

Module Name Elective module						
Type of Module ○ Supplementary Module				Module Code Elective Module		
Identification Number MN-B-EM	Workload 360 h	Credit Points 12 CP	Term 1 st or 2 nd term of studying	Offered Every Every term	Start Any time	Duration Cannot be specified
1	Course Types Variable (see below)		Contact Time Variable (see below)		Private Study Variable (see below)	
2	<p>Module Objectives and Skills to be Acquired</p> <p>As long as the chosen subjects are connected to an occupational area in the Neuroscience to some degree, all aspects of science are acceptable. The Elective Module lends itself to the study of Soft Skills („Schlüsselkompetenzen“) such as scientific writing, writing a research proposal, working in a granting agency, scientific publishing, patent-related skills, biological safety courses etc.. The Elective Module may also be used to gain international or applied research experience, for example in an industrial context, or to broaden the student’s view on a specific research area.</p> <p>Students who successfully completed this module</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • broaden and enrich an individual study programme and integrate well into an individual student’s career. 					
3	<p>Module Content</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The contents of an Elective Module are variable according to the student’s individual career design. The Elective Module may very well be composed of up to four different parts, each at least 2 CP. In the end, 12 CPs have to be collected. Component supervisors do not have to be academic staff of a University if a component is carried out in a non-academic environment. 					
4	<p>Teaching Methods</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Variable and dependent on the individual components 					
5	<p>Prerequisites (for the Module)</p> <p>Enrolment in one of the Master’s of Science degree courses of the Department of Biology; Registration of the module at the Master of Science Degree Committee of the Department of Biology before starting the module (application form can be obtained from http://www.biologie.uni-koeln.de/examination_office.html)</p>					
6	<p>Type of Examination</p> <p>Variable and dependent on the individual components</p>					
7	<p>Credits Awarded</p> <p>The Master of Science Degree Committee of the Department of Biology will determine and testify the individual requisites for every student and will finally grant the credits. Each part has to be passed (see appendix of the examination regulations for details)</p>					
8	<p>Compatibility with other Curricula</p> <p>Variable and dependent on the individual components</p>					

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9	Proportion of Final Grade None (see also appendix of the examination regulations); A „pass“ in the Elective Module is nevertheless an essential prerequisite for permission to start a Master Thesis.
10	Module Coordinator Chairperson of the Master of Science Degree Committee of the Department of Biology
11	Further Information Note: A student may do no more than two modules within the same research group. This applies to Laboratory Module (MN-B-SM [LM]), Elective Module (MN-B-EM) and Project Modules (MN-B-PM). Introduction / Examination dates: Variable and dependent on the individual components