

Module title		Abbreviation
Macromolecular Crystallography		o8-MBC-MK-152-m01
Module coordinator		Module offered by
holder of the Chair of Biochemistry		Chair of Biochemistry
ECTS	Method of grading	Only after succ. compl. of module(s)
10	numerical grade	--
Duration	Module level	Other prerequisites
1 semester	graduate	--
Contents		
<p>The module "Macromolecular Crystallography" consists of lectures, exercises and a practical course. The lecture series covers the following topics: Biophysical characterization of protein samples prior to crystallization; crystallization by various techniques, either by manual or high throughput operation; properties and production of X-rays and their production by means of X-ray generators and synchrotron sources; data collection with various detector systems; symmetry properties of molecules, point groups and space groups; description of the phase problem and solving this problem by means of multiple isomorphous replacement, anomalous diffraction and molecular replacement; improving experimentally determined phases by solvent flattening and molecular averaging; manual and automatic model building; refinement procedures and analysis of experimentally determined structures. In the exercises the topics covered in the lectures will be recapitulated with the help of problem sets. In the practical course, the students will carry out all steps discussed in the lecture series, which are necessary for the determination of a protein structure using lysozyme as an example; starting with the crystallization of the purified protein, data collection using the in-house diffractometer, the solution of the phase problem on the basis of the anomalous signal of the intrinsic sulfur atoms, model building, structure refinement and, finally, the analysis of the refined structure.</p>		
Intended learning outcomes		
<p>Participants will acquire extensive knowledge in modern macromolecular crystallographic methods. The basics of the method are presented in great depth in the lectures, the intellectually most demanding aspects are reiterated in the exercises and the practical approach will be explained in detail in the practical course. Participants are thus put in a position to be able to take on a crystallographic structure analysis as part of their master's or PhD studies.</p>		
Courses (type, number of weekly contact hours, language — if other than German)		
V (2) + Ü (1) + P (5) Module taught in: German or English		
Method of assessment (type, scope, language — if other than German, examination offered — if not every semester, information on whether module is creditable for bonus)		
<p>a) written examination (approx. 45 to 90 minutes) or b) log (20 to 30 pages) or c) oral examination of one candidate each (20 to 30 minutes) or d) oral examination in groups of up to 3 candidates (15 to 30 minutes per candidate) or e) presentation (20 to 40 minutes) Assessment offered: Once a year, summer semester Language of assessment: German and/or English</p>		
Allocation of places		
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Additional information		
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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) Biochemistry (2015) Master's degree (1 major) Biochemistry (2017)		



Master's degree (1 major) Biochemistry (2019)