



Master in Life Sciences

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Module	Biodesign: Ways to Active Pharmaceutical Ingredients
Code	MSLS_V2_1
Degree Programme	Master of Science in Life Sciences (MSLS)
ECTS Credits	5
Workload	150 h: Contact 60 h; Self-study 90 h
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Entry Requirements	<p>The particular Master's module builds on standard Bachelor's level courses which convey basic knowledge in the following fields (see also textbooks given in brackets):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Biochemistry (Berg J.M., Tymoczko J.L, and Stryer L., 2012. Biochemistry: International Edition. 7th Ed., W.H.Freeman & Co Ltd) • Biotechnology (Renneberg R., 2007. Biotechnology for Beginners. Academic Press) • Cell Biology (Essential Cell Biology, Albert et al, W. W. Norton & Company) • Microbiology (Fuchs G. and H.-G. Schlegel., Allgemeine Mikrobiologie. 8th Ed., Georg Thieme Verlag) • Molecular biology • Pharmacology (Hein L., Mohr K., and Lüllmann H., 2008. Taschenatlas der Pharmakologie, Georg Thieme Verlag)
Learning Outcomes and Competences	<p>After completing the module students will be able to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • evaluate the therapeutic and the market potential of biopharmaceuticals based on pharmacological, pharmaeconomical and pharmacovigilance data • explain the principle methods and strategies of the drug discovery process and evaluate the advantages and disadvantages of different technologies • present scientific publications in a journal club format • ask in-depth and critical questions based on presentations by their peers
Module Content	<p>As most lifestyle diseases are still treated symptomatically and no effective therapies exist for other common diseases, the search for new drugs is on-going. Candidate molecules and lead structures can be found in the biosphere, redesigned by</p>

	<p>computing methods or adapted to mimic known physiologically active molecules. Often these molecules are of protein nature and can be produced by recombinant DNA technology. Therefore, there is an increasing demand of new and optimised expression systems using different production organisms. Afterwards a transfer to biotechnological production processes is required.</p> <p>The following topics will be covered:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • definition and classification of biopharmaceuticals, pharmacology of biopharmaceuticals • biopharmaceutical sales, market analysis and global changes in the health care sector • pharmacology of novel biopharmaceuticals and pharmacovigilance • strategies in drug discovery: combinatorial chemistry, (ultra) high-throughput-screening, omics-technologies, computer-aided drug design • use and evaluation of different production systems to find new drugs • Protein-based therapeutics • RNA-based therapeutics (mRNA-therapeutics; antisense oligonucleotides or RNAi therapeutics; tRNA therapeutics; CRISPR/Cas therapeutic approaches) • Therapeutics based on targeted protein degradation (PROTACs; molecular glue degraders)theoretical background for the production of humanised antibodies • principles of high-throughput clone/library screening methods • decision criteria: requirements of the end-product, manufacturing procedure and costs • basics of synthetic biology • the principles of drug design • the basic idea of combinatorial chemistry • the principles of encoding methods for the One-Bead–One-Compound • the principle of supervised learning approaches of AI, ML, DL and applications • best practice for screening of production clones <p>adaption of production strains used for biotechnological manufacture in industrial scale to maximise productivity (titre, yield) or product quality</p>
Teaching / Learning Methods	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • contact lessons • group work • case studies • literature and database search • computer-aided design
Assessment of Learning Outcome	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Written exam 65% • Report 28% • Poster 7%
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