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## Clarification on some aspects of the MSc BMB course, January 2012

Dear Master students and teachers,

aim of this text is to clarify some rules to the MSc BMB program of the University of Bremen that have been approved by the MSc BMB examination board and are in accord with the examination regulations ("Prüfungsordnung für den Master-Studiengang *Biochemistry and Molecular Biology* der Universität Bremen").

### ***Module D***

Summer courses in modules D should be completed within three weeks, including exam and handing in of protocols by the students. This can usually be achieved if the practical work is finished in the end of the second or the beginning of the third week of the course.

### ***Laboratory rotations (Module E)***

Practical work of laboratory rotations should not exceed 9 weeks. In the end of these 9 weeks. A draft of the written report should be handed to the supervisor in the end of these 9 weeks. This final report and the seminar should be completed within 4 additional weeks. After submission, the supervisor has to grade the student within additional 4 weeks.

### ***Project proposal***

The actual project proposal within the Module F should have the following formate:

- Project plan: for one Master thesis, i.e. 6 months which include practical work and writing
- The following content is expected:
  - ◆ Introduction (scientific background, state of the art, why this study should be carried out)
  - ◆ Aim, objectives
  - ◆ Methods
  - ◆ Experimental scheme

- ◆ Expected outcome
- ◆ Finances and necessary equipment (equipment realistic?)
- Maximum 10 pages
- Time for completion should not exceed 4 weeks

### ***Master thesis***

If after the delivery of the Master thesis serious errors are detected, the examination committee may decide that improvements have to be made. This has to be decided during the Thesis defence, and stated on the examination sheet. In this case, newly printed thesis copies have to be delivered to the University of Bremen and the examiners.

With best regards

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