

Module title		Abbreviation
Molecular Biology B		07-MS2B-121-m01
Module coordinator		Module offered by
holder of the Chair of Microbiology, holder of the Chair of Bioinformatics, holder of the Chair of Cell Biology and Developmental Biology, Prof. Dr. M. Sauer		Faculty of Biology
ECTS	Method of grading	Only after succ. compl. of module(s)
7	(not) successfully completed	--
Duration	Module level	Other prerequisites
1 semester	graduate	--
Contents		
<p>Molecular biology of the eukaryotic and prokaryotic cell. The lecture is a joint activity of the Chairs of Cell- and Developmental Biology, Microbiology, Biophysics and Bioinformatics and deals with concepts of modern molecular biology from the point of view of these different disciplines. Participants are recommended to read the textbook "Essential Cell Biology". The section on cell biology (app. a quarter of the lecture) mainly discusses the eukaryotic cell and intends to elucidate the vast diversity in structure and function of molecules, organelles and cells in addition to fundamental principles of modern molecular cell biology. The bioinformatics section (app. a quarter of the lecture) contains a large amount of examples for applications which allow the investigation of the molecular biology of a cell with bioinformatic tools. We closely adhere to the contents of the book "Essential Cell Biology" and present many clear and useful examples for the application of our tools when working on the topics of the other three Chairs. Our vision: bioinformatics essentially is molecular biology based on computing technology (time consuming "wet" experiments can be planned more easily and thus bioinformatics saves precious time). The microbiological section (app. a quarter of the lecture) deals with fundamental molecular aspects of prokaryotic cells. Key aspects include the organisation of the bacterial genome, the transcription and translation machinery, mechanisms of regulation of gene expression, transport of small molecules and macromolecules, cell division and differentiation, bacterial motility and chemotaxis, signal transduction and bacterial communication mechanisms. Recommended reading: (a) Allgemeine Mikrobiologie (Fuchs) and (b) Biology of Microorganisms (Brock).</p>		
Intended learning outcomes		
Master level knowledge about the molecular biology of the eukaryotic and prokaryotic cell.		
Courses (type, number of weekly contact hours, language – if other than German)		
V (no information on SWS (weekly contact hours) and course language available)		
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) oral examination of one candidate each (approx. 30 to 60 minutes) or c) oral examination in groups of up to 3 candidates (approx. 30 to 60 minutes)		
Allocation of places		
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Additional information		
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Workload		
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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) Biology (2011)		
Master's degree (1 major) Biology (2014)		

