

MSc in Life Sciences

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Cooperation processes for the A + T modules (students)

Marks

Only entire modules are assessed and not individual courses. The final mark, rounded off to the nearest half mark, is submitted to the Coordination Office (KS) no later than four weeks after the end of module. Every two months (6 times per year) a conference on examination results is to be organised by the Coordination Committee (LA). The finalised marks are to be sent by the KS to the LA and then announced to the students by the respective universities. No marks are given to the students before the conference on examination results.

Evidence of performance

In the case of an FX- grade (3.5) an amendment can be made within four weeks after the conference on examination results. If the resubmission is deemed satisfactory, the student receives the mark 4.0; if no resubmission is made or the resubmission is not deemed satisfactory, a 3.0 is awarded. The form of the resubmission as well as the specific timing and location are to be determined by the module coordinator.

Repetitions and re-examinations take place in the following year.

If a compulsory optional module (ETG or AG) is failed, another module may be chosen as part of the individual study agreement (ISV) after consultation and approval by the head of the master programme of the respective university. The exam for this new module can be repeated once.

Evidence of student performance remains with the module coordinators until the student leaves the university. If a student wishes to inspect the evidence of performance, the respective university must request the module coordinator to supply this so it can be provided to the student.

Objections and appeals

Appeals (deadlines) are governed by the regulations of the university at which the student is enrolled.

Deregistration from and registration for modules

Deregistration from and registration for modules may take place up to the end of Week 5 (for the spring semester) and up to the end of Week 35 (for the autumn semester). After this, the lists of student enrolments in the modules at all the universities must be sent to the KS. Subsequent changes must be applied for with a doctor's certificate or an application to the respective university and the KS. Only reasons of force majeure (illness, death, military service etc.) are accepted.

Module description / Module coordination

Changes in module descriptions must be reported to the KS and approved by the LA. Applications for changes in module coordination must be made to and approved by the LA.

The module descriptions must be written in English. Modules are to be based on literature in English only. The prior knowledge necessary for the successful completion of the module should be listed in detail.

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The coordination office (KS) is responsible for all administrative and organisational aspects of the joint modules.

Course materials for students

The course materials must be uploaded to the e-learning platform no later than 4 weeks before the module begins. These must include the weekly programme and timetable.

Language for teaching and examinations

The teaching and testing language of the AG and ETG modules is English.

The Coordination Committee of the Master of Science in Life Sciences

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