neau751 - Laboratory Animal Science

Module label: Laboratory Animal Science
Module code: neu751
Credit points: 3.0 KP
Workload: 90 h

(one week full-time in semester break + flexible time for studying and exam preparation)
Lecture total workload: 45h; 2h contact / 20h background reading / 23h exam preparation
Supervised exercise total workload: 45h; 35h contact / 10h background reading

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

Contact person:
Module responsibility

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Entry requirements:
Skills to be acquired in this module:
++ Expt. Methods
+ Independent research
+ Scient. Literature
++ Social skills
++ Interdiscipl. knowlg.
+ Scientific English
++ Ethics

Upon successful completion of this course, students:
- know the relevant EU legislation governing animal welfare and are able to explain its meaning in common language
- understand and are able to critically discuss salient ethical concepts in animal experimentation, such as the three Rs and humane endpoint.
- have basic knowledge of the biology and husbandry of laboratory animal species held at the University of Oldenburg (rodents or birds or fish)
- are able to critically assess the needs and welfare of animals without compromising scientific integrity of the investigation
- have practical skills in handling small rodents or birds or fish
- have profound knowledge of anaesthesia, analgesia and basic principles of surgery.
- have practiced invasive procedures and euthanasia.

NOTE: These objectives aim to satisfy the requirements for EU directive A „Persons carrying out animal experiments“ and EU directive D „Persons killing animals“. We aim to obtain accreditation by the Federation of European Laboratory Animal Science Associations (FeLaSa) by 2018.

Module contents:
Background knowledge is taught using the third-party online platform "LAS Interactive" which concludes with a written exam that has to be passed before the practical part. Topics covered are:
- Legislation, ethics and the 3Rs
- Scientific integrity
- Data collection
- Basic biology of rodents, birds and fish
- Husbandry, and nutrition of rodents, birds and fish
- Animal Welfare
- Health monitoring
- Pain and distress
- Euthanasia
Practical procedures will first be demonstrated, important aspects will then be practiced under supervision by every participant, on an animal model of their choice (rodents, birds or fish):
- Handling and external examination
- Administration of substances, blood sampling
- Euthanasia and dissection
- Transcardial perfusion
- Anaesthesia and surgery

Reader’s advisory:
“LAS interactive” internet-based learning platform

Links:
Language of instruction: English
Duration (semesters): 1 Semester
Module frequency: semester break, every semester
Module capacity: 15
Registration procedure / selection criteria: StudIP, sequence of registration

Modullevel:
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Lern-/Lehrform / Type of program:
je nach Studiengang Pflicht oder Wahlpflicht
Vorkenntnisse / Previous knowledge

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**Total time of attendance for the module**: 28 h