

Module	Advanced Deep Learning
Code	V5_9
Degree Program	Master of Science in Life Sciences (MSLS)
ECTS Credits	3 ECTS
Workload	90h: 30h Lecture (2 Lessons/W), 30h Exercises (2 Lessons/W), 30h Self-study
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Lecturers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Martin Schüle • If required additional internal or external lecturers will be involved
Entry Requirements	Attending the modules “Neural Networks and Deep Learning” and “Machine Learning and Pattern Recognition” is mandatory.
Learning Outcomes and Competences	<p>Familiarity with basic programming in Python is required. Familiarity with PyTorch/Tensorflow is an advantage. Most exercises will be in PyTorch/Keras/Tensorflow.</p> <p>After completing the module, students will be able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • use and implement deep learning models in PyTorch/ Keras/Tensorflow • display an advanced understanding of deep learning theory • apply deep sequence models to text and time series data • understand the advantages of generative models • understand and develop models in probabilistic deep learning • recognize possible application areas of reinforcement learning • reflect the usage and impact of advanced deep learning in a context of applications in computational life sciences
Module Content	<p>The module covers the following topics:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. General Introduction to Advanced Deep Learning 2. Introduction to PyTorch/ Keras/Tensorflow 3. Advanced sequence modeling 4. Generative models 5. Probabilistic deep learning 6. Advanced NLP 7. Reinforcement learning 8. Data challenge: industry challenges

Teaching / Learning Methods	The module will consist of lectures and practical exercises. In addition to lectures, students will be required to self-study selected topics. Students will work in groups on a data challenge and present their results to the class at the end of the course.
Assessment of Learning Outcome	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Preparatory Exercises: 10%• Exercises during the course: 40%• Data challenge: 50%
Bibliography	Pointers to literature will be provided on our online learning platform.
Language	English
Comments	-
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