

Module name: Master Thesis and Defence

Identification number	Workload	Credits	Term of studying*	Frequency of occurrence	Duration**
MN-B-MT	1200 h	40	4 th term of studying	all year round	7 months
1	Type of lessons No specific class-work	Contact times According to the individual demand of the student	Self-study times According to the individual need of the student	Intended group size 1 student / supervising tutor	
2	Learning outcomes / Skills After completing this module students will have learned to perform scientific work independently and at a demanding level. In addition, they will have gained substantial further training in presenting their results to scientific audiences in written and oral form. Students will be able to defend their scientific achievements and to develop their own ideas within their research fields.				
3	Contents The detailed content of the Master Thesis is proposed by the supervising tutor on an individual basis. It is agreed by the student, the supervising tutor and the M.Sc. Biol. Degree Committee. An M.Sc. Thesis may be supervised by any member of staff qualified under the University Regulation § 65 HG.*** The Defence consists of a 20 min talk on the results of the thesis and is followed by a 25-40 min discussion on the thesis as well as its scientific background.				
4	Teaching methods Guidance to independent research; Project work; Training on presentation techniques in oral and written form; Seminars				
5	Requirements for participation Successful completion of all other modules; formal written permission by the M.Sc. Biol. Degree Committee before starting the module				
6	Type of examinations M.Sc. Thesis (accounts for 75 % of the total module mark), Defence of the M.Sc. Thesis (accounts for 25 % of the total module mark)				
7	Requisites for the allocation of credits Both M.Sc. Thesis and Defence must be passed with a grade of at least 4.0				
8	Compatibility with other Curricula None				
9	Significance of the mark for the overall grade 40 % of the overall grade (see appendix 2 of the examination regulations)				
10	Module coordinator and Participating faculty Module coordinator: Chairperson of the M.Sc. Biol. Degree Committee, at present: Prof. Dr. J.C. Howard, phone 470-4864, j.howard@uni-koeln.de Participating faculty: All staff qualified under the University Regulation § 65 HG***				

Master Thesis and Defence (MN-B-MT) continued

11	Additional information <ul style="list-style-type: none">- In case a student cannot find a supervisor for this module, it is the responsibility of the M.Sc. Biol. Degree Committee to arrange for one.- The topic of a Master Thesis may be changed once and within the first month.- In special circumstances the M.Sc. Biol. Degree Committee may prolong the duration of a Master Thesis by one month.
-----------	---

* According to the course schedule (see appendix 2 of the examination regulations)

** Preparation times before the official start of the module are not included here.

*** A biannually updated list will be provided on the internet pages of the Department of Biology.