

Module name: Elective Module

Identification number	Workload	Credits	Term of studying	Frequency of occurrence	Duration
MN-B-EM	360 h	12	1 st and/or 2 nd termofstudying	all year round	could not be specified
1	Type of lessons	Contact times	Self-study times	Intended group size	
	Variable (see below)	Variable (see below)	Variable (see below)	Variable (see below)	
2	Learning outcomes / Skills				
	The Elective Module should broaden and enrich an individual study programme and integrate well into an individual student's career. As long as the chosen subjects are connected to the Biological Sciences, 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 or ecological context or to broaden the student's view on a specific research area.				
3	Contents				
	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 different parts. The only criterion is that at the end 12CP have to be collected. Component supervisors need not be academic staff of a University if a component is accepted in a non-academic environment.				
4	Teaching methods				
	Variable and dependent on the individual components.				
5	Requirements for participation				
	Enrollment in the Master's degree course "Biological Sciences"; Formal written permission by the M.Sc. Biological Sciences Degree Committee before starting the module (application form can be obtained from http://www.biologie.uni-koeln.de/examination_office.html)				
6	Type of examinations				
	Variable and dependent on the individual components.				
7	Requisites for the allocation of credits				
	The M.Sc. Biological Sciences. Degree Committee will determine and testify the individual requisites for every student and will finally grant the credits.				
8	Compatibility with other Curricula				
	Variable and dependent on the individual components				
9	Significance of the mark for the overall 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 and Participating faculty				
	<p>Module coordinator: Chairperson of the M.Sc. Biological Sciences Degree Committee, at present: Prof.Dr. Karin Schnetz, phone 470-4328, MScBiol-Office@uni-koeln.de</p> <p>Participating faculty: Variable. Component supervisors need not be academic staff of a University if a component is accepted in a non-academic environment.</p>				
11	Additional information				
	<p>Supplementary module of the Master's degree course "Biological Sciences";</p> <p><i>Note:</i> 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).</p> <p>Introduction / Examination dates: Variable and dependent on the individual components</p>				