will have a connection with the topics covered in the lecture and will be assigned to students prior to the lab course. The module will also include small-scale exercises/experiments on the contents of each lecture.

Intended learning outcomes
Students have acquired an advanced knowledge in the area of neurobiology and recognise the relevance research findings in neurobiology have to medicine.

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 (approx. 45 to 60 minutes) or b) log (approx. 10 to 20 pages) or c) oral examination of one candidate each (approx. 30 minutes) or d) oral examination in groups of up to 3 candidates (approx. 20 minutes per candidate) or e) presentation (approx. 20 to 30 minutes) or f) practical examination (on average approx. 2 hours; time to complete will vary according to subject area but will not exceed a maximum of 4 hours). Students will be informed about the method and length of the assessment prior to the course.

Allocation of places
40 places. Should the number of applications exceed the number of available places, places will be allocated as follows:

Students of the Bachelor’s degree subject Biologie (Biology) with 180 ECTS credits will be given preferential consideration. Should the module be used in other subjects, there will be two quotas: 95% of places will be allocated to students of the Bachelor’s degree subject Biologie (Biology) with 180 ECTS credits and 5% of places (a minimum of one place in total) will be allocated to students of the Bachelor’s degree subject Biologie (Biology) with 60 ECTS credits and to students of the Bachelor’s degree subjects Computational Mathematics and Mathematik (Mathematics), each with 180 ECTS credits, as part of the application-oriented subject Biology (as well as potentially to students of other ‘importing’ subjects). Should the number of places available in one quota exceed the number of applications, the remaining places will be allocated to applicants from the other quota. Should there be, within one module component, several courses with a restricted number of places, there will be a uniform regulation for the courses of one module component. In this case, places on all courses of a module component that are concerned will be allocated in the same procedure. In this procedure, applicants who already have successfully completed at least one other module component of the respective module will be given preferential consideration.

A waiting list will be maintained and places re-allocated as they become available.

Selection process group 1 (95%): Places will primarily be allocated according to the applicants’ previous academic achievements. For this purpose, applicants will be ranked according to the number of ECTS credits they have achieved and their average grade of all assessments taken during their studies or of all module components
in the subject of Biologie (Biology) (excluding Chemie (Chemistry), Physik (Physics), Mathematik (Mathematics))
at the time of application. This will be done as follows: First, applicants will be ranked, firstly, according to their
average grade weighted according to the number of ECTS credits (qualitative ranking) and, secondly, according
to their total number of ECTS credits achieved (quantitative ranking). The applicants' position in a third ranking
will be calculated as the sum of these two rankings, and places will be allocated according to this third ranking.
Among applicants with the same ranking, places will be allocated according to the qualitative ranking or otherwi-
se by lot.
Selection process group 2 (5%): Places will be allocated according to the following quotas: Quota 1 (50 % of pla-
ces): total number of ECTS credits already achieved in modules/module components of the Faculty of Biology;
among applicants with the same number of ECTS credits achieved, places will be allocated by lot. Quota 2 (25 %
of places): number of subject semesters of the respective applicant; among applicants with the same number of
subject semesters, places will be allocated by lot. Quota 3 (25 % of places): lottery.
Should the module be used only in the Bachelor's degree subject Biologie (Biology) with 180 ECTS credits, pla-
ces will be allocated according to the selection process of group 1.

Additional information

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Referred to in LPO I (examination regulations for teaching-degree programmes)
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Module appears in

Bachelor' degree (1 major) Biology (2015)
Bachelor' degree (1 major) Biology (2017)