MSc/PhD Program

Molecular Life Sciences -

Microbiology, Biotechnology and Biochemistry

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Master Molecular Life Sciences – Microbiology, Biotechnology and Biochemistry

Key feature:

Research-oriented Studies

Primary Model Organisms:

Microorganisms (single cell, multicellular)

↕ Plant-Microbe Interactions

Plants

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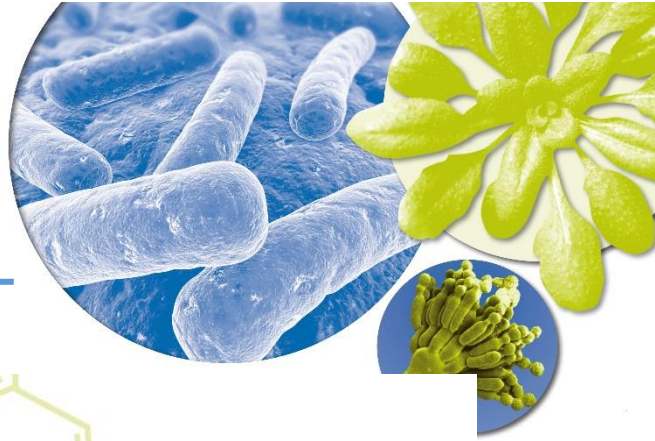

Subjects

- Biochemistry
- Structural Biology
- Molecular Genetics
- Cell Biology
- Microbiology
- Biotechnology
- Plant Molecular Biology
- Plant-Microbe Interactions
- Chemical Biology
- -Omics
- Biophysics
- Bioinformatics

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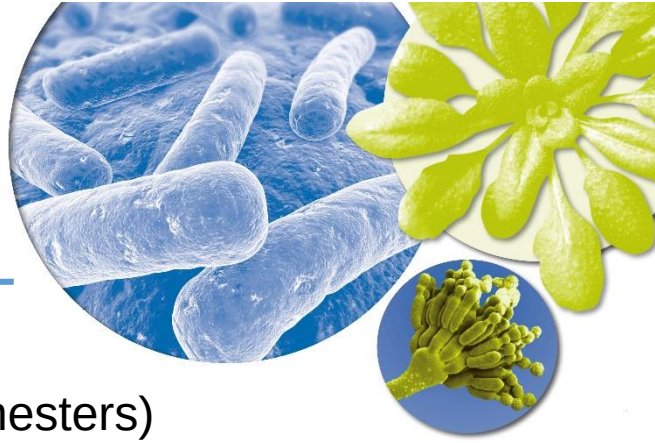

Key features

→ from BSc to MSc in 2 years (4 semesters)

→ consistent focused program

→ 120 credits according to the European Credit Transfer System (ECTS)

→ program limited to 48 students

→ English as main teaching language

→ practical training in small groups with state of the art equipment

→ inspiring international research environment

→ complementary training (“soft skills”)

→ direct access to the PhD programs of the faculty for excellent students

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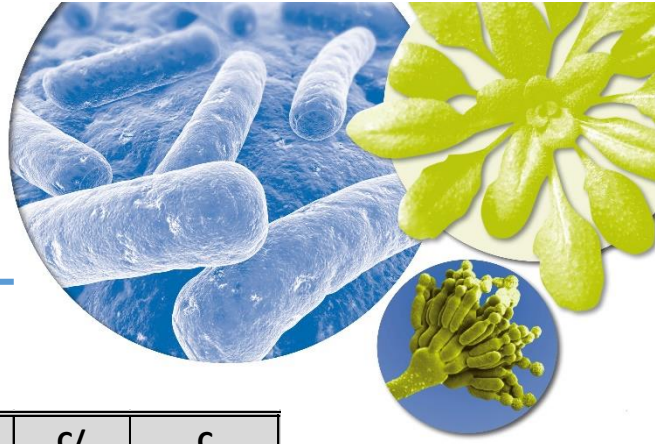

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"Biochemistry & Biophysics"

„M.Bio.101 General & Applied Microbiology"

Biology

Prof. Jörg Stülke

Metabolic and Regulatory Patterns in Bacterial Cells

Regulated protein-RNA Interaction

PD Dr. Michael Hoppert

Biomineral formation

Terrestrial microalgal biofilms

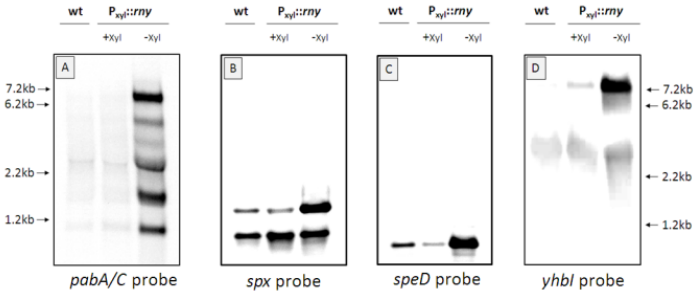
Prof. Rolf Daniel

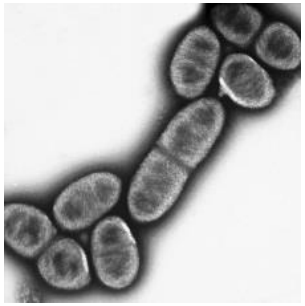
PD Dr. Heiko Liesegang

(Meta)genomics

Applied Microbiology
Synthetic Microbiology

Genes and enzymes for biotechnology





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GenoMik

„M.Bio.102 Molecular Genetics & Microbial Cell Biology“

Biology

Prof. Stefanie Pöggeler

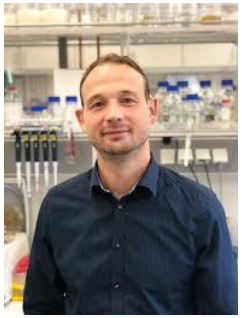
Fruiting-body Development in Filamentous Ascomycetes

Dr. Daniela Nordzieke

Plant infection by *Colletotrichum graminicola*

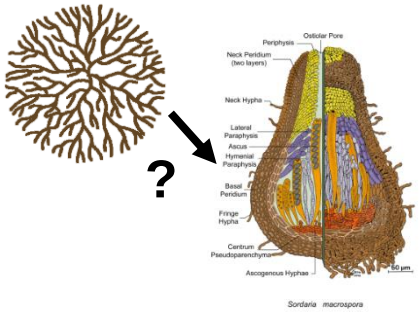
Prof. Heike Krebber

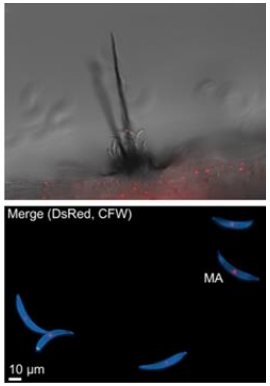
Nucleocytoplasmic Transport

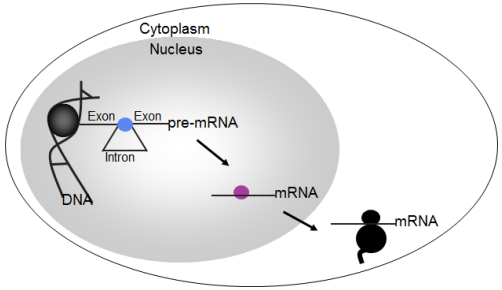


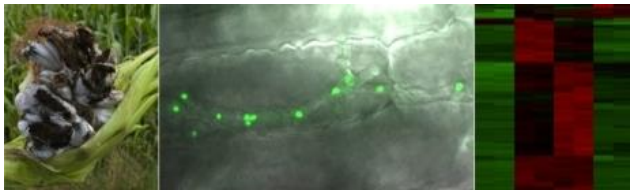
Prof. Kai Heimel

Unfolded Protein Response in Filamentous Fungi









„M.Bio.105 Applied Bioinformatics in Molecular Bioscience"

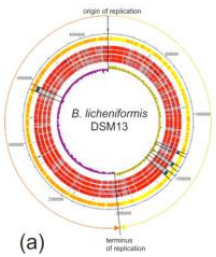
Biology

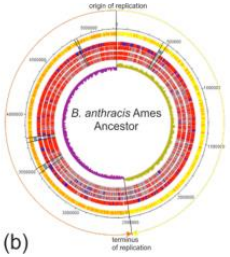
Prof. Rolf Daniel

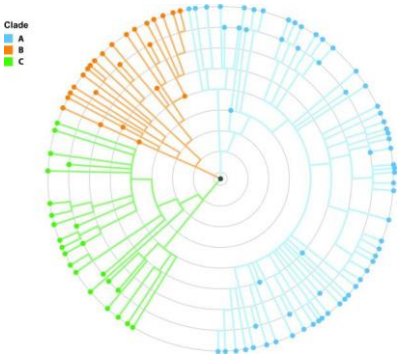
PD Dr. Heiko Liesegang

Handling of programs, bioinformatic tools and databases with respect to data-driven Omics-based research

- **Application of bioinformatic approaches in molecular phylogeny, evolution, genome dynamics und (meta)Omics**
- **Bioinformatic analysis of RNAs and proteins**
- **Identification of motifs and genes**
- **Generation and analysis of metabolic models and networks**







„M.Bio 108 Enzyme Catalysis & Chemical Biology"

Chemistry

Jun.-Prof. Nadja Simeth

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Biology

Prof. Kai Tittmann

Reaction mechanisms of thiamin-dependent enzymes and flavoenzymes

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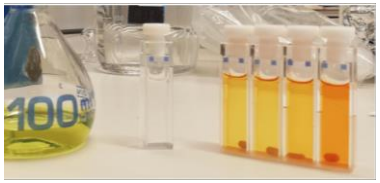
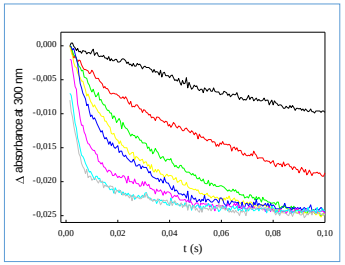
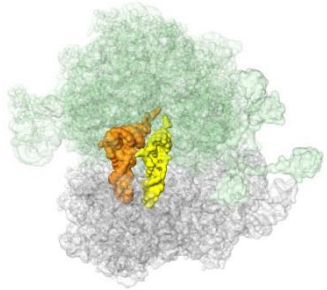
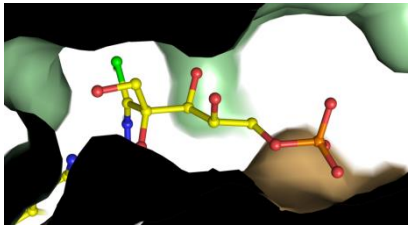
Prof. Marina Rodnina

Kinetics of Bacterial Translation









- **Reaction mechanisms of enzymes and macromolecular machines**

- **Kinetics and thermodynamics of biochemical reactions**

- **Synthesis of biooligomers and ligands, attachment of lables to peptides and proteins**

- **Chemical model systems of enzymes**

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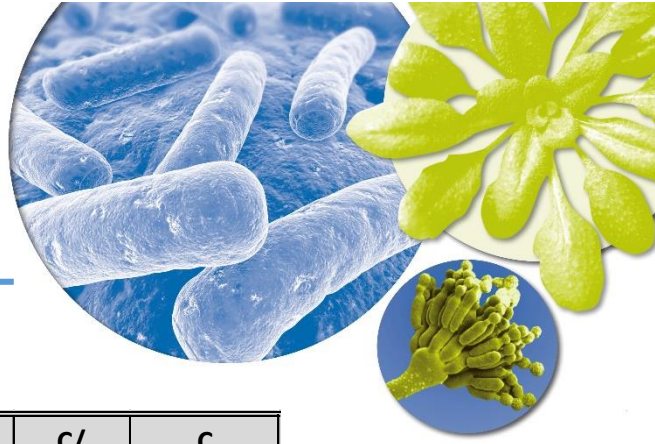

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„M.Bio.104 Cell & Molecular Biology of Plant-Microbe Interactions"

Biology

Prof. Volker Lipka

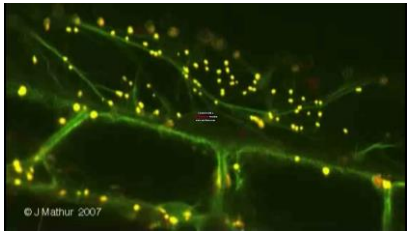
Signal perception & dynamic cellular defence in plant innate immunity

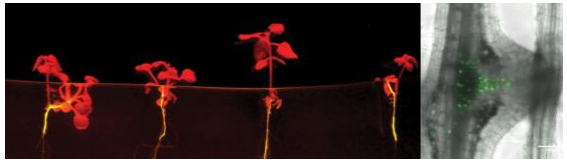
Dr. Thomas Spallek

Plant Biotic Interactions

Prof. N.N.

Molecular Stress Physiology





Phtheirospermum japonicum
(hemiparasitic plant)
Model to study plant parasitism

„M.Bio.107 Biochemistry & Biophysics"

Biology

Prof. Ivo Feussner

Biochemical analysis of carbohydrates, lipids, proteins and nucleic acids (HPLC / GC / GCMS / UPLCMS / ESIMS) Plant biotechnology for production of renewable resources

Chemistry

Prof. Claudia Steinem

Chemistry

Prof. Andreas Janshoff

Spectroscopy of biomolecules (fluorescence, FT-IR, CD, UV/Vis), optical microscopy, scanning probe techniques

- **Plant primary and secondary metabolism → Metabolomics**
- **Lipid metabolism, enzymes of lipid metabolism and lipids as signal molecules**
- **Modern biophysical methods for analysis of biomolecules**
- **Molecular biochemistry and biophysics of different classes of biomolecules**
- **Functional analysis of membrane proteins**

„M.Bio.106 Structural Biochemistry"

Biology

Prof. Ralf Ficner

Molecular structural biology

RNA processing & transport

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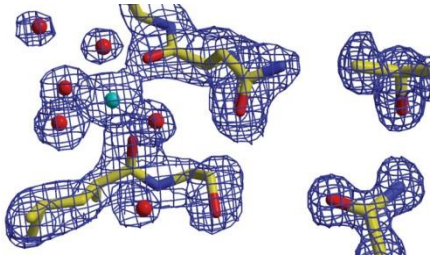
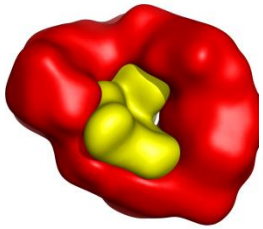
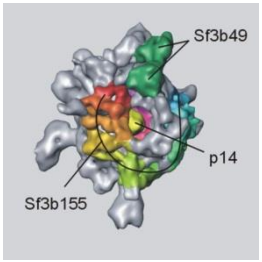
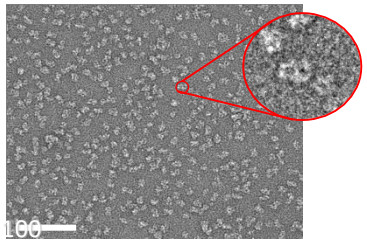
Prof. Holger Stark

3D Electron Cryomicroscopy









Structure-function relationship
Protein-Protein interaction
Protein-RNA-DNA recognition

Structure-based drug design

Methods in Structural Biology
X-ray crystallography
NMR spectroscopy
Electron Microscopy
Computational Methods

Profile module (12C)

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(flexibility option)

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examples for approved external profile modules:

University Uppsala, **Sweden**
University of Queensland, Brisbane, **Australia**
Sanford Burnham Medical Research Institute, San Diego, **USA**
Donnelly Center, Toronto, **Canada**
Sainsbury Laboratory, Norwich, **United Kingdom**
University of Exeter, **United Kingdom**
University of Aberdeen, **United Kingdom**
Massey University**, New Zealand**

Module M.MM.101 "Biomolecules and Pathogens" of Master program "**Molecular Medicine**" in **Göttingen**

Internships in departments of the **MPI for Multidisciplinary Science**, **Göttingen**

Internship in pharmaceutical or chemistry industry:
Henkel AG & Co, **Düsseldorf,** Bayer Crop Science, **Monheim,** DSM Nutritional Products, **Basel,** BASF, **Ludwigshafen**

Key Competence Module (2-12C)

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e.g.

language courses

German language courses (6 C) for students with fair language skills (B1)

„Industry excursions“

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BEE = Master "Biodiversity and Ecology"
ZESS = "Zentrale Einrichtung für Sprach- und Schlüsselkompetenzen„ (e.g. language courses)

Master Programme (M.Bio.150)
Key Competence Module "Industry excursion" (3C)"

- 3 days excursion: WS semester break
- visit of companies which hire molecular biologists/biochemists
- get an insight into the job of molecular biologist/biochemist in the industry

Master Programme (M.Bio.149)
Key Competence Module
"Planing and organization of Industry excursons (3C)"

- selection and contact of the companies
- travel organization: bus operators, youth hostal etc.

Admission requirements: participitation in the core module M.Bio.102 "Molecular Genetics and Microbial Cell Biology"

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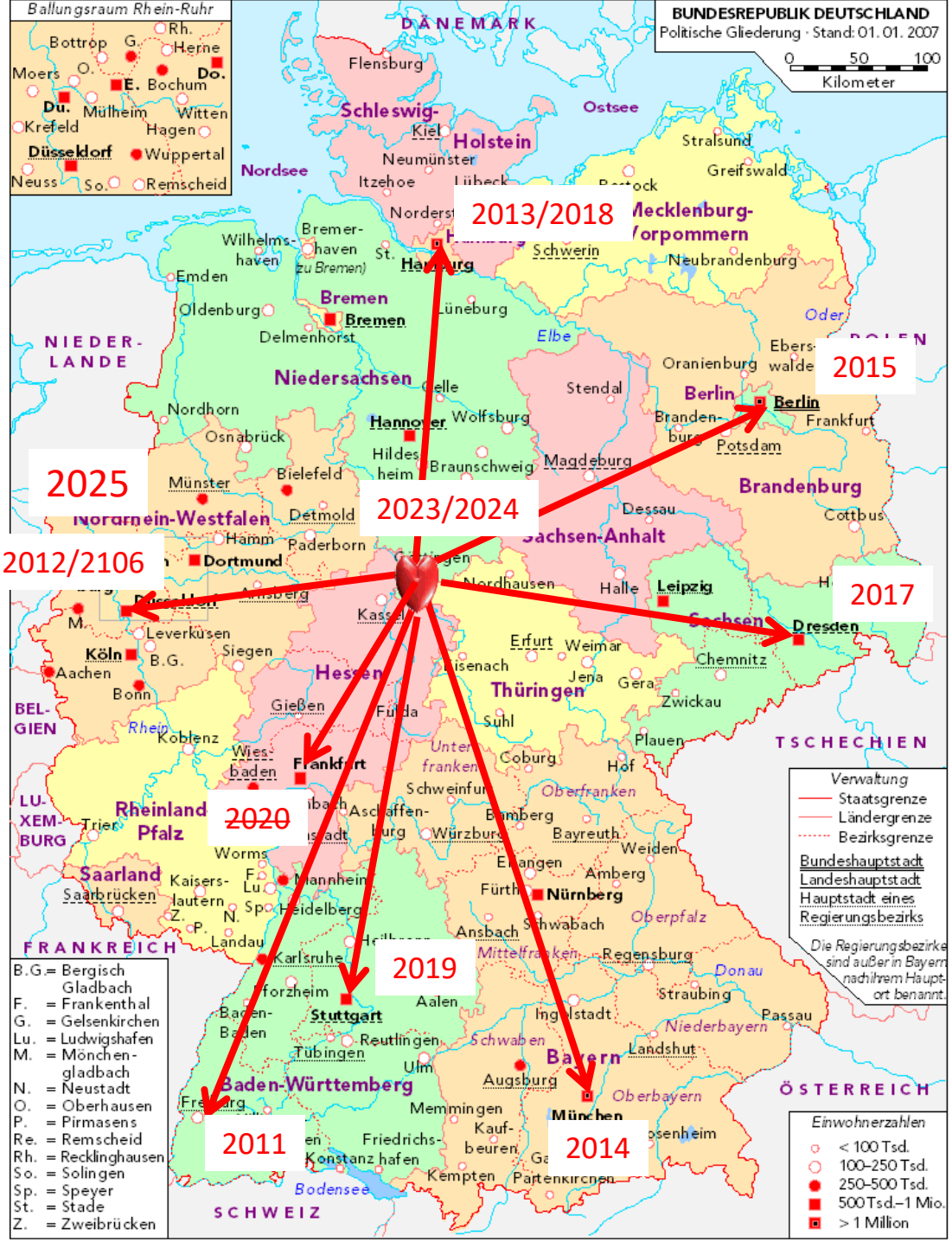

Industry excursion 2024
Göttingen

Plant breeding and seed company
KWS Saat AG Einbeck

Global supplier of fragrances, flavors, and ingredients for both food and cosmetics, Holzminden

Pharmaceutical company
Evotec, Göttingen

NextPharma contract development and manufacturing company. Production of high variety of pharmaceutical dosage forms which include solids, liquids and semi-solids., Göttingen

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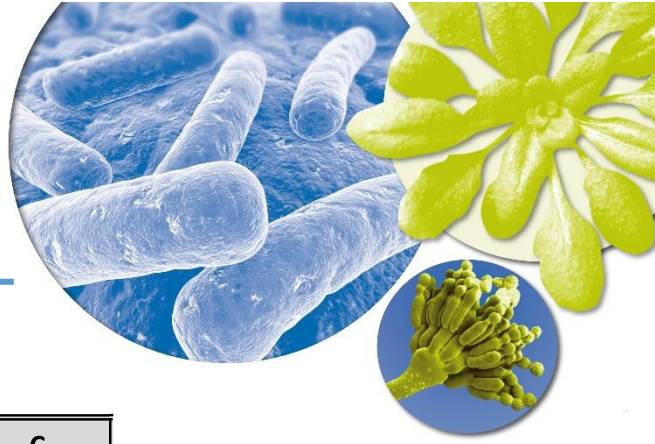

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Curriculum

examplary study plan	
core I	12
core II	12
key competence	6
profile	12
core III	12
key competence	6
advanced I	12
advanced II	12
scientific project management	6
Master thesis	30

PhD (GAUSS)

Timetable winter term

Winter term																
	week	Lecture period														Lecture-free period
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Xmas-break	9	10	11	12	13	14	
		27 Oct -28 Nov 2025					1 Dec 2025 - 16 Jan 2026 (christmas break 22 Dec - 02 Jan)						19 Jan - 20 Feb 2026				
	block	**M.Bio.101** General and applied mcirobiology					**M.Bio.102** Molecular genetics and microbial cell biology						**M.Bio.108** Enzyme catalysis and biological chemistry				**M.Bio.150** Industry excursion
													M.Bio.105 Applied bioinformatics in molecular biosciences				
	weekly	free time slot for other faculties' lectures (Fri, 08:15-09:45)															
		M.Bio 146 Applied methods of bioscience by arrangement															
		M.Bio 149 Planning and organization of industry excursions by arrangement															

Timetable summer term

Time/ Weekday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8 - 9	M.Bio.107/147 Biochemistry and Biophysics (lecture)	M.Bio.104/144 Plant-microbe-IA (lecture)	Plant-microbe-IA (lecture)	M.Bio.107/147 Biochemistry and Biophysics (lecture/tutorial)	Structural Biochemistry (lecture/seminar)
9 - 10			Plant-microbe-IA (seminar)		
10 - 11			M.Bio.106/156 Structural Biochemistry (lecture)		
11 - 12					

block methods courses

April		May		June		July		August	
1 Sa		1 Mo		1 Do		1 Sa		1 Di	
2 So		2 Di		2 Fr		2 So		2 Mi	
3 Mo		3 Mi		3 Sa		3 Mo		3 Do	
4 Di		4 Do		4 So		4 Di		4 Fr	
5 Mi		5 Fr		5 Mo		5 Mi		5 Sa	
6 Do		6 Sa		6 Di		6 Do		6 So	
7 Fr	easter break	7 So		7 Mi		7 Fr		7 Mo	
8 Sa	easter break	8 Mo	M.Bio.107 Biochemistry or Biophysics	8 Do		8 Sa		8 Di	
9 So	easter break	9 Di	M.Bio.107 Biochemistry or Biophysics	9 Fr		9 So		9 Mi	
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