Module Name

Neurobiology in Drosophila

Type of Module

Advanced Module

Module Code

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Identification Number MN-B-SM (N 2)		Workload 360 h	Credit Points 12 CP	Term	Offe	Offered Every Summer term			Duration 7 weeks
				2 nd term of studying	Sun			ner term	
1	Cour	Course Types		Contact Time		Private Study		Planned Group Size	
	a) Lectures b) Practical/Lab		24 h		50 h 99 h		max. 9 max. 9		
			150 h						
	c) Se	eminar		7 h		30 h		max. 9	

2 Module Objectives and Skills to be Acquired

Students who successfully completed this module

- will have gained a general understanding of neural cells and their function
- achieved basic understanding of the relationship between anatomy and function in the Drosophila brain
- · gained insights into neuron-glia interaction and how this controls behaviour
- learned state-of-the-art techniques in neurobiology
- learned how to address neurobiological questions experimentally and plan experiments
- gained insights in data evaluation, statistical methods and data management
- have learned how to present research results in oral and written form and to critically discuss scientific publications related to the topic of the module on a professional level.
- are able to transfer skills acquired in this module to other fields of biology.

3 Module Content

- From genes to behavior: concepts of neurogenesis, neural function, and circuit formation
- Molecular neurobiology
- Staining methods, immunohistochemistry, state-of-the-art microscopy techniques and bioinformatic image processing methods
- Basic and advanced methods in cell and molecular biology and protein biochemistry
- Behavioural assays of larval and/or adult locomotion in flies
- Basic and advanced *Drosophila* genetics
- Scientific writing (grant proposal, paper) and presentation (oral, seminar, poster)

4 Teaching Methods

Lectures; Practical/Lab (Project work); Seminars; Guidance to independent research; Training on presentation techniques in oral and written form; training on paper/grant writing

5	Prerequisites (for the Module)							
	Enrollment in the Master's degree course "Biological Sciences"							
	Additional academic requirements							
	Previous attendance of the lecture module "Neurobiology: Genes, Circuits, and Behavior (N)".							
6	Type of Examination							
	The final examination consists of two parts: oral presentation (20-30 min; 50 % of the total module mark), written report (50 % of the total module mark)							
7	Credits Awarded							
	Regular and active participation Each examination part at least "sufficient" (see appendix of the examination regulations for details)							
8	Compatibility with other Curricula							
	None							
9	Proportion of Final Grade							
	15 % of the overall grade (see also appendix of the examination regulations)							
10	Module Coordinator							
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11	Further Information							
	Subject module of the Master's degree course "Biological Sciences", Specialization: (N) Neurobiology: Genes, Circuits, and Behavior							
	Participating faculty : PD Dr. B. Altenhein, Dr. E. Erhardt, Dr. J. Goldammer, Prof. Dr. K. Ito, Dr. T. Riemensperger, Prof. Dr. H. Scholz							
	Literature: Information about textbooks and other reading material will be given on the ILIAS representation of the course (https://www.ilias.uni-koeln.de/ilias/goto_uk_cat_2815610.html)							
	General time schedule: Week 1 (MonFri., 9 a.m 5 p.m.): Seminars, lectures, introduction to paper/grant writing, practice; Week 2-6 (MonFri., 9 a.m 5 p.m.): practical/lab; Week 7 (MonFri.): Preparation for the oral examination and final presentation							
	Note: The module contains hand-on laboratory work conducted individually and is taught in research laboratories. The module does not contain computer-based practicals/research as a main component.							
	Introduction to the module: April 01, 2022 at 10 a.m., Cologne Biocenter, room 2.009 (second floor) or online (in this case, further information/link will be sent to your Smail-Account); for preparation to the module before this introduction see ILIAS link under literature.							
	Oral examination: May 20, 2022, second/supplementary examination August 05, 2022; the latter date may vary if students and module coordinator agree. More details will be given at the beginning of the module.							