



Information event

2nd term

29 January 2025

Bettina Marth



Agenda

1. Introduction – Bettina Marth
2. Plant-microbe-interactions (M.Bio.104) – Dr. Thomas Spallek
3. Structural biochemistry (M.Bio.106) – Dr. Achim Dickmanns
4. Biochemistry and biophysics (M.Bio.107) – Prof. Ivo Feußner
5. Organising your course of studies – Bettina Marth



Timetable summer term

MSc. Molecular Life Sciences: Microbiology, Biotechnology and Biochemistry



Summer term 2025

	Lecture period - 14 weeks (14 Apr - 18 Jul 2025)														Lecture-free period
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	
block	M.Bio.104 Plant-microbe interactions (practicals) 14 Apr - 2 May 2025	additional M.Bio.104 (practicals)	M.Bio.107/167 Biochemistry and biophysics (practicals) 12 May - 30 May 2025							M.Bio.106/166 Structural biochemistry (practicals) 16 Jun - 11 Jul 2025					
weekly	M.Bio.104 Plant-microbe interactions (lecture, seminar)														Tue. 8:15 - 10:00, Wed. 8:15 - 10:00
	M.Bio.144 Plant-microbe interactions (lecture)														Tue. 8:15 - 10:00, Wed. 8:15 - 9:00
	M.Bio.106/176 Structural biochemistry (lecture, seminar)														Wed. 10:15 - 11:45, Fri. 8:15 - 9:45
	M.Bio.156 Structural biochemistry (lecture)														Wed. 10:15 - 11:45, Fri. 8:15 - 9:45
	M.Bio.107 Biochemistry and biophysics (lecture, tutorial)														Mon. 8:15 - 10:00, Thurs. 8:15 - 10:00
	M.Bio.157 Biochemistry and biophysics (lecture)														Mon. 8:15 - 10:00, Thurs. 8:15 - 9:00
	M.Bio.146 Applied methods of biosciences														by arrangement

Mind course catalogue (<https://ecampus.uni-goettingen.de>) for details on time, date, location and exam dates.

last updated: 23 Jan 2025

Find the schedule online <https://www.uni-goettingen.de/en/121273.html>



Course catalogue/Vorlesungsverzeichnis

Master's degree programme "Molecular Life Sciences: Microbiology, Biotechnology and Biochemistry"

Professional studies

Core modules

- M.Bio.104 - Cellular and molecular biology of plant-microbe interactions
 - M.Bio.104.An Methodenpraktikum "Pflanzen-Mikroben-Interaktion" --
 - M.Bio.104 Mp Cell and Molecular Biology of Plant-Microbe-Interactions - -
- M.Bio.104.Lec - Plant-microbe interactions
 - 630890 M.Bio.104 Zell- und Molekularbiologie von Pflanzen-Mikroben-Interaktionen - Lecture
 - M.Bio.104 Zell- und Molekularbiologie von Pflanzen-Mikroben-Interaktionen - 1. appointment group
Dienstag, 15.04.25 - 15.07.25 from 08:15 to 10:00 (wöchentlich) -1.102 (Schwann-Schleiden-Forschungszentrum)
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- M.Bio.104.Pr - Methods course: Plant-microbe interactions
- M.Bio.107 - Biochemistry and biophysics

Advanced modules I

- Time and date
- Room number
- Dates of exam
- Sometimes, information not announced yet -> contact the lecturers
- Dates of exam also visible in FlexNow-registration

<https://ecampus.uni-goettingen.de>



Core modules summer term

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Plan 2nd term



2nd term

module	number	structure and options		C/module	C total
core	3	lecture + seminar/tutorial + methods course	choice of 7 different modules	12	36
profile	1	additional core module MLS	core module DNB/M.Sc. Chemistry	12	12
key competence		interdisciplinary courses*	interdisciplinary courses*	2-6	12
advanced	1	7 weeks lab course I		12	30
	1	7 weeks lab course II		12	
	1	scientific project management		6	
Master thesis (26 weeks)					30

* Permission of examination board required

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DNB = M.Sc. Developmental, Neural, and Behavioral Biology

BEE = Master Biodiversity, Ecology and Evolution

ZESS = Zentrale Einrichtung für Sprach- und Schlüsselkompetenzen

exemplary study plan		
term 1	core I	12
	core II	12
	key competence	6
term 2	profile	12
	core III	12
	key competence	6
term 3	advanced I	12
	advanced II	12
	scientific project management	6
term 4	Master thesis	
		30



Profile module – abroad/within Germany

Additional (4th) core module of MLS, DNB, MSc Chemistry

Or approved external profile module and lab rotations, e.g.:

- University Uppsala, **Sweden**
 - University of Queensland, Brisbane, **Australia**
 - Sanford Burnham Medical Research Institute, San Diego, **USA**
 - Donnelly Center, Toronto, **Canada**
 - Sainsbury Laboratory, Norwich, **United Kingdom**
-
- Henkel AG & Co, **Düsseldorf**
 - Roche Diagnostics, **Penzberg**
 - Bayer Crop Science, **Monheim**
 - DSM Nutritional Products, **Basel**

-> file [application](#) for approval beforehand (examination board/Prüfungskommission)

profile	1	+ methods course additional core module MLS core module DNB/M.Sc. Chemistry interdisciplinary courses*	12	12



Profile module - DNB core modules

Summer term modules:

- Most need first-term modules -> double check the prerequisites
- Free places available via FlexNow 01. April (8pm/20:00) – variable end

For more information on content of the courses:

- [Webpage](#) or [course catalogue of DNB programme](#)



Profile module – method courses

combination of two methods courses within the MLS-master programme

summer term

M.Bio.167	M.Bio.166
methods course (3 weeks)	methods course (3 weeks)
<i>Biochemistry and Biophysics</i>	<i>Structural biology</i>
6 C	6 C

prerequisite:

M.Bio.108/158

winter term

M.Bio.168	M.Bio.151	M.Bio.161
methods course (3 weeks)	methods course A (3 weeks)	methods course B (3 weeks)
<i>Enzyme Catalysis and Chemical Biology</i>	<i>Isolation and characterisation of biotechnologically relevant microorganisms</i>	<i>Signal transduction in bacteria</i>
6 C	6 C	6 C

M.Bio.106/107
/156/157

M.Bio.101



Key competence modules of MLS

single components of core modules

winter term

M.Bio.141	M.Bio.151	M.Bio.161	M.Bio.142	M.Bio.162	M.Bio.158	M.Bio.168
lecture: General and applied microbiology	methods course: Signal transduction in bacteria	methods course: Isolation and characterization of biotech. relevant microorganisms	lecture: Molecular genetics and microbial cell biology	methods course: Genetics/Cell biology B	lecture: Enzyme Catalysis and biological chemistry	methods course: Enzyme Catalysis and biological chemistry
3 C	6 C	6 C	3 C	6 C	3 C	6 C

summer term

M.Bio.144	M.Bio.157	M.Bio.167	M.Bio.156	M.Bio.166
lecture: Plant-microbe interactions	lecture: Biochemistry and Biophysics	methods course: Biochemistry or Biophysics	lecture: Structural Biochemistry	methods course: Structural Biochemistry
3 C	3 C	6 C	3 C	6 C

sign up via StudIP in order to get access to learning material, attend lecture

register for the written **exam** via FlexNow: **7d/24hrs-rule**

Register for **method course** via FlexNow (open only if places left): **after core module registration**

Please check the module description on our website for information about individual admission requirements of methods courses



Key competence modules of other programmes/university

MLS programme's key competencies

- <https://www.uni-goettingen.de/en/93662.html>

Overview key competencies university

- <https://www.uni-goettingen.de/en/196183.html>

Cross-faculty key competency modules (in German)

- <https://www.uni-goettingen.de/en/cross-faculty+key+competency+modules/196175.html>

Cross-faculty key competency modules „for international students“
(offered in English)

- <https://www.uni-goettingen.de/en/605983.html>

ZESS

- <https://www.uni-goettingen.de/en/423445.html>

German language courses

- <https://www.uni-goettingen.de/en/semester-program-for-german-courses/114195.html>



Registration for courses



Registration rules – in general

FlexNow is the system to register in and document your achievements
Registration is needed for both, the course and the examination.

Written examination (university wide **7d/24h-rule**):

- Register: at least 7 days before exam (if missed: no participation)
- De-register: up to 24h before exam
- If registered but did not attend -> „failed due to absense“

Courses:

- Differs according to faculty/ZESS/...

StudIP

- learning materials

Webpage on registration rules: <https://www.uni-goettingen.de/en/74848.html>



Registration

FlexNow: <https://www.uni-goettingen.de/en/45582.html>

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[STUDENTS](#)
[LECTURERS](#)
[STATISTICS PORTAL](#)
[CONTACT](#)

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FlexNow information for students

Online examinations

Some exams take place online this semester. Information about online examinations with **online identification** and / or about a possibly requested **file upload** in Flexnow can be found here:
[Online examinations](#)

Just think: in the past you might have had to chase up certificates for each and every part of your Bachelor or Master course, and apply in person at the examination office to do so! With FlexNow that's no longer necessary. It allows you to be flexible and register online from wherever you are, without visiting the examination office. Confirmation of your registration is sent to you by e-mail. Also, you receive an e-mail as soon as the exam results are recorded and released by the examination office. Summaries of academic attainments and exam information, results and current news are available online too.

Rules and messages relating to your individual faculty can be found on the webpages of your examination office (see "contact").

Instructions on right of appeal
 You can file an objection to the assessment of an exam (result of a part-module exam, module exam or thesis/dissertation), within one month of announcement of the exam decision in question.


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An- und Abmeldung von Prüfungen
in FlexNow 2

Online examination (info for student)

[FlexNow exam registration \(pdf\)](#)

[FlexNow exam registration \(video - English audio, German text\)](#)

[Upload Theses \(Video\)](#)

INSTRUCTIONS

[Elektronische Zeugnisdokumente](#)

[FlexNow information for students \(pdf\)](#)

[Summary of Achievements](#)

[Selbstständigkeitserklärung aus FlexNow](#)

[Copy of How is my final grade calculated?](#)

[Wie wird der Studiengangs-Prozentrang im Leistungsnachweis berechnet? \(pdf\)](#)

[How is my final grade calculated?](#)

FAQ's

[Introduction for Internationals \(Video\)](#)

[Technical FAQs](#)

COPY OF INSTRUCTIONS

[Copy of FlexNow information for students \(pdf\)](#)

INFORMATION

[Exam administration \(FlexNow\)](#)



Registration in FlexNow

The screenshot shows the Georg-August-Universität Göttingen website's navigation bar and a registration page for the Master of Science in Molecular Life Sciences.

Navigation Bar:

- Home icon
- UniVZ
- Stud.IP
- More
- FlexNow** (highlighted with a red circle)
- Links
- C

Left Sidebar:

- News
- Register for exams/cancel registration** (highlighted with a red circle)
- Summary of achievements
- Exam results
- Statistics Portal
- Forms

Main Content Area:

Register for exams/cancel registration (Matrikelnr.: 21029)

Degree program Biologie: Molecular Life Sciences: Microbiology, Biotechnology and Biochemistry (Master of Science)

Module im Masterstudiengang (PO vom 25.09.2014)

- Fachmodule**
 - M.Bio.101: Allgemeine und Angewandte Mikrobiologie - Standard
 - M.Bio.102: Molekulare Genetik und mikrobielle Zellbiologie - Standard
 - M.Bio.104: Zell- und Molekularbiologie von Pflanzen-Mikroben-Interaktionen - Standard
 - M.Bio.106: Strukturbiochemie - ab WiSe 14/15
 - M.Bio.107: Biochemie und Biophysik - ab WiSe 14/15
 - M.Bio.108: Enzymkatalyse und biologische Chemie - ab WiSe 14/15
- Profilmodul**
- Vertiefungsmodule**
- Schlüsselkompetenzen**

ZESS: Allgemeine Schlüsselkompetenzen und Fremdsprachen (SK.AS / SK.FS / SK.IT) (PO vom 25.09.2014)



Registration rules

Core modules MLS			
Course/practical part/seminar	M.Bio.1xx.An	FlexNow	<i>01 Apr (20:00, 8 pm) - course specific end (see FlexStat query 218)</i>
Examination	M.Bio.1xx.Mp	FlexNow	Written exam: 7d/24h-rule

...first come, first serve

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FlexStat query: <https://pruefungsverwaltung.uni-goettingen.de/statistikportal>



Registration rules – key competencies

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Courses including seminar or practicals	M.Bio.1xx.An	FlexNow	<i>01 Apr (20:00, 8 pm) - course specific end (see FlexStat query 218)</i>
	M.Bio.1xx.Mp	FlexNow	Written exam: 7d/24h-rule
Course with lecture only (MLS)	M.Bio.1xx.Mp	FlexNow	Written exam: 7d/24h-rule
Course with lecture only (DNB)	M.Bio.3xx.Mp	FlexNow	Written exam: 7d/24h-rule
German language courses			
https://www.uni-goettingen.de/en/german+courses+during+studies+/114195.html (assessment online test and registration via StudIP)			
Key competencies cross-faculty and university wide			
All courses	eg. SK.FS.ES-A1	FlexNow or StudIP	https://www.uni-goettingen.de/en/196175.html



Plan ahead: Last year



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Core module is prerequisite for advanced module

e.g.

General and applied Microbiology							
Core module			Advanced module	master thesis			
lecture	Seminar	methods course	lab course	scientific project management + thesis			
3C	3C	6C	12C	36C			
M.Bio.101			M.Bio.111/M.Bio.121				
			M.Bio.131/ Master thesis				



Advanced modules = lab rotations

- all labs/supervisors you meet in your core modules offer advanced modules
- the supervisor has to be affiliated with one of the programme's examiners ([list of examiners](#) on webpage)
 - contact the group you want to join with possible timeframe
- workload: 360hrs = 9 weeks a 40hrs/week
 - 7 weeks lab work + 2 weeks protocol/presentation/prep. oral exam
- up to two lab rotations within one department, but different research groups
- protocol has to be submitted and date for oral examination arranged shortly after the practical part -> min the [module description](#)
- both advanced modules I and II have to be completed before the *scientific project management/master thesis* starts



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Registration rules – advanced modules I and II

- Lab rotations are individually arranged, registration is individual
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Information on working groups/labs: **Master-Information-Day** in June

- Postersession
- Guided tours through labs





Advanced module III (M.Bio.131)

„Scientific project management“

- Module description
- Draft application for a research project (Master thesis), max. 20 pages (75% of the grade)
- Presentation and discussion, ca 30 minutes (25% of the grade)
- Participation in colloquia (minimum 14)

Colloquia

- **14 colloquia** before starting your master thesis
- all colloquia (invited speakers) at the GRC (Göttingen Research Campus) are applicable
- Download the form at the beginning of your studies
- Mind “Rules for colloquia” (pdf online, webpage “forms and documents”)
- List of seminars and events: <https://www.uni-goettingen.de/en/seminars+and+events/67322.html>



Master thesis

- Requirements:
 - 78C within the curriculum finished including all advanced modules + M.Bio.131
- Duration: max. 26 weeks
 - Extension of a maximum of 28 days possible
 - if you get sick (medical certificate to be handed in at the examination office)
 - in case of unforeseen reasons not attributed to the candidate (application with statement of first supervisor to the examination committee)
- Registration in FlexNow:
 - Via examination office: [Application form Master thesis](#)
 - Sets the title of the thesis (! final transcript)
 - Sets date of latest submission (visible in FlexNow)
- Note:
 - No payment for master thesis allowed
 - Restrictions for student assistant jobs
 - Thesis could also be done in a different lab than advanced modules, if supervisor agree

Master "Molecular Life Sciences – Microbiology, Biotechnology and Biochemistry"

Application Form: "Master Thesis"
Please fill in digital or in block letters

Has to be completed by the student:

Name: _____ Student ID: _____
E-mail/Phone: _____

The following advanced modules have been completed:

Module number: _____	name: _____
Module number: _____	name: _____

Has to be completed by the supervisor:
M.Bio.131: "Scientific project management"

Confirmation of participation in colloquia (min. 14)

Grade of proposal: _____ Grade of oral presentation: _____

Final grade of the module (proposal 75% + oral presentation 25%): _____

Supervisor _____ (Date, signature of supervisor)

Start of the Master thesis:
The student will prepare the **Master thesis** with the following title:

In the field: _____
Starting on (date): _____



Master's programme -> Job



Final certificates

- Examination office issues certificates
 - final transcript of records + final certificate
- Use form „[Application for Master Certificate MLS](#)“



Support to start your career

- Career service of our University
- Alumni Göttingen
- Career information for the field of life sciences
- Perspectives lecture series of our faculty



Resources



Remember (see information session October last year)

Examination regulations and module descriptions

- Find the documents here: <https://www.uni-goettingen.de/de/88934.html>

eCampus: <https://ecampus.uni-goettingen.de>

Self services: <https://www.uni-goettingen.de/en/14632.html>

StudIP group/slides of information meetings:

- <https://studip.uni-goettingen.de/dispatch.php/course/studygroup/details/46474177ea453183273b9915020ef61f?again=yes>



Options for a stay abroad during studies:

- Faculty: <https://www.uni-goettingen.de/de/international/450662.html>
- Göttingen International: <https://www.uni-goettingen.de/de/312388.html>



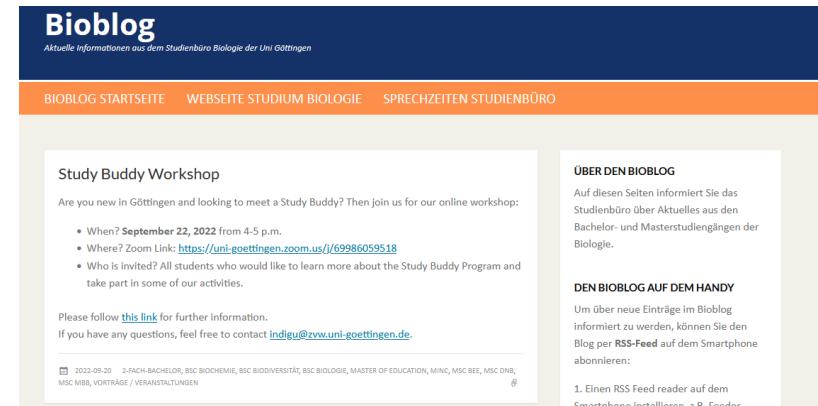
Stay up to date

General information from our faculty

- Bioblog: <https://bioblog.uni-goettingen.de/>
- Webpages: <https://www.uni-goettingen.de/en/faculty/54579.html>
- E-Mail: stud.uni-goettingen.de!

All official information from your university

- Your stud.uni-goettingen-e-mail-address! Check it regularly!
- <https://news.uni-goettingen.de/>



The screenshot shows the homepage of the Bioblog. The header is dark blue with the word "Bioblog" in white. Below it is a smaller line of text: "Aktuelle Informationen aus dem Studienbüro Biologie der Uni Göttingen". The main navigation bar is orange with white text: "BIOBLOG STARTSEITE", "WEBSITE STUDIUM BIOLOGIE", and "SPRECHZEITEN STUDIENBÜRO". The main content area has a light gray background. A news item titled "Study Buddy Workshop" is displayed. It asks if you're new to Göttingen and looking to meet a Study Buddy. It provides details: "When? September 22, 2022 from 4-5 p.m.", "Where? Zoom Link: <https://uni-goettingen.zoom.us/j/69986059518>", and "Who is invited? All students who would like to learn more about the Study Buddy Program and take part in some of our activities.". Below the news item, there's a note: "Please follow [this link](#) for further information. If you have any questions, feel free to contact indigo@zvw.uni-goettingen.de". At the bottom of the page, there's a footer with small text: "2022-09-20 2-FACH-BACHELOR, BSC BIOCHEMIE, BSC BIODIVERSITÄT, BSC BIOLOGIE, MASTER OF EDUCATION, MINC, MSC BEE, MSC DBN, MSC MBB, VORTRÄGE / VERANSTALTUNGEN". To the right of the main content, there are two boxes: "ÜBER DEN BIOBLOG" and "DEN BIOBLOG AUF DEM HANDY".



Who to ask

Registration for next term

- **Registrar's office** (Studienzentrale/Studierendenbüro am Wilhelmsplatz)

Course detail information

- lecturers

Course of studies/study plan/lab rotations/course recognition

- **Study advisory office:** Bettina Marth
- studienbuero@biologie.uni-goettingen.de
- Office hours: <https://www.uni-goettingen.de/en/84567.html>

FlexNow registration difficulties, final certificates, examination board

- **Examination office:** Michaela Deutinger
- bio.pruefung@bio.uni-goettingen.de
- Office hours: <https://www.uni-goettingen.de/en/74129.html>



Helping to shape your programme

As students' representatives in...

- **admission committee** decides about the admission of new students. You'll be informed about the ongoing selection process and invited to be part of the interviews with a few applicants.
- **examination board** decides about all questions related to the study program and examination rules. The members meet only once a year. Most questions are dealt with via email. The students representative is always informed about these decisions and should represent the students opinion.
- **student union („Fachgruppe Biologie“)** organises orientation week, is engaged in different committees. Master students missing! Contact: <https://fgbio.uni-goettingen.de/eure-fachgruppe/>
- **Masterinfo/interviewday** in June (**20.06.25**): help organizing, chat with new applicants
- **Quality Management organisation team** prepares discussion rounds as part of the decentralized quality management

→ Contact me or other students/current representatives, if you wish to get involved



Good luck for the upcoming exams!