

## **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 a 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 and a general oral exam (20-45 min).
- Ask for subjects of oral exam and for material (papers, books etc.) for preparation.
- Ask for the date when the lab report has to be handed in.
- 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.
- There will be a general oral exam (20-45 min) that will be graded (*50% 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.