

INTRODUCTION TO THE MASTER OF SCIENCE PROGRAMS

Molecular and Cellular Biology (MCB)
Plant Sciences (PLS)





Semester	Lecture start date	Lecture end date
Winter semester 2025/26	October 13, 2025	February 6, 2026
Summer semester 2026	April 13, 2026	July 17, 2026
Winter semester 2026/27	October 12, 2026	February 5, 2027
Summer semester 2027	April 12, 2027	July 16, 2027
Winter semester 2027/28	October 18, 2027	February 11, 2028

Duration winter semester: October 1 – March 31, 15 weeks

There are no lectures over the Christmas break from 24 December to 6 January.

Duration summer semester: April 1 – September 30, 14 weeks

There are no lectures on public holidays which includes Whitsun Tuesday.

Type of course	Type of examination	ECTS
Lecture	(Written) Exam	3
Seminar	Presentation	3
Practical course	Lab report	3-6
Research course*	Lab report and presentation	12

* Needs to be combined with other courses into a module.
Courses must be similar in terms of subject matter in order to be combined.

Mandatory course: Lab Methods (6 ECTS)		Mandatory course: Computational Biology (6 ECTS)		Option 1 of 7 (6 ECTS)		Methods of Option 1 of 7 (6 ECTS)		2 interdisciplinary courses (3 ECTS each)	
S	P	L	P	L	S	S	P	L / S / P / V	L / S / P / V
				L	L				
Presentation & lab report (graded)		Written exam & lab report (graded)		Written exam & presentation (graded)		Presentation & lab report (graded)		Written exam, lab report or presentation (pass)	

Options:

- Genetics
- Human Biology
- Microbiology
- Cell biology

- Biology:
 - Plant Sciences
 - EES
 - Neuroscience

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October 6 – 10	Orientation week	
October 14 – 17	Computational Biology* Part 1	
October 21 – November 7	Lab methods* Group A	Computational Biology* Part 2, Group B
November 11 – November 28	Computational Biology* Part 2, Group A	Lab methods* Group B
December 1 – March 31	Elective courses	
December 23 – January 6	Christmas holidays	
February ~ 9 - 22	Exam period	
April 13	Start classes summer semester	

*** Attendance is mandatory! One medically certified absence per course is allowed.**

Schedule from October 14 to November 28, 2025

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Lectures	08:00 – 10:00 Lectures/Seminars			
	10:00 – 17:00 Mandatory Courses			
	17:00 – open end Seminars			

Advanced Option 1 of 7 (6 ECTS)		Advanced methods of Option 1 of 7 (6 ECTS)		Research course Option 1 of 7 (12 ECTS)		2 interdisciplinary courses (3 ECTS each)	
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Special methods of Option 1 of 7 (6 ECTS)		Special research module in Option 1 of 7 (15 ECTS)			3 interdisciplinary courses (3 ECTS each)		
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Master's thesis (26 ECTS)

graded

Disputation (1 ECTS)

graded

C (1.5 ECTS)

GS (1.5 ECTS)

not graded

C: colloquium

GS: group seminar

Final master's module (30 ECTS)

Master's thesis (26 ECTS)	Disputation (1 ECTS)	C (1.5 ECTS)	GS (1.5 ECTS)
graded	graded	not graded	


C: colloquium

GS: group seminar

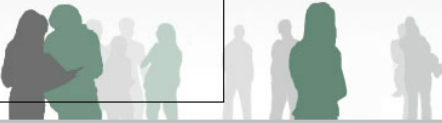
- **Research courses (2)**
 - 8 weeks full-time lab work + 1 week preparation lab report (12 ECTS / 15 ECTS)
 - You are allowed to do **one** external research course (can be the first or second – order irrelevant)
 - External = outside of the faculty
(→ supervisor is not included in the „list of internal supervisors“)
 - An external course abroad is allowed as well
 - **Colloquia** (attending 20 scientific presentations, 1.5 ECTS)
 - **Master's thesis**
- **More information on the program websites**

Course catalogue & course registration

www.lsf.lmu.de



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Welcome to LSF - the university portal for students, guests, teachers and employees!

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Lect.-No.	Lecture	Type	Activity
19081	Vorlesung: Berufsbilder in der Biologie - Brachmann , H. Jung	lecture	

[i](#) A) Bachelor Start ab WS 20/21

[i](#) A) Bachelor Start vor WS 19/20

[i](#) B) Master Human Biology - principles of health and disease

[i](#) B) Master Molecular and Cellular Biology

[i](#) B) Master Neuroscience

[i](#) B) Master Plant Sciences

[i](#) B) Master Evolution, Ecology and Systematics

[i](#) E) Lehramt Start ab WS 20/21

[i](#) E) Lehramt Start vor WS 20/21

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- ① **1. Semester**
- ① **WP7-9 Microbiology**

Lect.- No.	Lecture	Type	Activity
19154	Seminar: Sample preparation for electron microscopy - Klingl	seminar	application currently not allowed
19327	Seminar Staphylococcal pathogenicity and microbiome-interactions - Heilbronner	seminar	
19583	AG Seminar Klingl - Klingl	seminar	application currently not allowed
19017	Lecture: Microbial Development and Physiological Adaptation - K. Jung , H. Jung	lecture	application currently not allowed
19025	Lecture: Molecular virology (part I: basic virology) , Baldauf , Brack-Werner , PD Dr. med. Bugert	lecture	application currently not allowed
19015	Practical course: Microbial Development and Physiological Adaptation - K. Jung , Landgraf	internship	application currently not allowed
19019	Seminar: Microbial Development and Physiological Adaptation - H. Jung , Brameyer	seminar	application currently not allowed
19252	Practical course and seminar: Prokaryote-eukaryote interactions - Falter-Braun	exercise course	application currently not allowed

- Courses can be assigned to different areas, e.g.: genetics, microbiology, cell biology → courses can be used in different modules, **but only once**.
- No mention of ECTS credits in the short comments:

Lectures/seminars with
2 SWS

3 ECTS

Lectures with
4 SWS

6 ECTS

Practical courses with

- 3 SWS
- 6 SWS
- 12 SWS

- 3 ECTS
- 6 ECTS
- 12 ECTS

- Excursions are regarded as practical courses.

Course catalogue: www.lsf.lmu.de

You must sign up for courses offered in the winter semester 2025/26
from **September 29 until October 05, 2025 (23:59h CEST)**.

Seminars & practical courses

You need to sign up via LSF

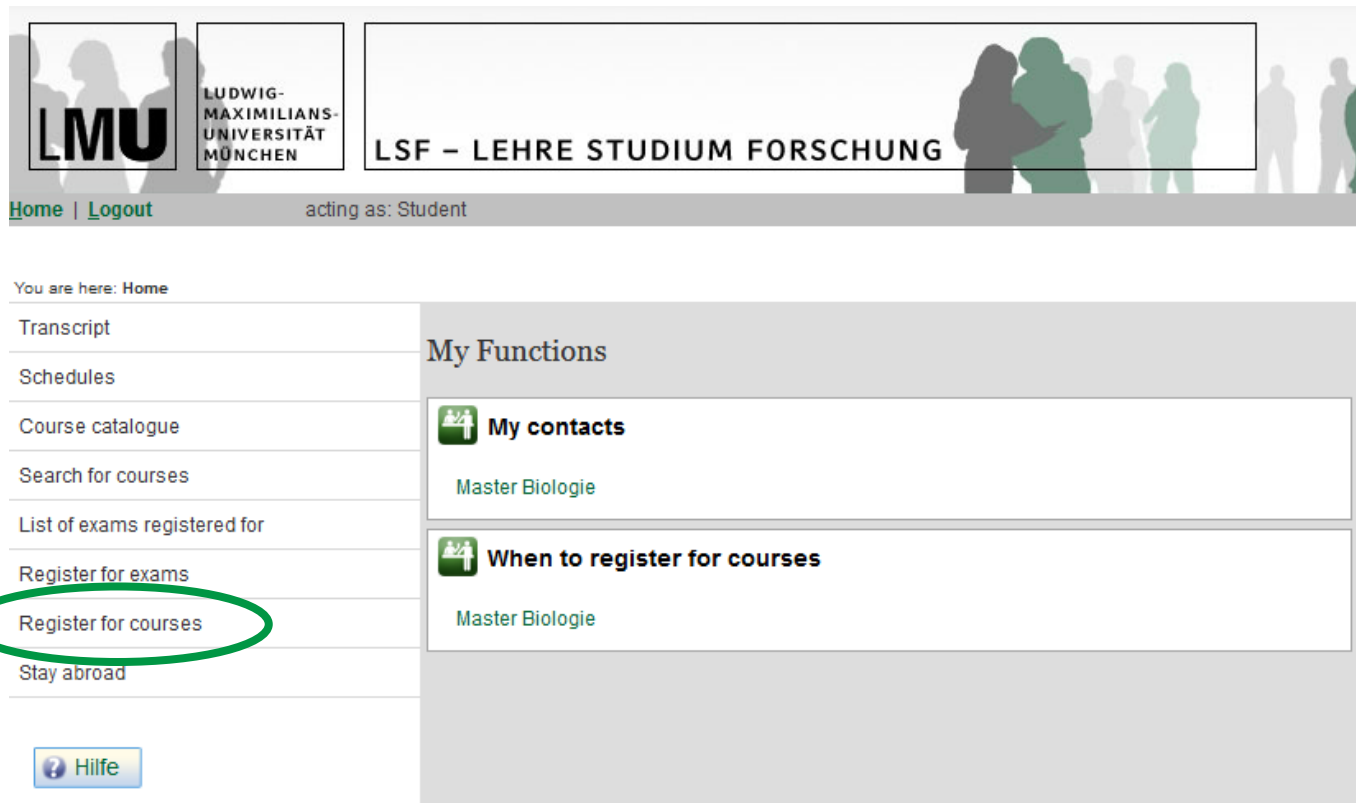
Lectures

Registration required for some lectures
(see LSF)

Research courses

Contact the group leaders directly, even
if a research course is listed in LSF

1. Log into LSF (www.lsf.lmu.de) with your LMU user data.
2. Select **English version** (on the top right of the page).
3. Select **Register for courses**.



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Signing up for seminars & practical courses



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Important information on course registration

Please read carefully!

Master Biologie (PO-Version: 2012):

Der zuständige Prüfungsausschuss macht darauf aufmerksam, dass das Belegen der Lehrveranstaltungen Über HISLSF keine verbindliche Anmeldung zu den studienbeg

Form und Fristen

- für die Belegung von Lehrveranstaltungen
- für die Anmeldung zu Prüfungen

werden auf der Internetseite des für Ihren Studiengang zuständigen [>Prüfungsamts<](#) bekanntgegeben.



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Attention In your schedule, you can use the button "Registrations (PDF)" to print an overview of the courses you registered for. Please make use of this opportunity to check

Important: To continue please tick "I accept" and press "Next".

Accept terms

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I accept

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Register for courses

P 7001 seminars

Choice: 1 from 50

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| <input checked="" type="radio"/> Register <input type="checkbox"/> | Priority: <input type="text"/> ▾ | i Seminar: Mechanisms of plant gene regulation |
| <input checked="" type="radio"/> Register <input type="checkbox"/> | Priority: <input type="text"/> ▾ | i Seminar: From centrioles to microcephaly |
| <input checked="" type="radio"/> Register <input type="checkbox"/> | Priority: <input type="text"/> ▾ | i Seminar: Stem cells |
| <input checked="" type="radio"/> Register <input type="checkbox"/> | Priority: <input type="text"/> ▾ | i Seminar: Microbial Physiology and Synthetic Biology |
| <input checked="" type="radio"/> Register <input type="checkbox"/> | Priority: <input type="text"/> ▾ | i Seminar: Design of experiments in plant science |
| <input checked="" type="radio"/> Register <input type="checkbox"/> | Priority: <input type="text"/> ▾ | i Seminar: Covid-19: Wissenschaft & Philosophie |
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| <input checked="" type="radio"/> Register <input type="checkbox"/> | Priority: <input type="text"/> ▾ | i Seminar: Structural and functional analysis of prokaryotic transmembrane receptors and transporters |
| <input checked="" type="radio"/> Register <input type="checkbox"/> | Priority: <input type="text"/> ▾ | i Seminar for bachelor, master, and doctoral students and for Zulassungskandidaten (AG Phylogeny and evolution) |
| <input checked="" type="radio"/> Register <input type="checkbox"/> | Priority: <input type="text"/> ▾ | i Seminar for bachelor, master and doctoral students (AG Phylogenetic phycology) |

General pointers:

- You **do not have to** apply via LSF for the mandatory courses **Lab Methods** and **Computational Biology** (as a first semester MCB or PLS master's student, you are already registered for these courses).
- Apply only for seminars and practical courses that begin **after November 28, 2025**, as attendance at mandatory courses is required until that date.
- Spots for **practical courses** are assigned by the **study program coordination**.
Spots for **seminars** are assigned by the **respective lecturers**.

1. Register for practical courses in LSF from **Sep 29 – Oct 5, 2025**
2. Study Coordination assigns spots based on the following criteria
 - Priority
 - Seniority
3. Zoom meeting for the final assignment of spots on
Oct 10, 2025, 09:00h CEST
 - You will get an email with your preliminary spots before the meeting.
 - Students are required to confirm their allocated spots during the meeting.
 - Unclaimed or vacant spots will be redistributed according to the waiting list.

If you applied for a practical course, you must attend the session or arrange for someone to attend on your behalf.

Failing that, your place will be reassigned to someone else.

- **Communication at LMU**
only via your @campus.lmu.de address
- **Recognition of Prior Learning**
application to the Examination Office by the end of the first semester
- **Exams**
 - Number of attempts
 - Grade improvements
- **Health issues**
 - Missing of exams
 - Missing of lectures, seminars, practical courses
- **Maximum duration of studies**

Relevant information can be found in the study regulations!
("Documents and Forms" section of the program websites)

Examination Office

- Biocenter, B 00.056 and B 00.057
- bpa@bio.lmu.de
- Office hours:
 - Monday and Friday: 10:00-12:00 h
 - Wednesday: 12:00-14:00 h

Head of Examination Committee

- Prof. Dr. Herwig Stibor
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- Office hours by appointment

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You are always welcome!

Molecular and Cellular Biology:

<https://www.bio.lmu.de/en/study/study-programs/master-programs/mcb/>

Plant Sciences:

<https://www.bio.lmu.de/en/study/study-programs/master-programs/pls/>

<https://www.bio.lmu.de/en/research/research-fields/>



→ Anthropology

→ Division of Biology Education

→ Genetics

→ Plant Sciences

→ Cellular and Developmental Biology

→ Ecology

→ Microbiology

→ Systematics, Biodiversity and Evolution of
plants

→ CORA

→ Evolutionary Biology

→ Neurobiology

→ Zoology

- **International Student Guide (!)**

<https://www.lmu.de/en/workspace-for-students/international-student-guide/>

- International Office

<https://www.lmu.de/en/study/important-contacts/international-office/>

- Social counselling for international students

<https://www.lmu.de/en/study/degree-students/applications-for-admission/admissions-consultation/social-counseling/>

- Cultural diversity

<https://www.lmu.de/en/about-lmu/working-at-lmu/additional-services/diversity/cultural-diversity/index.html>

- International University Club Munich (IUCM)

<https://www.iucm.de/en>

Social counselling for international students

- Questions concerning general orientation at LMU
- Support with starting your studies
- Help with finding accommodation
- Assistance with problems involving the authorities
- Advice on financing your studies
- Guidance on finding the right type of scholarship
- Referral to the appropriate contact person within or outside the university

Contact: Maj-Catherine Botheroyd-Hobohm

Website: <https://www.lmu.de/en/study/degree-students/applications-for-admission/admissions-consultation/social-counseling/>

The ZSB is your point of contact for interdisciplinary topics:

- Study decisions
- Study doubts
- Time management
- Exam nerves
- Crises

The ZSB offers:

- Workshops
- Lectures
- Individual counseling



Here you can find more information:

<https://www.lmu.de/en/study/important-contacts/central-student-advisory-office/>

- Scholarships overview

<https://www.lmu.de/en/workspace-for-students/student-support-services/finance-your-studies/scholarships/>

- Scholarships for international students

<https://www.lmu.de/en/workspace-for-students/student-support-services/finance-your-studies/scholarships/scholarships-for-international-students/>

- Scholarship advisory service

<https://www.studierendenwerk-muenchen-oberbayern.de/en/advice-and-counselling-network/scholarship-advisory-service/>

- Scholarship counselling for international students

<https://www.lmu.de/en/study/degree-students/applications-for-admission/admissions-consultation/social-counseling/>

- LMU Job Portal – Student assistants
<https://www.lmu.de/en/about-lmu/working-at-lmu/job-portal/student-assistants/>
- Offers for students during and after their studies
<https://www.bio.lmu.de/en/study/career-orientation/>
- Offers for tutor jobs at LSF
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<https://lsf.verwaltung.uni-muenchen.de/qisserver/rds?state=user&type=0>
- Jobs at LMU Hospital
<https://www.lmu-klinikum.de/jobs>
- Bavarian State Collections of Natural History
<https://snsb.de/ueber-uns/jobs/jobs/>

- Studying with disabilities:
<https://www.lmu.de/en/workspace-for-students/student-support-services/studying-with-a-disability/>
- Studying with a child:
<https://www.lmu.de/en/workspace-for-students/student-support-services/studying-with-a-child/>
<https://www.lmu.de/en/workspace-for-students/student-support-services/studying-with-a-child/international-student-parents/>
- Gender equality and sexual identity:
<https://www.lmu.de/en/about-lmu/working-at-lmu/additional-services/diversity/gender-equality-and-sexual-identity/>
- WeCare@LMU:
<https://www.lmu.de/en/about-lmu/working-at-lmu/additional-services/diversity/wecare-lmu/>
- And many more services:
<https://www.lmu.de/en/workspace-for-students/student-support-services/>

<https://www.studierendenwerk-muenchen-oberbayern.de/en/advice-and-counselling-network/>

Advice and counselling offers on different topics, e.g.:

- General advice and social counselling
- Legal advisory service
- International students
- Scholarships
- Psychotherapeutic and Psychosocial Counselling Service

- **LMU Women's Representative**

The LMU Women's Representative supports the university's executive board and faculties in promoting equality for women in academia and offers central measures for promoting equality.

<https://www.lmu.de/frauenbeauftragte/en/>

- **Women's Representative of the Faculty of Biology**

Prof. Dr. Silke Robatzek

The Women's Representatives of the Faculty of Biology support the equality of women and men in the Faculty. The Women's Representative or one of her deputies is represented in every committee of the Faculty of Biology.

<https://www.bio.lmu.de/en/about-the-faculty/womens-representatives/>

- Biology Student Council
https://www.fsi.bio.lmu.de/ueber_uns/index.html
- TutoRIA: international student activities
https://www.en.tutoria-international.uni-muenchen.de/ueber_uns/index.html
- Erasmus Student Network
<https://mesa.esn-germany.de/>
- Sports: Zentraler Hochschulsport (ZHS)
<https://www.zhs-muenchen.de/en/zhs/home/>
- Student groups
<https://www.lmu.de/en/workspace-for-students/student-life/student-groups/>

Tasks of Cohort Representatives

- Act as a link between students and faculty
- Communicate concerns and feedback
- Organize meetings and support peers
- Ensure smooth communication with program coordination

**We warmly encourage you to elect cohort representatives.
The organization of the election is up to you.**

Monday, October 6

- 09:00-12:00: Working successfully in international teams (MCB)
- 13:30-16:30: Working successfully in international teams (MCB)

Tuesday, October 7

- 13:30-16:30: Working successfully in international teams (PLS)

Wednesday, October 8

- 14:00-16:00: Welcome Day offered by the International Office (online)

Friday, October 10

- 09:00: Final assignment of spots for practical courses (online)

All the best for your Master's journey at LMU Munich!

