Recommended course plan for the MSc degree course Bioinformatics, type A

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The MSc degree course Bioinformatics variant A has been designed for students with a Bachelor's degree in Bioinformatics.

The present course plan is based on the exam regulations effective as of 1 October 2021. Its sole function is to explain these regulations and to provide recommendations as to which courses may be taken in each respective semester. For binding information please contact the examination board.

Detailed information regarding studies and exams can also be found in the exams regulations under **Downloads** – **Prüfungsordnungen** (https://unituebingen.de/de/176499) (German only).

The MSc degree course Bioinformatics variant A comprises the following modules:

Module Sequence Bioinformatics	compulsory, 9 ECTS
Module Structure and Systems Bioinformatics	compulsory, 9 ECTS
Seminar Bioinformatics (BIO-SEM)	compulsory, 3 ECTS
Study area Practical Bioinformatics (BIO- PRAK)	2 courses, 3 ECTS each
Study area Bioinformatics (BIO-BIO), incl. Group Project (latter is compulsory)	in total 15 ECTS
Study area Practical Computer Science (INFO-PRAK)	in total 6 ECTS
Study area Theoretical Computer Science (INFO-THEO)	in total 6 ECTS
Study area Advanced Computer Science (INFO-INFO)	In total 18 ECTS (ECTS can also be obtained by attending Bachelor courses)
Study area Advanced Life Sciences (BIO-LIFE)	In total 18 ECTS
Master thesis	30 ECTS

The following course plan is a recommendation only – students are not required to follow this plan. We explicitly encourage students to design their own course of study within the provisions of the exam and study regulations.

However, we do recommend to attend the courses of the **Sequence Bioinformatics** and **Structure Bioinformatics** modules in the first and second subject-specific semesters, and to write the master thesis at the end of your studies during or after the 4th semester.

Please note, in addition the regulations concerning the Research Project in the study area BIO-BIO; for this, see the information in the module handbook at https://unituebingen.de/en/74348 (German only).

Recommended course plan MSc Bioinformatics Variant A; start: WS21/22

1 st semester WS21/22			
lecture + tutorials	Module Sequence Bioinformatics	9 ECTS	
Group project	Group project, study area BIO-BIO	3 ECTS	
lecture + tutorials	Study area <i>Theoretical Computer Science</i> (INFO-THEO) or, alternatively, study area <i>Advanced Computer Science</i> (INFO-INFO)		
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lecture +/ seminar	Study area BIO-LIFE (Biology / (Bio)Chemistry / Pharmacy MSc courses)	6 ECTS	
	Total	30 ECTS	

Here are a few recommended Computer Science, Bioinformatics and Life Sciences courses offered in the winter semester 2022/2023 (English)

Study area Practical Computer Science (INFO-PRAK):

• ML4102 Data Literacy, lecture+tutorials, 6 ECTS

Study area Advanced Computer Science (INFO-INFO):

• ML4103 Deep Learning, lecture+tutorials, 6 ECTS

Study area Advanced Bioinformatics (BIO-BIO):

• BIO4372 Cheminformatics, lecture+tutorials, 6 ECTS

Study area Advanced Life Sciences (BIO-LIFE):

Please note that credit points obtained from courses offered by the Biology department that introduce math- or computer science-related topics or similar topics (e.g. Matlab for biologists) do not count towards the number of credits necessary for the study area Life Sciences (**BIO-LIFE**).

- Introduction to Computational Neuroscience, Mallot, 3 ECTS lecture plus 3 ECTS seminar
- Current Topics in Proteome Research, Macek (please ask explicitly for a grade)
- Integrative Neurobiology: Systems, Veit & Nieder, Lecture, 3 ECTS
- Frontiers in Applied Drug Design, (Pharmacy), Böckler et al., research practical course, 9 ECTS
- Concepts of Molecular Cell Biology, 3 ECTS lecture plus 3 ECTS seminar; it might be
 difficult to register as a bioinformatician, but try anyway if you are interested in the
 content of the course.

2 nd semester (summer semester)				
lecture + tutorials	Module Structure Bioinformatics	9 ECTS		
lecture / seminar/	Study area <i>Advanced Life Sciences</i> (BIO-LIFE , (Biology / Chemistry / Pharmacy MSc courses)	6 ECTS		
lecture / seminar	Study area Advanced Computer Science (INFO-INFO) or, alternatively, INFO-THEO or INFO-PRAK	6 ECTS		
lecture / seminar	Study area Bioinformatics (BIO-BIO)	6 ECTS		
practical course	Study area <i>Practical Bioinformatics</i> (BIO-PRAK) (during the lecture-free period after the semester)	3 ECTS		
	Total	30 ECTS		

3 rd semester (winter semester)			
lecture / seminar/	Study area BIO-PRAK (BIO-LIFE , Biology / Chemistry / Pharmacy MSc courses)	6 ECTS	
seminar	Bioinformatics, seminar (BIO-SEM)	3 ECTS	
lecture + tutorials	Study area Advanced Computer Science (INFO-INFO)	6 ECTS	
lecture + tutorials	Study area Advanced Computer Science (INFO-INFO)	6 ECTS	
lecture / seminar/	Study area Bioinformatics (BIO-BIO)	6 ECTS	
practical course	Study area <i>Practical Bioinformatics</i> (BIO-PRAK) (during the lecture-free period after the semester)	3 ECTS	
	Total	30 ECTS	

4 th semester (summer semester)				
module	Master thesis	30 ECTS		
		Total 30 ECTS		