



Wintersemester 24/25

Module Guide

for the study of

Medical Biometry/Biostatistics

Master of Science

valid in connection with the examination regulations MPO 2020

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Curriculum - Master Medical Biometry/Biostatistics*

Sem.	Compulsory Area, 117 CP							Elective Area, 3 CP
1	Biometrical Methods 6 CP	Statistical Modeling 12 CP	Datamanagement and Statistical Programming 9 CP	Clinical/Diagnostic Trials, Laws, Guidelines, and Ethics 15 CP			Fundamentals of Medicine 12 CP	beside courses from the catalog of General Stu- dies, modules/courses from the faculty 3 as well as 11 that are related to this Master's program can be selected
2					Basic Epidemiology 6 CP	Internship 6 CP		
3								
4	Master Thesis 30 CP							

Credit Points (short CP) indicate the average workload for a course or module, where 1 CP = 30 hours

* According to the Examination Regulation dated October 23, 2019 including any amendments and corrections

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For this elective area, in addition to the subject supplementary studies, modules from related disciplines of the Faculty 3 or disciplines in agreement with the Faculty 11 can be taken. These are for example: Computer Science, Statistics, Special Areas of Epidemiology, Public Health. In addition, further modules can be recognized by the examination board for this elective area on application after prior consultation with the Academic Advisory Office - Mathematics (www.szmathe.uni-bremen.de).

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Module 03-MAT-MA-BioStat-A-1: Biometrical Methods

Biometrical Methods

Assignment to areas of study:

- Compulsory Modules

Content-related prior knowledge or skills:

none

Learning content:

- Descriptive Statistics
- Point and interval estimators
- Principle of statistical testing (decision procedure, error rates, p-values, power)
- Selected statistical testing procedures (Z-test, t-test, chi-square test, two-sample t-test)
- Sample size calculation
- Introduction to regression analysis and analysis of variance, as well as nonparametric procedures

Learning outcomes / competencies / targeted competencies:

- Knowledge of the most important procedures of descriptive statistics
- Knowledge of general methodology of sample size calculation in biometrical studies
- Knowledge of the basic methods of inferential statistics
- Firm apprehension of several test and analysis methods based on the normal distribution or the binomial distribution
- Insight into several procedures of nonparametric statistics
- Ability to apply the learned estimation and testing procedures in SAS

Calculation of student workload:

74 h Preparation / follow-up work

56 h SWS / presence time / working hours

50 h Exam preparation

Are there optional courses in the modules?

no

Language(s) of instruction:

English

Responsible for the module:

Prof. Dr. Marvin Nils Ole Wright

Frequency:

biennial cycle - winter semester

Duration:

1 semester[s]

The module is valid since / The module is valid until:

SoSe 24 / -

Credit points / Workload:

6 / 180 hours

Module examinations

Module examination: Lecture Biometrical Methods

Type of examination: partial exam

Form of examination:

Oral

The examination is ungraded?

no

Number of graded components / ungraded components / prerequisites of the examination:

1 / - / -

Language(s) of instruction:

Englisch

Module examination: Exercises Biometrical Methods**Type of examination:** partial exam**Form of examination:**

Portfolio (AT § 8 Abs. 8)

The examination is ungraded?

yes

Number of graded components / ungraded components / prerequisites of the examination:

- / 1 / -

Language(s) of instruction:

Englisch

Module courses**Course:** Lecture Biometrical Methods**Frequency:**

biennial cycle - winter semester

Language(s) of instruction:

Englisch

Contact hours:

3,00

University teacher:

Prof. Dr. Marvin Nils Ole Wright

Literature:

announced and published at the beginning of the course.

Teaching method(s):

Lecture

Associated module examination:

Biometrical Methods

Associated module courses**Biometrical Methods** (Lecture)**Course:** Exercises Biometrical Methods**Frequency:**

biennial cycle - winter semester

Language(s) of instruction:

Englisch

Contact hours:

1,00

University teacher:

Prof. Dr. Marvin Nils Ole Wright

Literature:

announced and published at the beginning of the course.

Teaching method(s):

Tutorial

Associated module examination:

Exercises Biometrical Methods

Associated module courses**Biometrical Methods** (Lecture)

Module 03-MAT-MA-BioStat-A-2: Statistical Modeling

Statistical Modeling

Assignment to areas of study:

- Compulsory Modules

Content-related prior knowledge or skills:

none

Learning content:

a) Statistical modeling I

- Introduction to probability calculation
- Discrete and continuous random variables and their parameters, density and distribution functions
- Law of large numbers, central limit theorem
- Parameter estimation and confidence intervals

b) Statistical modeling II

- Multi-dimensional distributions, correlation
- Representation using matrices and vectors
- Linear regression, in particular parametrization of explanatory variables, dummy and effect coding of factors
- Parameter estimation, least squares methods and normal equations
- Model selection and variable selection
- Regression diagnostics
- General linear models (heteroscedastic and correlated errors)

Learning outcomes / competencies / targeted competencies:

a) Statistical modeling I

- Knowledge of the basics of biometric models
- Comprehension of variability: random and systematic effects
- Comprehension of basic probability calculation
- Comprehension of the basics of inferential statistics

b) Statistical modeling II

- Knowledge of the linear model, in particular comprehension of model assumptions, mathematical reasoning and the mathematical formulation
- Knowledge of possible sources of modeling errors
- Ability to independently plan and analyze a study applying linear models
- Competence in the interpretation of parameters and model diagnostics
- Competence in using modeling and analysis software
- Competence in variable selection, model selection and the construction of prognostic indices

Calculation of student workload:

112 h SWS / presence time / working hours

148 h Preparation / follow-up work

100 h Exam preparation

Are there optional courses in the modules?

no

Language(s) of instruction: English	Responsible for the module: Prof. Dr. Iris Pigeot-Kübler
Frequency: winter semester, yearly	Duration: 2 semester[s]
The module is valid since / The module is valid until: WiSe 23/24 / -	Credit points / Workload: 12 / 360 hours

Module examinations

Module examination: Statistical Modeling I	
Type of examination: partial exam	
Form of examination: Oral	The examination is ungraded? no
Number of graded components / ungraded components / prerequisites of the examination: 1 / - / -	
Language(s) of instruction: Englisch	

Module examination: Exercises Statistical Modeling I	
Type of examination: partial exam	
Form of examination: Portfolio (AT § 8 Abs. 8)	The examination is ungraded? no
Number of graded components / ungraded components / prerequisites of the examination: - / 1 / -	
Language(s) of instruction: Englisch	

Module examination: Statistical Modeling II	
Type of examination: partial exam	
Form of examination: Oral	The examination is ungraded? no
Number of graded components / ungraded components / prerequisites of the examination: 1 / - / -	
Language(s) of instruction: Englisch	

Module examination: Exercises Statistical Modeling II	
Type of examination: partial exam	
Form of examination: Portfolio (AT § 8 Abs. 8)	The examination is ungraded? no
Number of graded components / ungraded components / prerequisites of the examination: - / 1 / -	

Language(s) of instruction:

Englisch

Module courses**Course:** Statistical Modeling I**Frequency:**

winter semester, yearly

Language(s) of instruction:

Englisch

Contact hours:

3,00

University teacher:

Prof. Dr. Iris Pigeot-Kübler

Teaching method(s):

Lecture

Associated module examination:

Statistical Modeling I

Associated module courses**Statistical Modelling I** (Lecture)**Course:** Exercises Statistical Modeling I**Frequency:**

winter semester, yearly

Language(s) of instruction:

Englisch

Contact hours:

1,00

University teacher:

Prof. Dr. Iris Pigeot-Kübler

Teaching method(s):

Tutorial

Associated module examination:

Exercises Statistical Modeling I

Associated module courses**Statistical Modelling I** (Lecture)**Course:** Statistical Modeling II**Frequency:**

summer semester, yearly

Language(s) of instruction:

Englisch

Contact hours:

3,00

University teacher:

Prof. Dr. Vanessa Didelez

Teaching method(s):

Lecture

Associated module examination:

Statistical Modeling II

Course: Exercises Statistical Modeling II**Frequency:**

summer semester, yearly

Language(s) of instruction:

Englisch

Contact hours:

1,00

University teacher:

Prof. Dr. Vanessa Didelez

Teaching method(s):

Tutorial

Associated module examination:

Exercises Statistical Modeling II

Module 03-MAT-MA-BioStat-A-3: Data Management and Statistical Programming

Data Management and Statistical Programming

Assignment to areas of study:

- Compulsory Modules

Content-related prior knowledge or skills:

none

Learning content:

a) Data Management:

- Tasks and processes of data management
- Principles of designing Case Report Forms (CRF)
- Data models, databases
- Data entry, plausibility checks, queries
- Automatic/semi-automatic data capture
- Database freezing, data integrity, data security
- Quality management
- Randomization
- Practical work processes with exercises

b) Statistical Programming:

- Performance spectrum of statistical analysis programs
- Efficient organization of data management tasks
- Solving analysis exercises using the SAS programming language (including the use of macros)
- Knowledge of various areas of application, along with the benefits and limitations of software solutions
- Insight into the scope of usage of the SAS software for biometrics, in particular the implementation of methodologies which are not currently included in the software
- Planning and analysis of data management tasks and undertake investigations in SAS using generated data

Learning outcomes / competencies / targeted competencies:

a) Data Management:

- Knowledge of the tasks and processes of data management in a clinical trial
- Knowledge of the purpose and content of essential documents that are produced by data management in the course of a clinical trial
- Knowledge of the guidelines for the design of such documents
- Knowledge of typical software solutions used to process the tasks of data management in a clinical trial

b) Statistical Programming:

- Ability to execute the tasks of data management in a clinical trial
- Ability to use relevant software programs for data management and analysis tasks
- Knowledge of the current scope of biometrical methods in such software packages

Calculation of student workload:

100 h Exam preparation

112 h SWS / presence time / working hours

58 h Preparation / follow-up work

Are there optional courses in the modules?

no

Language(s) of instruction:

English

Responsible for the module:

Dr. Martin Scharpenberg

Frequency:

winter semester, yearly

Duration:

2 semester[s]

The module is valid since / The module is valid until:

WiSe 23/24 / -

Credit points / Workload:

9 / 270 hours

Module examinations**Module examination:** Data Management**Type of examination:** partial exam**Form of examination:**

Announcement at the beginning of the semester

The examination is ungraded?

no

Number of graded components / ungraded components / prerequisites of the examination:

1 / - / -

Language(s) of instruction:

Englisch

Module examination: Statistical Programming**Type of examination:** partial exam**Form of examination:**

Announcement at the beginning of the semester

The examination is ungraded?

no

Number of graded components / ungraded components / prerequisites of the examination:

1 / - / -

Language(s) of instruction:

Englisch

Module courses**Course:** Data Management**Frequency:**

winter semester, yearly

Language(s) of instruction:

Englisch

Contact hours:

4,00

University teacher:

Dr. Martin Scharpenberg

Teaching method(s):

Laboratory class

Associated module examination:

Data Management

Associated module courses**Data Management** (Laboratory class)

Course: Statistical Programming	
Frequency: summer semester, yearly	Language(s) of instruction: Englisch
Contact hours: 4,00	University teacher: Dr. Martin Scharpenberg
Teaching method(s): Laboratory class	Associated module examination: Statistical Programming

Module 03-MAT-MA-BioStat-B-1: Clinical / Diagnostic Trials, Laws, Guidelines and Ethics

Clinical / Diagnostic Trials, Laws, Guidelines and Ethics

Assignment to areas of study:

- Compulsory Modules

Content-related prior knowledge or skills:

none

Learning content:

Clinical Trials I:

- Study types of clinical trials: from observational studies to randomized trials
- Causality, stochastics, evidence, question, hypotheses, trial design
- Determination of target population, criteria for evaluation and parameters
- Randomization and blinding
- Sample size calculation

Clinical Trials II:

- Principles of conducting randomized therapy trials: Organization, documentation and data management, clinical monitoring
- Analysis and interpretation of randomized trials
- Population Analysis: Per protocol, full analysis set, intention to treat principle
- Estimands
- Overview of common statistical procedures
- Handling of drop outs and missing data
- Analysis of follow-up data
- Interim analysis strategies
- Subgroup analyses
- Confirmatory vs. exploratory analyses

Diagnostic Studies:

- Definition and examples for diagnostic tests and medical screening/classification tools
- The development and investigation of diagnostics tests and medical screening/classification tools
- Measures of test and classification accuracy (e.g. accuracy, sensitivity, specificity, ROC curve)
- Statistical methods for the estimation of accuracy
- Definition and estimation of positive and negative predictive values
- Statistical methods for the comparison of diagnostic tests
- Study designs and hypothesis tests for diagnostics studies
- Methods to account for covariate effects on diagnostic tests
- Statistical methods for biomarker selection and biomarker combination

Laws & Guidelines:

- Basic legal terms
- Overview of national and international regulations and standards in clinical research
- International Conference on Harmonization (ICH) guidelines
- Special conditions and requirements for particular populations (e.g. children, persons who are incapable of giving consent)

Ethics:

- Basic ethical requirements
- Bioethics
- Declaration of Helsinki
- Ethical reasoning for quality assurance in clinical research
- Ethical principles of good clinical practice (GCP)

Learning outcomes / competencies / targeted competencies:

Clinical Trials I:

- Knowledge of general basics and the design of clinical trials
- Ability to plan biometrical clinical trials according to legal and regulatory requirements
- Competence in the elaboration of trial designs and aspects of trial planning, as well as the ability to impart such concerns and proposals to an interdisciplinary team
- Ability to conduct the quality management of a clinical trial and to critically assess scientific publications of study results

Clinical Trials II:

- Knowledge of basic aspects of the conduct, analysis and interpretation of clinical trials in special consideration of legal environment as well as the methodological and organizational aspects
- Ability to plan, support and correctly analyze biometrical trials according to legal and regulatory requirements
- Knowledge of the corresponding statistical methods
- Knowledge of the measures for securing equality of observation and treatment
- Ability to identify confounding effects and bias
- Competence in imparting study concerns or interesting aspects to an interdisciplinary team

Diagnostic Studies:

- To understand the basic and more advanced principles driving the investigation and evaluation of diagnostic tests and medical screening/classification tools
- To be able to describe and estimate test and classification accuracy
- To know how to plan and analyze a typical diagnostic study
- Basic knowledge of statistical methods for biomarker selection and combination

Laws & Guidelines:

- Knowledge of the legal basics for clinical research in German, European and international law, as well as the relevant regulatory provisions and guidelines
- Knowledge of the main laws and guidelines as well as their application
- Knowledge of the principles of quality assurance
- Competence in dealing with exceptional cases
- Competence in working alongside regulatory authorities and legal practitioners
- Ability to independently make out legal texts

Ethics:

- Knowledge of ethical principles of medical research
- Ability to introduce ethical aspects in the planning of clinical trials
- Ability to critically assess the ethical aspects of varying concepts that underpin a study
- Knowledge of ethical aspects of quality assurance
- Ethical competence in dealing with exceptional cases

Calculation of student workload:

160 h Preparation / follow-up work

108 h Exam preparation

182 h SWS / presence time / working hours

Are there optional courses in the modules? no	
Language(s) of instruction: English	Responsible for the module: Dr. Martin Scharpenberg
Frequency: biennial cycle - winter semester	Duration: 2 semester[s]
The module is valid since / The module is valid until: WiSe 24/25 / -	Credit points / Workload: 15 / 450 hours

Module examinations

Module examination: Clinical Trials I	
Type of examination: partial exam	
Form of examination: Portfolio (AT § 8 Abs. 8)	The examination is ungraded? no
Number of graded components / ungraded components / prerequisites of the examination: 1 / - / -	
Language(s) of instruction: Englisch	
Module examination: Clinical Trials II	
Type of examination: partial exam	
Form of examination: Portfolio (AT § 8 Abs. 8)	The examination is ungraded? no
Number of graded components / ungraded components / prerequisites of the examination: 1 / - / -	
Language(s) of instruction: Englisch	
Module examination: Diagnostic Studies	
Type of examination: partial exam	
Form of examination: Portfolio (AT § 8 Abs. 8)	The examination is ungraded? no
Number of graded components / ungraded components / prerequisites of the examination: 1 / - / -	
Language(s) of instruction: Englisch	
Module examination: Ethical Aspects, Laws and Guidelines	
Type of examination: partial exam	

Form of examination: Written examination	The examination is ungraded? no
Number of graded components / ungraded components / prerequisites of the examination: 1 / - / -	
Language(s) of instruction: Englisch	

Module courses

Course: Clinical Trials I	
Frequency: biennial cycle - winter semester	Language(s) of instruction: Englisch
Contact hours: 3,00	University teacher: Dr. Martin Scharpenberg
Teaching method(s):	Associated module examination: Clinical Trials I
Associated module courses	
Clinical Trials I (Lecture)	

Course: Clinical Trials II	
Frequency: biennial cycle - summer semester	Language(s) of instruction: Englisch
Contact hours: 3,00	University teacher: Dr. Martin Scharpenberg
Teaching method(s):	Associated module examination: Clinical Trials II

Course: Diagnostic Studies	
Frequency: biennial cycle - summer semester	Language(s) of instruction: Englisch
Contact hours: 3,00	University teacher: Prof. Dr. Werner Brannath
Teaching method(s): Lecture	Associated module examination: Diagnostic Studies

Course: Ethical Aspects, Laws and Guidelines	
Frequency: biennial cycle - winter semester	Language(s) of instruction: Englisch
Contact hours: 2,00	University teacher: Dr. Martin Scharpenberg
Teaching method(s): Lecture	Associated module examination: Ethical Aspects, Laws and Guidelines

Module 03-MAT-MA-BioStat-B-2: Fundamentals of Medicine

Fundamentals of Medicine

Assignment to areas of study:

- Compulsory Modules

Content-related prior knowledge or skills:

none

Learning content:

Medical Basics:

- Introduction to general medical terminology, nomenclature and medical approaches
- Anatomy and function of muscles and bones
- Anatomy and function of internal organs (e.g. cardiovascular system, liver, pancreas, gastrointestinal tract, kidneys and urinary tract)
- Neuroanatomy and neurophysiology
- Physiology of sensory perception
- Trauma and growth

Molecular Medicine:

- Cell metabolism using the example of glucose
- Birth and death of a cell, regulation of cell functions: hormones, signal transduction
- Gene expression
- Hereditary diseases (basics and perinatal diagnostics)
- Hemostasis
- Medical analytical laboratory
- Basics of microbiology: Parasites, Bacteria, Fungi
- Diagnostic in microbiology

Pharmacotherapy:

- Demarcation of experimental and clinical pharmacology
- Basics of pharmacodynamics and pharmacokinetics, PK/PD modeling
- Choosing an efficient and rational drug therapy
- Adiposis, Diabetes, Dyslipidemia
- Systematological and pharmacotherapeutic approaches to neurological diseases
- Systematology of psychiatric drugs
- Clinical and therapeutic treatment of mental disorders
- Drug therapy of Asthma and COPD
- Drugs for pain therapy, principles of anesthesia
- Bone diseases
- Clinic and therapy of gastrointestinal diseases
- Clinic and therapy of infectious diseases

Special Areas of Medicine (e.g. Oncology):

- Medical terminology and basic principles of a special area of medicine

Learning outcomes / competencies / targeted competencies:

Medical Basics:

- Knowledge and understanding of basic medical terminology
- Knowledge of the basic anatomy, physiology, as well as knowledge of organ systems
- Knowledge of the key terms of internal medicine
- Competence in applying medical vocabulary in dialogues with physicians during the planning, conduct and analysis stages of clinical trials

Molecular Medicine:

- Knowledge of basic molecular medicine
- Basic knowledge of cell functions, hemostasis and laboratory medicine

Pharmacotherapy:

- Knowledge of the key terms of pharmacokinetics, pharmacodynamics and pharmacogenomics
- Knowledge of the tools of experimental and clinical pharmacology within the framework of medical research

Special Areas of Medicine:

- Knowledge of the key terms of a special area of medicine (e.g. oncology)
- Knowledge of common therapy approaches in that area

Calculation of student workload:

120 h Exam preparation

140 h SWS / presence time / working hours

100 h Preparation / follow-up work

Are there optional courses in the modules?

no

Language(s) of instruction: English	Responsible for the module: Prof. Dr. Bernd Mühlbauer
Frequency: biennial cycle - winter semester	Duration: 3 semester[s]
The module is valid since / The module is valid until: SoSe 24 / -	Credit points / Workload: 12 / 360 hours

Module examinations

Module examination: Basic Medicine and Molecular Medicine	
Type of examination: partial exam	
Form of examination: Written examination	The examination is ungraded? no
Number of graded components / ungraded components / prerequisites of the examination: 1 / - / -	
Language(s) of instruction: Englisch	

Module examination: Pharmacology	
Type of examination: partial exam	
Form of examination: Written examination	The examination is ungraded? no
Number of graded components / ungraded components / prerequisites of the examination: 1 / - / -	
Language(s) of instruction: Englisch	

Module examination: Special Areas of Medicine	
Type of examination: partial exam	
Form of examination: Written examination	The examination is ungraded? no
Number of graded components / ungraded components / prerequisites of the examination: 1 / - / -	
Language(s) of instruction: Englisch	

Module courses

Course: Basic Medicine and Molecular Medicine	
Frequency: biennial cycle - winter semester	Language(s) of instruction: Englisch
Contact hours: 4,00	University teacher: Dr. Martin Scharpenberg
Teaching method(s): Lecture	Associated module examination: Basic Medicine and Molecular Medicine
Associated module courses Medical Basics - Common Diseases and Molecular Medicine (Lecture)	

Course: Pharmacology	
Frequency: biennial cycle - summer semester	Language(s) of instruction: Englisch
Contact hours: 2,00	University teacher: Prof. Dr. Bernd Mühlbauer
Teaching method(s): Lecture	Associated module examination: Pharmacology

Course: Special Areas of Medicine	
Frequency:	Language(s) of instruction: Englisch

Contact hours: -	University teacher:
Teaching method(s):	Associated module examination: Special Areas of Medicine

Module 03-MAT-MA-BioStat-A-4: Basic Epidemiology**Basic Epidemiology****Assignment to areas of study:**

- Compulsory Modules

Content-related prior knowledge or skills:

none

Learning content:

- Basic Epidemiology, in particular goals and methods of epidemiology
- Definitions, fundamental concepts, as well as typical problems and approaches of epidemiology
- Interpretation and assessment of epidemiological studies using publications

Learning outcomes / competencies / targeted competencies:

- Knowledge of epidemiological study designs
- Knowledge of descriptive and comparative epidemiological measures and standardization
- Understanding of sources of error, bias and confounding, misclassification
- Knowledge of experimental and observational study designs
- Knowledge of data sources and data acquisition
- Knowledge of methods for quality assurance and good epidemiological practice
- Ability to interpret and critically assess epidemiological study results with regards to methods, presentation of results and discussion
- Ability to present study results
- Ability to moderate a scientific discussion

Calculation of student workload:

56 h SWS / presence time / working hours

70 h Exam preparation

54 h Preparation / follow-up work

Are there optional courses in the modules?

no

Language(s) of instruction:

English

Responsible for the module:

Prof. Dr. Iris Pigeot-Kübler

Frequency:

summer semester, yearly

Duration:

2 semester[s]

The module is valid since / The module is valid until:

WiSe 24/25 / -

Credit points / Workload:

6 / 180 hours

Module examinations**Module examination:** Epidemiology I**Type of examination:** module exam**Form of examination:**

Announcement at the beginning of the semester

The examination is ungraded?

no

Number of graded components / ungraded components / prerequisites of the examination:

- / - / -

Language(s) of instruction: Englisch	
Module examination: Epidemiology II	
Type of examination: module exam	
Form of examination: Announcement at the beginning of the semester	The examination is ungraded? no
Number of graded components / ungraded components / prerequisites of the examination: - / - / -	
Language(s) of instruction: Englisch	

Module courses

Course: Epidemiology I	
Frequency: summer semester, yearly	Language(s) of instruction: Englisch
Contact hours: 2,00	University teacher:
Teaching method(s): Seminar	Associated module examination: Epidemiology I
Course: Epidemiology II	
Frequency: winter semester, yearly	Language(s) of instruction: Englisch
Contact hours: 2,00	University teacher:
Teaching method(s): Seminar	Associated module examination: Epidemiology II

Module 03-MAT-MA-BioStat-C-1: Internship Internship

Assignment to areas of study:

- Compulsory Modules

Content-related prior knowledge or skills:

none

Learning content:

Students shall experience working situations and job requirements in a pertinent professional field of activity inside or outside the university. They should learn to define and analyze the problems and tasks that occur, using all the professional qualifications they have acquired up until this point. Furthermore, they should learn to develop and apply biometrical approaches to such problems and tasks.

Learning outcomes / competencies / targeted competencies:

- Develop and promote the professional orientation
- Imparting deepened knowledge of the organization and functioning of a professional field
- Apply the knowledge and skills acquired in the studies
- Promote the development of practical questions in the studies
- Give an insight and contacts to possible professional fields

Calculation of student workload:

10 h Exam preparation

170 h SWS / presence time / working hours

Are there optional courses in the modules?

no

Language(s) of instruction:

English

Responsible for the module:

Dr. Stephan Kloep

Frequency:

biennial cycle - summer semester

Duration:

1 semester[s]

The module is valid since / The module is valid until:

WiSe 23/24 / -

Credit points / Workload:

6 / 180 hours

Module examinations

Module examination: Modulprüfung

Type of examination: partial exam

Form of examination:

Internship report

The examination is ungraded?

no

Number of graded components / ungraded components / prerequisites of the examination:

- / 1 / -

Language(s) of instruction:

Englisch

Module courses

Course: Internship	
Frequency: biennial cycle - summer semester	Language(s) of instruction: Englisch
Contact hours: -	University teacher: Dr. Stephan Kloep
Teaching method(s): Laboratory class	Associated module examination: Modulprüfung

Module 03-MAT-MA-BioStat-A-5: Biometrical Methods - Special Aspects

Biometrical Methods - Special Aspects

Assignment to areas of study:

- Compulsory Modules

Content-related prior knowledge or skills:

none

Learning content:

a) Multiple Testing Problems:

- Basics and the theory of multiple testing
- Methods for the comparison of multiple groups and subgroup analyses for multiple endpoints
- Graphical multiple tests

b) Survival Analysis:

- Basics: Censoring, Survival function, hazard and cumulative hazard
- Nonparametric, semiparametric and parametric methods
- Complex modeling approaches
- Sample size calculation

c) Nonparametric Methods:

- Ideas and basics of nonparametric methods (methods without distributional assumptions)
- Methods for paired and unpaired samples, for two or more groups, for multifactorial designs

d) Bayes Statistics:

- Multivariate, marginal and conditional distributions and Bayes' Rule (discrete and continuous)
- The principle of Bayesian inference
- Conjugate Priors with examples (e.g. Beta-binomial model for a proportion, Poisson-gamma model for a rate, Normal-normal model for a mean)
- Mixtures of conjugate priors
- Improper, objective, Jeffrey and reference priors
- Computational approaches (e.g. Markov Chain Monte Carlo (MCMC) method, Gibbs sampling, Metropolis-Hastings (MH) sampling, MCMC)
- Empirical Bayes (optional)
- Frequentist properties of Bayesian methods (optional)
- Application of Bayesian methods in clinical trials and medical studies

e) Problems of biometrical research:

- Current examples of biometrical research, based on the particular interests of each student with regard to their master thesis. An oral presentation is given which systematically moves towards the topic for a master thesis:
 - General overview over the medical and methodological problem
 - Narrowing the topic to a relevant core
 - Approach and generate initial findings with a working program

Learning outcomes / competencies / targeted competencies:

- Knowledge of the differentiation and specialization of biometrical methodologies to specific questions
- Ability to apply these methods to clinical practice and to interpret the results
- Competence in the applying software solutions to corresponding problems

Calculation of student workload:

168 h SWS / presence time / working hours

132 h Exam preparation

150 h Preparation / follow-up work

Are there optional courses in the modules?

no

Language(s) of instruction:

English

Responsible for the module:

Prof. Dr. Werner Brannath

Frequency:

biennial cycle - winter semester

Duration:

1 semester[s]

The module is valid since / The module is valid until:

WiSe 23/24 / -

Credit points / Workload:

15 / 450 hours

Module examinations**Module examination:** Bayes - Statistics**Type of examination:** partial exam**Form of examination:**

Presentation and written assignment

The examination is ungraded?

no

Number of graded components / ungraded components / prerequisites of the examination:

1 / - / -

Language(s) of instruction:

Englisch

Module examination: Multiple Testing**Type of examination:** partial exam**Form of examination:**

Portfolio (AT § 8 Abs. 8)

The examination is ungraded?

no

Number of graded components / ungraded components / prerequisites of the examination:

1 / - / -

Language(s) of instruction:

Englisch

Module examination: Non-parametric Statistics**Type of examination:** partial exam**Form of examination:**

Presentation and written assignment

The examination is ungraded?

no

Number of graded components / ungraded components / prerequisites of the examination:

1 / - / -

Language(s) of instruction:

Deutsch

Module examination: Problems of Biometrical Research	
Type of examination: partial exam	
Form of examination: Presentation, oral	The examination is ungraded? no
Number of graded components / ungraded components / prerequisites of the examination: - / 1 / -	
Language(s) of instruction: Englisch	

Module examination: Survival Analysis	
Type of examination: partial exam	
Form of examination: Portfolio (AT § 8 Abs. 8)	The examination is ungraded? no
Number of graded components / ungraded components / prerequisites of the examination: 1 / - / -	
Language(s) of instruction: Englisch	

Module courses

Course: Bayes - Statistics	
Frequency: biennial cycle - winter semester	Language(s) of instruction: Englisch
Contact hours: 2,00	University teacher: Prof. Dr. Werner Brannath
Teaching method(s): Seminar	Associated module examination: Bayes - Statistics

Course: Multiple Testing	
Frequency: biennial cycle - winter semester	Language(s) of instruction: Englisch
Contact hours: 3,00	University teacher: Dr. Martin Scharpenberg
Teaching method(s):	Associated module examination: Multiple Testing

Course: Non-parametric Statistics	
Frequency: biennial cycle - winter semester	Language(s) of instruction: Englisch
Contact hours: 2,00	University teacher: Dr. Werner Wosniok
Teaching method(s): Seminar	Associated module examination: Non-parametric Statistics

Course: Problems of Biometrical Research	
Frequency: biennial cycle - winter semester	Language(s) of instruction: Englisch
Contact hours: 2,00	University teacher: Prof. Dr. Werner Brannath
Teaching method(s): Seminar	Associated module examination: Problems of Biometrical Research

Course: Survival Analysis	
Frequency: biennial cycle - winter semester	Language(s) of instruction: Englisch
Contact hours: 3,00	University teacher: Prof. Dr. Vanessa Didelez
Teaching method(s):	Associated module examination: Survival Analysis

Module 03-MAT-MA-BioStat-A-6: Complex Statistical Modeling

Complex Statistical Modeling

Assignment to areas of study:

- Compulsory Modules

Content-related prior knowledge or skills:

none

Learning content:

Theory of the generalized linear model, in particular:

- Univariate and multiple logistic regression
- Logit transformation, odds ratio
- Parameter estimation (maximum likelihood), interpretation of the parameters of the generalized linear model
- Model selection, variable selection, quality criteria, diagnostics
- Exponential families, link functions, canonical links
- Poisson regression
- The proportional odds model, logistic regression with multiple categories
- Introduction to generalized estimating equations
- Introduction to the generalized linear mixed model
- Introduction to propensity score methods

Learning outcomes / competencies / targeted competencies:

- Knowledge of the definitions, properties and mathematical basics of complex models, in particular of generalized linear models
- Overview of differentiation and specialization of the models covered, regarding special questions
- Knowledge of the areas of application along with the potential and limitations of the models
- Establishing connections between modeling and methods of planning and analysis of studies
- Knowledge of the corresponding model related theories of analysis (estimation, testing)
- Knowledge of the corresponding methods of sample size calculation
- Ability to choose appropriate models in complex designs
- Ability to assess the appropriateness of a chosen model
- Ability to independently perform the biometrical planning, analysis and interpretation in such models

Calculation of student workload:

74 h Preparation / follow-up work

50 h Exam preparation

56 h SWS / presence time / working hours

Are there optional courses in the modules?

no

Language(s) of instruction:

English

Responsible for the module:

Dr. Martin Scharpenberg

Frequency:

biennial cycle - winter semester

Duration:

1 semester[s]

The module is valid since / The module is valid until:

WiSe 23/24 / -

Credit points / Workload:

6 / 180 hours

Module examinations

Module examination: Complex Statistical Modeling	
Type of examination: partial exam	
Form of examination: Oral	The examination is ungraded? no
Number of graded components / ungraded components / prerequisites of the examination: 1 / - / -	
Language(s) of instruction: Englisch	
Module examination: Exercises Complex Statistical Modeling	
Type of examination: partial exam	
Form of examination: Portfolio (AT § 8 Abs. 8)	The examination is ungraded? no
Number of graded components / ungraded components / prerequisites of the examination: - / 1 / -	
Language(s) of instruction: Englisch	

Module courses

Course: Complex Statistical Modeling	
Frequency: biennial cycle - winter semester	Language(s) of instruction: Englisch
Contact hours: 3,00	University teacher: Dr. Martin Scharpenberg
Teaching method(s): Lecture	Associated module examination: Complex Statistical Modeling
Course: Exercises Complex Statistical Modeling	
Frequency: biennial cycle - winter semester	Language(s) of instruction: Englisch
Contact hours: 1,00	University teacher: Dr. Martin Scharpenberg
Teaching method(s): Tutorial	Associated module examination: Exercises Complex Statistical Modeling

Module 03-MAT-MA-BioStat-D-1: Master Thesis (inklusive Kolloquium)**Master Thesis (incl. Colloquium)****Assignment to areas of study:**

- Master Thesis

Content-related prior knowledge or skills:

none

Learning content:

- Scientific work under supervision
- Specialization in a subject of biostatistic

Learning outcomes / competencies / targeted competencies:

Be able to work independently and scientifically, in particular:

- Independently search for and become acquainted with relevant literature
- Reflect on the current state of research
- Develop of own research results if possible
- Adhere to rules of good scientific practice

Be able to write a comprehensive academic work

Be able to present the research work orally

Calculation of student workload:

900 h Exam preparation

Are there optional courses in the modules?

no

Language(s) of instruction:

English

Responsible for the module:

Prof. Dr. Werner Brannath

Frequency:

each semester

Duration:

1 semester[s]

The module is valid since / The module is valid until:

WiSe 23/24 / -

Credit points / Workload:

30 / 900 hours

Module examinations**Module examination:** Thesis**Type of examination:** module exam**Form of examination:**

Master Thesis

The examination is ungraded?

no

Number of graded components / ungraded components / prerequisites of the examination:

1 / - / -

Language(s) of instruction:

Englisch

Module examination: Kolloquium**Type of examination:** module exam

Form of examination: Colloquium	The examination is ungraded? no
Number of graded components / ungraded components / prerequisites of the examination: 1 / - / -	
Language(s) of instruction: Englisch	