

Laboratory Module. What to know and what to do.

What to know and what to do before you apply for a Laboratory Module

A Laboratory Module is a substitute for a Subject Module. Students will conduct an individual research project in a research group for at least 7 weeks, including one week for preparation of an oral presentation, written report and oral examination, all graded. The Laboratory Modules are exceptions for all students (except research track students). An exception will be granted if a student has not been admitted to a module of her or his choice and if no place in a subject module with a similar topic is available. Permission for attending a Laboratory Module has to be granted by the Degree Committee. Therefore, contact the student adviser (Dr. Jan Weber) for approval before handing in the application form, A laboratory module can only be conducted in the laboratory of a academic supervisor in the MSc program.

What to do before you start a Laboratory Module

- Fill in and sign the *Application form* together with your supervisor.
- Hand in the *Application form* to the Master's office at least 2 weeks before you start working.
- Make sure that your supervisor and you are familiar with the examination requirements: lab report, research talk with discussion and a general oral exam (20-45 min).
- Ask for subjects of oral exam and for material (papers, books etc.) for preparation of the research talk and the oral exam.
- Ask for the date when the lab report has to be handed in.
- Ask for the date of the research talk.
- Ask for the date of the oral exam.

Examination and what to do when you are done

- You have to prepare a lab report that will be graded (*50% of final grade*). Ask your supervisor for advice.
- You have to give a research talk on a topic related to your project, for example, on a publication. There will be a discussion. The subjects of the discussion will be minuted. The talk will be graded (*25% of final grade*).
- There will be a general oral exam (20-45 min) that will be graded (*25% of final grade*). A general topic means that the subjects do not derive from your project but rather cover a broad range of the respective field (*Genetics, Ecology, Neurobiology etc.*). Ask your supervisor which topics will be covered. The subjects of the oral exam will be minuted
- Remind your supervisor to send the two minutes forms, the *Certificate of Completion* The forms may be sent by email or regular mail in a sealed envelope to the Office of the Degree committee.
- Send the written report that has been signed by the supervisor on the title page to the Degree Committee.
- The final grade will be awarded by the Degree Committee.