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Master-/Promotionsstudiengang
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#### I. Master-/Promotionsstudiengang "Neurowissenschaften"

#### 1. Period I (intensive year)

The following modules comprising 90 C have to be passed.

#### a. Theoretical modules

The 6 following modules comprising 30 C have to be passed.

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| M.Neuro.11: Neuroanatomy, Development (3 C)   |
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| <ul><li>b. Practical modules</li><li>The 5 following modules comprising 53 C have to be passed.</li></ul> |
| M.Neuro.21: Methods Courses: Histology & Cytochemistry (2 C)  |
| M.Neuro.22: Methods Courses: Electrophysiology (2 C)  |
| M.Neuro.23: Methods Courses: Microscopy & Imaging (2 C)   |
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| M.Neuro.25: Lab Rotations (45 C)6484  |
| c. Area of professionalisation  The 2 following modules comprising 7 C have to be passed.                 |
| M.Neuro.31: Professional Skills in Science (2 C)  |
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#### 2. Period II (Master's thesis)

A total of 30 C are awarded for passing the Master's thesis.

# Georg-August-Universität Göttingen Module M.Neuro.11: Neuroanatomy, Development

#### Learning outcome, core skills:

The students get an overview of the human central nervous system. The different brain parts are introduced with respect to their developmental origin. The histology and cellular composition of different brain parts is presented in conjunction with different staining techniques. Relevant experimental animal models are introduced and discussed comparatively.

Workload: Attendance time: 40 h Self-study time:

The module is accompanied by practical courses on histological and staining techniques.

#### Courses:

- 1. Lecture (24 h)
- 2. Tutorial (16 h)

#### Examination: Part of comprehensive examination (§ 7 PStO)

#### **Examination requirements:**

Knowledge and understanding of the general anatomy, development and cellular architecture of the human central nervous system and relevant non-human experimental animals.

| Admission requirements:                       | Recommended previous knowledge:                         |
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| none  | none  |
| Language:<br>English                          | Person responsible for module: Prof. Dr. Michael Hörner |
| Course frequency: once a year                 | Duration:<br>4 weeks                                    |
| Number of repeat examinations permitted: once | Recommended semester:                                   |
| Maximum number of students: 20                |   |

#### Additional notes and regulations:

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#### Teaching capacity provided by:

Uni-Bio: 2h lecture, 2h tutorial; Med-VK: 16h lecture, 10h tutorial; Med-ENI: 4h lecture, 2h tutorial; MPI/DPZ: 2h lecture, 2h tutorial

# Georg-August-Universität Göttingen Module M.Neuro.12: Physiology and Basic Statistics

# Learning outcome, core skills: The students get an overview on the physiological principles of nervous system and nerve cell functions, which are discussed with respect to methodological approaches to measure relevant physiological parameters. Basic statistical approaches to evaluate and quantify physiological parameters are introduced. Relevant techniques to assess physiological parameters and statistically analyze in the nervous system are introduced in accompanying practical courses.

#### Courses:

- 1. Lecture (26 h)
- 2. Tutorial (30 h)

#### Examination: Part of comprehensive examination (§ 7 PStO)

#### **Examination requirements:**

Knowledge and understanding of physiological principles of the nervous system and nerve cells, and the physiological techniques to assess functional parameters. Understanding of statistical analysis approaches to evaluate physiological data.

| Admission requirements:                       | Recommended previous knowledge: none                       |
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| Language:<br>English                          | Person responsible for module: Prof. Dr. Dr. Detlev Schild |
| Course frequency: once a year                 | Duration:<br>7 weeks                                       |
| Number of repeat examinations permitted: once | Recommended semester:                                      |
| Maximum number of students: 20                |  |

#### Additional notes and regulations:

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#### Teaching capacity provided by:

Med-VK: 14h lecture, 14h tutorial; Med-KT: 6h tutorial; MPI/DPZ: 12h lecture, 10h tutorial

#### 3 C Georg-August-Universität Göttingen Module M.Neuro.13: Modelling, Autonomous Nervous System, Pharmacology Learning outcome, core skills: Workload: The students get introduced to theoretical approaches to model nervous system Attendance time: function, the form and function of the autonomous nervous system and the 38 h Self-study neuroendocrine system. Furthermore, neuropharmacological methodologies are time: presented with respect to quantitative behavioral analyses. 52 h The theoretical content of this module is accompanied by practical courses on modeling techniques and assessment of animal behavior. Courses: 1. Lecture (20 h) 2. Tutorial (18 h) Examination: Part of comprehensive examination (§ 7 PStO) **Examination requirements:** Knowledge and understanding of modeling approaches, functional principles of the autonomous nervous system and the neuro-endocrine system and basic neuropharmacology and behavioral testing. Admission requirements: Recommended previous knowledge: none none Language: Person responsible for module: Prof. Dr. Fred Wolf English **Duration:** Course frequency: 4 weeks once a year Number of repeat examinations permitted: Recommended semester: once Maximum number of students: 20

Med-KL: 8h lecture, 8h tutorial; MPI/DPZ: 12h lecture, 10h tutorial

Additional notes and regulations:

Teaching capacity provided by:

#### 6 C Georg-August-Universität Göttingen Module M.Neuro.14: Molecular Biology, Development, Neurogenetics Learning outcome, core skills: Workload: The students get an overview on cell biological mechanisms on the molecular level, Attendance time: principles of neurogenetics and neuroimmunology, and molecular aspects of neuronal 50 h Self-study development with respect to diseases and disease mechanisms of the nervous system. time: 130 h Courses: 1. Lecture (26 h) 2. Tutorial (24 h) Examination: Part of comprehensive examination (§ 7 PStO) **Examination requirements:** Knowledge and understanding of cell biological principles, neurogenetics and neuroimmunology, and neuronal development on the molecular level with respect to diseases of the nervous system. Admission requirements: Recommended previous knowledge: none none Language: Person responsible for module: Dr. Nils Brose English **Duration:** Course frequency: 6 weeks once a year Number of repeat examinations permitted: Recommended semester: once Maximum number of students: 20 Additional notes and regulations:

Med-KL: 4h lecture, 4h tutorial; MPI/DPZ: 22h lecture, 20h tutorial

Teaching capacity provided by:

#### Georg-August-Universität Göttingen 6 C Module M.Neuro.15: Sensory and Motor Systems Workload: Learning outcome, core skills: The students gain knowledge on the structure and function of major sensory systems in Attendance time: humans and relevant experimental animals with a focus on cell physiological aspects. In 40 h Self-study addition, the central motor systems and the anatomy, physiology and neuronal control of time: skeletal muscles is introduced. 140 h Courses: 1. Lecture (20 h) 2. Tutorial (20 h) Examination: Part of comprehensive examination (§ 7 PStO) **Examination requirements:** Knowledge and understanding of sensory systems in humans and relevant experimental animals, anatomy and physiology of central motor systems, skeletal muscle and muscle control. Admission requirements: Recommended previous knowledge: none none Person responsible for module: Language: Prof. Dr. med. Tobias Moser English **Duration:** Course frequency: 5 weeks once a year Number of repeat examinations permitted: Recommended semester: once Maximum number of students: 20 Additional notes and regulations:

Uni-Bio: 12h lecture, 12h tutorial; Med-KL: 4h lecture, 4h tutorial; MPI/DPZ: 4h lecture, 4h tutorial

Teaching capacity provided by:

#### 6 C Georg-August-Universität Göttingen Module M.Neuro.16: Clinical Neurosciences and Higher Brain Functions Workload: Learning outcome, core skills: Based on the knowledge of the previous modules, student gain insight into higher Attendance time: brain functions and brain diseases. The focus is on the introduction of brain disease 68 h Self-study principles, description of clinical syndromes and treatment strategies including the time: discussion of molecular mechanisms of disease development and principles of 112 h therapeutic intervention approaches. Courses: 1. Lecture (38 h) 2. Tutorial (30 h) Examination: Part of comprehensive examination (§ 7 PStO) **Examination requirements:** Knowledge and understanding higher brain functions and brain diseases including the characterization of clinical syndromes and clinical therapy options.

| Admission requirements:                       | Recommended previous knowledge:                            |
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| none  | none   |
| Language:<br>English                          | Person responsible for module: Prof. Dr. med. Mathias Bähr |
| Course frequency: once a year                 | Duration:<br>8 weeks                                       |
| Number of repeat examinations permitted: once | Recommended semester:                                      |
| Maximum number of students: 20                |  |

#### Additional notes and regulations:

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#### Teaching capacity provided by:

Med-VK: 1h lecture, 2h tutorial; Med-KT: 4h lecture, 4h tutorial; Med-KL: 13h lecture, 10h tutorial; Med-ENI: 1h lecture; MPI/DPZ: 19h lecture, 14h tutorial

Uni-Bio: 8h; Med-VK: 44h

#### 2 C Georg-August-Universität Göttingen Module M.Neuro.21: Methods Courses: Histology & Cytochemistry Workload: Learning outcome, core skills: The students get a practical introduction into histological techniques, classical Attendance time: staining procedures, tissue dissection and preparation, wax- and cryo-sectioning, 52 h Self-study immunocytochemistry, single cell staining and reconstruction, and related anatomical time: methods for conventional and electron microscopy. 8 h They learn when and how to apply the various techniques appropriately. Course: Introductory methods courses (52 h) Examination: Oral group examinations, not graded **Examination requirements:** Understanding of course-related scientific hypotheses, experimental design, laboratory techniques, analysis, interpretation and presentation of research results. Admission requirements: Recommended previous knowledge: none none Language: Person responsible for module: English Prof. Dr. Michael Hörner **Duration:** Course frequency: once a year 2 weeks Number of repeat examinations permitted: Recommended semester: Maximum number of students: 20 Additional notes and regulations: Teaching capacity provided by:

#### 2 C Georg-August-Universität Göttingen Module M.Neuro.22: Methods Courses: Electrophysiology Workload: Learning outcome, core skills: The students get introduced to the basic practical methods of electrophysiology Attendance time: including current- and voltage-clamp recording configurations, data acquisition and 46 h Self-study analysis procedures, and the preparation of living neuronal tissue for in-vivo and in-vitro time: recordings. 14 h The students learn when and how to apply the various techniques appropriately. Course: Introductory methods courses (46 h) Examination: Oral group examinations, not graded **Examination requirements:** Understanding of course-related scientific hypotheses, experimental design, laboratory techniques, analysis, interpretation and presentation of research results. Admission requirements: Recommended previous knowledge: none none Language: Person responsible for module: English Prof. Dr. Michael Hörner **Duration:** Course frequency: once a year 2 weeks Number of repeat examinations permitted: Recommended semester: Maximum number of students: 20 Additional notes and regulations: Teaching capacity provided by:

Med-VK: 6h; Med-KT: 18h; MPI/DPZ: 22h

#### 2 C Georg-August-Universität Göttingen Module M.Neuro.23: Methods Courses: Microscopy & Imaging Workload: Learning outcome, core skills: The students get introduced to high resolution imaging techniques including confocal Attendance time: and non-confocal fluorescence microscopy, STED, FLIM and related techniques, 54 h Self-study relevant data acquisition and analysis procedures, and the preparation of living neuronal time: tissue for in-vivo and in-vitro measurements. 6 h The students learn when and how to apply the various techniques appropriately. Course: Introductory methods courses (54 h) Examination: Oral group examinations, not graded **Examination requirements:** Understanding of course-related scientific hypotheses, experimental design, laboratory techniques, analysis, interpretation and presentation of research results. Admission requirements: Recommended previous knowledge: none none Language: Person responsible for module: English Prof. Dr. Dr. Detlev Schild **Duration:** Course frequency: once a year 2 weeks Number of repeat examinations permitted: Recommended semester: Maximum number of students: 20 Additional notes and regulations: Teaching capacity provided by:

Med-VK: 28h; Med-KL: 6h; Med-ENI: 6h; MPI/DPZ: 14h

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| Module M.Neuro.24: Methods Courses:  |  |                  |
| Learning outcome, core skills:   |  | Workload:        |
| The students get introduced to a series of different   | physiological experiments  | Attendance time: |
| and approaches in different model animals in a con   | •  | 50 h Self-study  |
|  | the preparation and measurement from insect sensory and motor systems or the   |                  |
| quantitative analysis of animal behavior.  |  | 10 h             |
| The students learn when and how to apply the varie   | The students learn when and how to apply the various techniques appropriately. |                  |
| Course: Introductory methods courses (50 h)  |  |                  |
| Examination: Oral group examinations, not graded   |  |                  |
| Examination requirements:  Understanding of course-related scientific hypotheses, experimental design, laboratory techniques, analysis, interpretation and presentation of research results. |  |                  |
| Admission requirements:  | Recommended previous knowledge:  |                  |
| Language:  | Person responsible for module:   |                  |
| English  | Prof. Dr. Michael Hörner   |                  |
| Course frequency:  | Duration:  |                  |
| once a year  | 2 weeks  |                  |
| Number of repeat examinations permitted:   | Recommended semester:  |                  |
| once   |  |                  |
| Maximum number of students:  |  |                  |
| 20   |  |                  |
| Additional notes and regulations:  |  |                  |
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| Teaching capacity provided by:   |  |                  |
| Uni-Bio: 32h; MPI/DPZ: 18h   |  |                  |

| Georg-August-Universität Göttingen Module M.Neuro.25: Lab Rotations   |   | 45 C  |
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| Learning outcome, core skills: In these individually supervised research projects, the students acquire the skills to organize a scientific project, from defining the scientific question, identifying the appropriate methods, performing the experiments, and evaluating the experiments, to presenting and discussing the results in written and oral reports. The students are encouraged to select their research projects from different research areas and methodological approaches. |   | Workload:<br>Attendance time:<br>720 h Self-study<br>time:<br>630 h |
| Course: Three Lab Rotations in the participating of different fields (8 weeks, 40 h teaching, 200 h laborations)  |   |   |
| Examination: 3 lab reports, not graded  |   |   |
| Examination requirements: Understanding of course-related scientific hypotheses, experimental design, laboratory techniques, analysis, interpretation and presentation of research results.   |   |   |
| Admission requirements:   | Recommended previous knowledge:                         |   |
| Language:<br>English  | Person responsible for module: Prof. Dr. Michael Hörner |   |
| Course frequency: once a year   | Duration:<br>24 weeks                                   |   |
| Number of repeat examinations permitted: once   | Recommended semester:                                   |   |
| Maximum number of students:<br>20   |   |   |

#### 2 C Georg-August-Universität Göttingen Module M.Neuro.31: Professional Skills in Science Learning outcome, core skills: Workload: The students are trained in scientific writing and oral presentation skills which enable Attendance time: 26 h Self-study them to adequately structure and compose scientific texts, particularly for written and oral reports on experimental findings in the field of their studies. They get introduced to time: the principles of good scientific practice and comprehension of adequate measures to 34 h secure ethical standards in science. In addition, the students gain an understanding of laboratory safety principles and knowledge of adequate measures and procedures to secure laboratory safety standards in a research environment. Courses: 1. Seminar / Workshop: Scientific Writing and Graphics (12 h) (Seminar) Seminar / Workshop: Oral Presentation of Scientific Results (6 h) (Seminar) 3. Seminar / Workshop: Laboratory Safety (4 h) (Seminar) 4. Seminar / Workshop: Good Scientific Practice (4 h) (Seminar) Examination: Oral presentation, written scientific text, oral group examtination, not graded **Examination requirements:** Demonstration of writing competence, oral presentation skills, understanding of ethical codes of conduct and knowledge of lab safety rules and regulations in a scientific context in the English language at an advanced level. Admission requirements: Recommended previous knowledge: none none Person responsible for module: Language: Prof. Dr. Michael Hörner English Course frequency: **Duration:** once a year 4 weeks Number of repeat examinations permitted: Recommended semester: once Maximum number of students: 20 Additional notes and regulations:

Teaching capacity provided by:

Uni-Bio: 6h; Med-ENI: 12h; MPI/DPZ: 8h

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| Module M.Neuro.32: Results of the research projects   |   |  |
| Learning outcome, core skills: The specific skills practiced in the seminar include efficient and concise presentation of own scientific results in English, supported by presentations, development of a differentiated scientific vocabulary, and the critical discussion of the scientific data in the broader context of their relevance for current research in the neurosciences. |   | Workload:<br>Attendance time:<br>30 h Self-study<br>time:<br>120 h |
| Course: Seminar (30 h) (Seminar)  |   |  |
| Examination: Two oral presentations per student, group discussion, not graded   |   |  |
| Examination requirements:  Demonstration of adequate oral presentation skills including the critical discussion and evaluation of the data presented.   |   |  |
| Admission requirements:   | Recommended previous knowledge: none                    |  |
| Language:<br>English  | Person responsible for module: Prof. Dr. Michael Hörner |  |
| Course frequency: once a year   | Duration:<br>8 weeks                                    |  |
| Number of repeat examinations permitted: once   | Recommended semester:                                   |  |
| Maximum number of students:<br>20   |   |  |
| Additional notes and regulations: Teaching capacity provided by:  |   |  |
| Med-ENI: 15h; MPI/DPZ: 15h  |   |  |