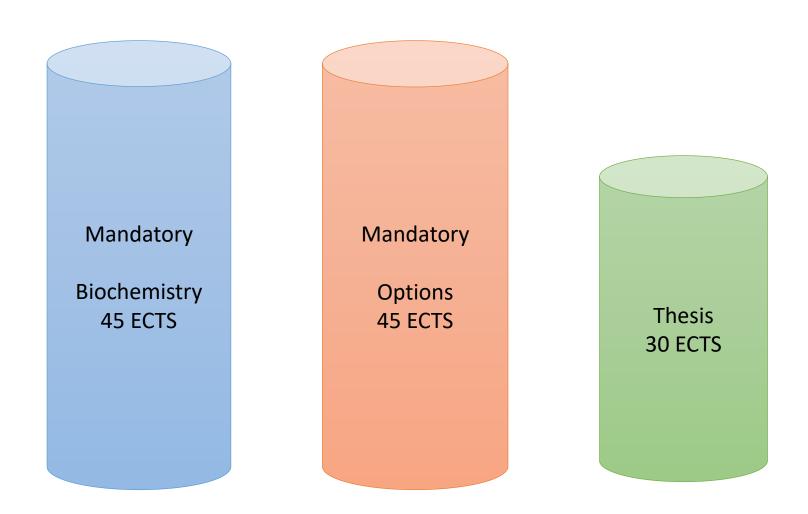
# Master in Biochemistry

Welcome to the Department of Biochemistry of the LMU and the Genecenter!

Introduction and guide to the program

- 4 semester program (max. 7 semester)
- Faculty of Chemistry (Dept. Biochemistry)/ Faculty of Biology

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• 1. Mandatory: Biochemistry 45 ECTS

• 2. Options: a second major subject plus one extension topic 45 ECTS

• 3. Thesis: 26 weeks (practical work and written work) 30 ECTS

- Each block contains several modules
- "Module": package of (usually) multiple courses

# Block 1 - Mandatory subject: Biochemistry 45 ECTS

## • 5 Modules:

• 1. Practical course Biochemistry including seminar	P1 (15 ECTS)
• 2. Lectures: BC 5, BC 6, BC 7	P2 ( 9 ECTS)
• 3. Data analysis (course with exercises)	P3 ( 6 ECTS)
• 4. Colloquia/Seminar	P4 ( 6 ECTS)
• 5. Practical course in Methods in Life Sciences	P5 ( 9 ECTS)
(includes seminar)	

# Block 2 - Optional subjects: choices! 45 ECTS

Major subject (30 ECTS)

plus 1 extension topic (15 ECTS)

extension topics: see list of extension topics

## Major subject 30 ECTS:

3 lectures (9 ECTS) + practical course (15 ECTS) + seminar/colloquia (6ECTS)

## Major subjects can be

- 1. Chemistry:
- organic
- anorganic
- physical
- theoretical chemistry
- 2. Biology:
- cell biology
- microbiology

## Extension topics 15 ECTS:

2 lectures (6 ECTS) + practical course (9ECTS)

## **Dept. of Biochemistry**

- Molecular and cellular genetics
- Structural biology
- Immunology: Innate immunity and inflammation
- Systemsbiology

### **Dept. of Chemistry**

- Inorganic chemistry
- Organic chemistry
- Physical chemistry
- Theoretical chemistry
- Chemical biology

### **Faculty of Informatics**

Informatics (taught in German)

### **Faculty of Biology**

- Cell Biology
- Microbiology
- Genetics
- Human biology
- Molecular plant sciences
- Virology
- Fundamentals of Neuroscience

### **Faculty of Medicine**

Subject specific extension topic Immunology (!)

## Block 3 – Master thesis 30 ECTS

- **Prerequisites:** all modules of block 1 (biochemistry) except the seminar/colloquia module P4 need to be passed prior to start of thesis
- Duration: 26 weeks (lab work and written work), no extension possible
- Registration: fill in form from website, hand in with Johanna Turck
- External thesis: + proposal, needs to be accepted by head of program
  - + "external" means: labs that are not part of the Faculty of Chemistry (Dept. Chemistry and Biochemistry) or the Faculty of Biology
  - + note: some labs at the Genecenter are **not** part of the Faculty of Chemistry!!

## Master thesis —continued

- **Hand in:** 2 copies of your thesis: one with ("internal")supervisor, one with Johanna Turck
- Declaration: work was done all by yourself with the given means, signature!
- Certificate: + date of certificate is the date of your last grade received
  - + after grading of thesis work/last grade it will take around 2 weeks to generate certificate
  - + students will be informed by email when certificate is ready

## Ins and outs....Lecture modules

Module exams (written or oral): cover 3 lectures for main topics/ 2 lectures for extension topics in one exam

#### Exceptions:

- 1. Structural Biology (Dept. Biochemistry),
  Structural Biology 1 is a module by itself, is prerequisite for practical course
- 2. Human Biology (Faculty of Biology)
- 3. Neuroscience (Faculty of Biology)
- 4. Virology (Faculty of Biology)
- these subjects are embedded in other programs of the Faculty of Biology, two single exams, mean value
- 5. Subject specifix extension topic: Immunology (Faculty of Medicine)

#### Module exams at the Dept. Biochemistry: written exams

-> registration per LSF (Webpage from LMU, login with your campus email address)

#### Module exams at the Dept. Chemistry: oral exams!!

-> registration at the examination office Dept. Chemistry, House F, room 5.02 registration only during announced registration periods, check website

#### Module exams in the Faculty of Biology: written exams

-> inquire at the respective office for the particular subject (Prof. Jung for Microbiology, PD Dr. Mokranjac for cell biology, Prof. Leonhardt/Dr. Meilinger for Human biology, PD Dr. Baldauf for Virology etc.)

# Ins and outs.....practical courses modules

- <u>selforganized</u> practical courses: in research groups
  - Biochemistry (P1), Methods in Liefe Sciences (P5)
  - Cell biology, Microbiology
  - Chemistry subjects...
- preorganized block courses:
  - Molecular and cellular genetics (Dept. Biochemistry)
  - Structural biology
  - Immunology: Innate immunity and Inflammation
  - Human biology (Faculty Biology)
  - Subject specific extension topic Immunology (Faculty Medicine)

#### Duration practical courses:

6 wks/8 wks main subjects (15 ECTS) 3/4 wks extension topics (9 ECTS)

#### Rules:

- P1, P5 and practical in second major topic need to be done in different labs
- if P5 and Master thesis or practical extension topic and Master thesis are done in the same lab -> separation of projects, no continuation

#### External practical courses:

- -"external" means: in groups outside Dept. Biochemistry/ Dept. Chemistry/ Faculty Biology
- require acceptance of a proposal, signed by head of program

## Module P4: Seminar and colloquia

- P4 Seminar: 1-2 day block, announced on website registration with teacher
- P4 Colloquia: list of 20 talks attestation of attendance by signature of organizing Professor

## Rules....

- duration of practical courses: 6 / 8 weeks for "big" practical courses 3 / 4 weeks for extension topics
- practical course in Biochemistry (P1) and/or practical course of optional major subject not in the same lab of Bachelor thesis (only for students with a Bachelor from the LMU)
- practical course in Biochemistry and/or optional major subject and Methods in Life sciences **not** in the same lab
- module exam: once passed it can be taken one more time to improve grade on the next offered exam date

## Recommendations....

- data analysis module (P3): do very early, 20 spots available

- start listening to scientific talks (colloquia) early on

- read the information on our website!!

# Information and Registrations

- Information: website Genecenter www.genecenter@lmu.de
  - + please scroll down!
  - + explains structure of program, has information on all subjects
  - + links you to other platforms, LSF and Moodle LSF= LehreStudiumForschung = TeachingStudiesResearch)
- Registrations:
  - + preorganized practical courses in subjects of Dept. Biochemistry -> register via moodle
  - + module exams of Dept. Biochemistry -> register via LSF
  - + module exams of Dept. Chemistry  $\rightarrow$  oral exams, register at the examination office Dept. of Chemistry, House F, room 5.020
  - + all other courses/lectures outside Faculty Chemistry: ask in the respective Faculties!

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