neu170 - Molecular Genetics and Cell Biology

Module label: Molecular Genetics and Cell Biology
Module code: neu170
Credit points: 15.0 KP
Workload: 450 h

Used in course of study:
- Master's Programme Neuroscience > Background Modules

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Entry requirements:
Students interested in molecular genetics, cell biology, molecular biology, and neurobiology will achieve the knowledge after completion of the course:
- Genetic basis of diseases, inheritance patterns of diseases and gene therapeutic approaches
- Cell nucleus and genomic DNA, Nucleic acid structure and function
- Signaling and Cancer
- Gene expression
- RNA Processing
- Translation
- structures of proteins and protein functions
- Membranes and membran proteins
- Energie metabolism in the cell
- sequencing techniques and knowledge of several other selected lab techniques
- Basic knowledge of how to perform research projects.

Module contents:
Subjects of the lecture and seminar:
- Storing and processing of genetic information
- mutation analysis
- genetic high throughput techniques
- structure and function of proteins/membranes, cytoskeleton, meta-bolic signaling, molecular basis of neurodegenerative diseases.

Exercises: Learning current methods of human genetics, cellular and molecular neurobiology; introduction to cell cultivation techniques.
- DNA extraction and agarose gel analysis
- Sanger sequencing and sequence analysis
- PCR-based techniques
- bioinformatic analysis of high throughput data
- cell culture
- gene therapy of dominant diseases

Reader's advisory:
Several selected scientific papers for the seminar (selection may vary)
Textbooks of Molecular Cell Biology; Alberts, Molecular biology of the cell

Links:
Language of instruction: English
Duration (semesters): 1 Semester
Module frequency: jährlich
Module capacity: unlimited
Reference text: Course in the first half of the semester
Module level: MM (Mastermodul)
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