Master Biochemistry.
Guideline for your Master studies

Written by the Student Initiative Biochemistry (FSI)
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### Schedule of the Orientation Days

**Lise-Meitner Lecture Room (2nd floor), Hahn-Meitner-Bau (Thielallee 63), 14195 Berlin – Dahlem**

**Tuesday, October 10th, 2017**

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<td><em>Life at FU</em> – introduction by the student representation</td>
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<td>11:00 – 11:45</td>
<td>Getting to know &amp; Coffee Time</td>
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<td>11:45 – 13:15</td>
<td>Tour around the campus</td>
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<td>13:15 – 14:00</td>
<td>Mensa</td>
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<td>14:00 – 14:45</td>
<td>Welcoming by Prof. Sutapa Chakrabarti</td>
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<td>14:45 – 15:00</td>
<td>Brief presentation of the Symbiose Project</td>
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<td>11:15 – 12:00</td>
<td>Time for questions &amp; Coffee</td>
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<td>Introduction to the biochemistry master program by Dr. Jens Peter Fürste</td>
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<td>Introduction by the study and examination office</td>
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<td>13:20 – 13:40</td>
<td>Break</td>
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<td>13:40 – 15:00</td>
<td>Historical tour with Dr. Jens Peter Fürste</td>
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<td>20:00</td>
<td>Getting together in the „Hannibal“ bar. (Address: Hauptstraße 36, 10827 Berlin)</td>
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This schedule is only preliminary. In case of changes, the updated schedule can be found on the FSI Website ([http://www.bcp.fu-berlin.de/en/chemie/biochemie/student-representatives/Infos-fuer-Studienanfaenger/Master-Biochemistry](http://www.bcp.fu-berlin.de/en/chemie/biochemie/student-representatives/Infos-fuer-Studienanfaenger/Master-Biochemistry))
Foreword

Welcome at the FU Berlin!

If you are reading these lines, you have done it! You are going to do your Master Biochemistry studies at the FU Berlin and your studies start now! You are going to meet a lot of new people, learn a lot and hopefully also have a lot of fun.

To give you some orientation at the beginning of your Master studies, we have generated this overview. The following pages will provide you with helpful information about the Biochemistry masters program and the university system of the FU. (Unfortunately, we cannot guarantee completeness nor correctness)

At the very beginning a little reminder of two very important things:

1. Working in a team makes everything a lot easier! This includes for example the lab work, writing of assignments and studying for the exams. Lone warriors will definitely have it a lot harder.

2. Show your own initiative and try to change things you don't like. You can always talk to the professors or to us.

Good luck and a lot of fun with your studies wishes

Your student initiative Biochemistry (FSI Biochemie)
Because the previous lines show our signature, you probably wonder by now who “we” are. We, the Student Initiative Biochemistry (German: Fachschaftsinitiative – short: FSI), are a random group of Biochemistry students out of all semesters (Bachelor and Master) who stand up for the students and the degree program.

We organize the orientations for the first semester students, represent the students in different committees (see university policy), help with the organization of the student parties (“Biochem-Keggers”), give advice to students and generally try to help improving our degree program.

If you now think: that’s way too much work, I will never join that group; don’t be afraid: Not everyone does everything. There are no fixed duties, you can also just come by and listen to what we are talking about and what is going on at the Biochemistry department at the moment. Important to us is, that everyone feels welcome to join our meetings. Every helping hand and every thinking head is always welcome to join the FSI.

More about the FSI and what we do, you can find on our website:


or on facebook:

www.facebook.com/fsi.biochemie
WE WANT YOU
FOR THE FSI BIOCHEMISTRY

Next FSI-Meeting:
26.10.2017 6pm
In the student office (Takustr. 3, room 11.02)
possible changes will be announced here: http://www.bcp.fu-berlin.de/en/chemie/biochemie/student-representatives/Herzlich-willkommen/index.html
The Master program

Let’s start with the goals for our studies - at least the ones stated in the study regulations of the program:
During your studies, you will gain biochemical knowledge, will learn to recognize, structure and carry out research tasks independently and you will gain practice in scientific literature search, reading and writing of scientific texts and presentation of your work. At the end, you will be prepared to work in research and other practical live science jobs.

Great that we learn all that - but how?
The masters program is regularly planned for 4 semesters. The program is build up by different kinds of modules (e.g. lab courses, lectures) out of the three main areas: structural biochemistry, molecular cell biology and molecular biomedicine. You also have the possibility to choose some modules out of other areas you are interested in. In total, you will collect 120 ECTS (at the FU called LP: “Leistungspunkte”; 1 ECTS = 30 hours of work).
All the regulations for the Master program and the specific modules are written down in the “Studien- und Prüfungsordnung”. Unfortunately, this regulation is only available in German so far, but if you have any questions to that, you can always ask us (the FSI), the Mentoring department or the
Examination office (see student counselling). In the following, there will be a short overview over the Master program. Overall, there are not a lot of fixed modules - you have a bunch of possibilities to choose the courses you are interested in.

During the Master program, you will collect 90 ETCS by choosing different modules and 30 ECTS through your master thesis. The 90 ETCS are divided into four parts:

1. **The basic lecture (10 ETCS): Advanced Biochemistry**

   This basic lecture Advanced Biochemistry (sometimes referred to as BC V because there are four lectures in the Bachelor's program) is mandatory and divided into 2 parts. Each part takes place on Friday afternoon, so it's not possible to attend both parts at the same time. This lecture is graded, so the grade you get on both exams will count for your final grade.

2. **Methods (15 ETCS)**

   Method courses are usually two-week long all-day courses in which you will gain knowledge about one specific method or one method-area. The courses are not graded but you usually have to give a talk and / or hand in a protocol in the end. Method courses are offered in the three main areas:
   
   a. Structural biochemistry
   b. Molecular biology
   c. Molecular biomedicine

   You have to take two method courses out of two different areas. The third method module can be out of the third area or out of an
affine area (biology, chemistry, pharmacy, physics, bioinformatics, medicine).

The places for the method courses are given away during the **Tombola** (always on the first day of the lecture period). Since the courses have a limited number of places, the places may have to be drawn. Be sure to bring your valid student ID to the Tombola. Also, please make sure you actually have the time and fulfill the requirements for the courses you apply for, so that you do not occupy places you won't actually use. The first semester master students are prioritised for the lottery drawing of their first method course, so be sure to attend! If you didn’t get a placement in your desired method module during the Tombola, it is always worth contacting the responsible professor and ask to be put on a waiting list. If you are unsure about which method module to take, it is always a good idea to talk to higher semester students, to us, or later also to your fellow students.

**3. Research (45 ETCS)**

In the research part, you will do in total three research projects (each 9-week internships; In total 12 weeks of work load with preparation and post-processing time - 15 ETCS). As for the method modules, you have to choose two projects out of the areas: structure biochemistry, molecular biology and molecular biomedicine. The third research project can be out of the third area or again out of an affine area (biology, chemistry, pharmacy, physics, bioinformatics, medicine).
The research projects, you have to find and organise on your own. You can apply for FU internal internships in the FU groups or you can do your internship externally. External internships can be done for example at research institutes like the MPI, FMP or Fraunhofer Institutes, but also in the industry. After finding your internship, the examination board has to approve of your internship before you actually start your internship. At the end of your research project, you will give a presentation about your work and write a short report. The presentation will be graded and will make up your grade for the research project. If you are doing an external internship, you have to make sure that you have a supervisor who is officially eligible as an examiner. Professors, lecturers with a teaching assignment at the FU and individuals approved by the examination committee are eligible to grade your presentation. You might have to find an additional eligible supervisor if you do your internship externally.

4. Electives (20 ETCS)
The elective part is non-graded and divided into the parts elective biochemistry courses (10 ETCS) and free elective courses (10 ETCS).

a. Elective biochemistry courses
In this sub-part, you can for example attend method courses you haven’t taken yet, do shorter research projects (3-6 weeks), or attend biochemical lectures.
b. Free elective courses

In this sub-part, you are totally free to choose what ever you want, as long as you have not already taken that course. For example, you can take more biochemical modules or choose modules out of other programs. This sub-part you can also use to learn another language or extend your knowledge about business, philosophy, or other things.

**Master thesis**

Your master thesis is planned for your fourth semester. You have to find a place for your thesis on your own. Like the research projects, you can do your thesis at FU or in another institution. If you do it externally, you, again, have to find an eligible supervisor who will supervise your thesis. Your topic also has to be approved by the examination board before you start.

To start your thesis, you have to have collected at least 60 ETCS and for all the other missing modules you have to be enrolled. After starting your thesis, you have 6 months to finish. At the end of your project, you are going to write a thesis and give a presentation about your work. Different from the research projects, this time, both the thesis (3/4) and the presentation (1/4) are marked.

Overall your Master grade will consist only of the main lecture, the research projects and your master thesis. The remaining courses are ungraded and only have to be passed in order for you to obtain the degree!
A summary over all the modules gives you the so called “Studienverlaufsplan” (Figure). It also gives you an orientation on when to take what kind of modules but you don’t have to do it that way. You can structure your studies like you want to.

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<td>Method module - 3. Area or affine area (5 ETCS)</td>
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<td>Master thesis with defence (30 ETCS)</td>
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Planning your modules

After this long part about the modules you can or have to take, the question comes up: How do I find out about the courses? All the courses offered directly from the FU, you can find in the course catalogue (“Vorlesungsverzeichnis” – short: VV):

www.fu-berlin.de/vv/

A whole list of the method modules and when they will take place, you can find on the website of the department:

http://www.bcp.fu-berlin.de/en/chemie/biochemie/master/Information-for-enrolled-students/index.html

Since a lot of the modules are offered in blocks, you will not really have a regular time table like you might have had in your Bachelor studies. During your Bachelor studies, you may also be used to study along with your fellow students. This is not the case for this Master program, since everyone chooses different courses and internships. You are going to meet some of your fellow students only rarely. But as you probably know, studying together with your fellow students is much easier than alone, e.g. to exchange information which method modules may be interesting to you. Therefore, socialize right from the beginning!
Enrolling into modules

Generally, the „Campus Management“ is the platform where at the end all your courses and grades should be found (www.fu-berlin.de/sites/campusmanagement/). Depending on the module, you either enroll in the course directly in the campus management yourself or, most of the time, the examination or study office does it for you.

The basic lecture (Advanced Biochemistry Part I and II) is the main module for which you enroll yourself manually in the Campus Management. Enrolling in modules yourself is only possible in the first weeks of the semester. If you miss the deadline, you can always write to the examination office and they post-enroll you.

For almost all the other modules, the examination office enrolls you. By filling out a form, given to you at the Tombola, and handing it in to the study office, you let the offices know which modules (lectures, seminars and method modules) you are planning to take in the coming semester and they enroll you. If you got a placement in a module later in the semester (for example by writing the lecturer of the module), the lecturer of the module usually will let the examination office know and they will post-enroll you into the module. You should check whether the lecture will let the examination office know and maybe write to them yourself.
For the research projects, the examination board has to approve of your internship. For that, you fill out a form (link below) and hand it to the examination office. If the examination board approves the project, you will be enrolled automatically in the course and it will show up in the Campus Management.


If you are planning to take modules from different institute (e.g. biology / bioinformatics) the procedure might differ and you have to find out for each institute how to enrol in the courses.

**Your Zedat-E-mail Address**

The zedat-e-mail address (x@zedat.fu-berlin.de) is your email address from the FU. Every information will be send to this address. Therefore, you should check this email address regularly. You also can have your emails forwarded to your private email address automatically or save the account in your mail program (e.g. outlook). Make sure to use this address when contacting university staff or professors, since e-mails from other providers may be identified as spam and never be read.

One last tip: you can set up an alias-address, which makes out of the x@zedat.fu-berlin.de ending the nicer x@fu-berlin.de ending.
University politics

At FU, politics is not only a subject but you can experience it and even participate! The elections for the students’ parliament (StuPa) will probably be your first encounter with FU politics. They take place annually in January. Plenty of posters will be stapled to trees and Dahlem will look as if federal elections were about to take place. But what does the students’ parliament do? Every student at FU can elect a list, which will represent the student in the parliament. The StuPa will then elect the “executive” organ, the General Students’ Committee (AStA). All of this reminds of federal politics. However, there are some major differences:

First of all, there are numerous lists to choose from. About 40 lists compete for 60 seats in the parliament every year. As there is no 5% threshold to be reached in order to enter the parliament, basically every list will get a seat. 30 votes are necessary for a single seat in the StuPa and residual seats are distributed percentage-wise.

Secondly, the self-conception of several organs is substantially different from those in federal politics. Many lists do not belong to any political party and insist on their independence. They either originate from student councils or represent so-called status groups. Examples for the latter are the
“Queeferministische Frauen-Lesben-Trans Liste” (queer feminist women-lesbian-trans list) and autonomous political organisations such as the “Antifaschistische Linke Liste” (anti-fascist left wing list). Last but not least, there are also student associations belonging to political parties. Among them are Jusos, RCDU, GHG, LHG and SDS (belonging to the social democrats, Christian democrats, green party, liberal party and socialist party respectively). Unfortunately, StuPa elections suffer from low voter turnouts of about 10%.

The AStA does not envision itself as the students’ representative. It rather rejects hierarchies and has a symbolic value. However, real work is done in the AStA’s departments (german: Referate), which again remind of ministries in federal politics. The departments cover different topics and each consists of three referents. Among them are autonomous departments, which do not have an equivalent in the federal government. Referents of the gays’, lesbians’, women’s, foreigners’ department are elected directly at the plenary assembly of the respective status groups and are confirmed by the StuPa afterwards. This ensures, that each status group can select its referent without interference by others. For example, men cannot participate in the election of the women’s referent.
So, who is part of the AStA?
Long-since, the AStA is build up by a grand coalition. However, this does not refer to a coalition between the strongest political parties. It rather is a federation of several different groups. Traditionally, the AStA is made up by the student councils of different faculties. It insists on its independence from political parties, which is why their student’s associations are hardly ever seen in it. Still, the AStA’s attitude is clearly left-autonomous. However, this does not disturb the collaboration with differently minded people or associations and counselling as well as financial aid are offered to everybody.

What does the AStA do?
Each department works individually and independently. Among others, the AStA offers a variety of consulting services for students and publishes and distributes magazines (for example “out of Dahlem”). Furthermore, it organizes the annual summer party. Importantly, you will never find a political initiative implemented by the AStA as it has no political mandate.
In last year’s elections, the student council of the biochemistry department (FSI) got one seat. We do not actively support the AStA nor do we oppose it. The biochemistry FSI rather decides independently without obligation towards any party.
In some faculties, a student representative (Fachschaftsrat, FSR) is officially elected. Often, however, there is only the unofficial student council (FSI) in which every student can participate without previous elections. Another advantage of student councils is that each area of study can have its own group whereas the FSR takes care of topics concerning the entire faculty. In our case the FSR would have to deal with topics concerning the biochemistry, biology, chemistry and pharmacy departments.

Apart from elections for the StuPa, representatives can be elected for the institute’s council, faculty’s council, academic senate and curatorium biennially. All of these councils are made up of professors, academic staff and students. Importantly, professors always have the absolute majority in these councils.

**Institut’s council (Institutsrat, IR):**
The institut’s council makes decisions concerning the institute of chemistry and biochemistry. It is especially important for personnel decisions at the institutes.

**Faculty’s council (Fachbereichsrat, FBR):**
The faculty’s council issues statutes for the entire faculty, decides on professorships and habilitations and coordinates teaching as well as research.
Academic senate (Akademischer Senat):
The academic senate comprises the highest panel at FU. It issues statutes for the entire university and takes basic decisions for the overall studies. For example, it decides on study regulations and sets the academic calendars.

Curatorium (Kuratorium):
The curatorium does not only consist of professors, academic staff and students but involves representatives from politics, economy and labour unions. Although the curatorium is currently not active at FU, members can get a seat in the academic senate or in the extended academic senate.

Additionally, all female students can participate in elections for the full-time women’s representative at FU.
At FU the internet can be accessed via Wifi (for instructions see http://www.zedat.fu-berlin.de/WLAN) or in computer pools. The latter can be found in the Silberlaube (“Zedat pools”, Habelschwerdt Allee 45) or in the institute for organic chemistry (Takustr. 3, room 33.02.). In order to work at the organic chemistry computers you need to register at www.chemie.fu-berlin.de/chemnet/general/benutzer-antr.html and subsequently see the network administrator (PD Dr. Kiste, OC, room 26.10).

**Some important web addresses:**

Institute for chemistry and biochemistry: [http://www.bcp.fu-berlin.de/chemie/index.html](http://www.bcp.fu-berlin.de/chemie/index.html)

Website of biochemistry: [www.bcp.fu-berlin.de/chemie/biochemie/](http://www.bcp.fu-berlin.de/chemie/biochemie/)

Student counselling: [www.bcp.fu-berlin.de/chemie/biochemie/Studienberatung/index.html](http://www.bcp.fu-berlin.de/chemie/biochemie/Studienberatung/index.html)

FSI biochemistry: [www.facebook.com/fsi.biochemie](http://www.facebook.com/fsi.biochemie)

Course catalogue: [www.fu-berlin.de/vv/](http://www.fu-berlin.de/vv/)

Campus Management: [www.fu-berlin.de/sites/campusmanagement/](http://www.fu-berlin.de/sites/campusmanagement/)

Blackboard: [lms.fu-berlin.de/](http://lms.fu-berlin.de/)

Zedat (mailing, printing, …): [https://www.zedat.fu-berlin.de/Home](https://www.zedat.fu-berlin.de/Home)


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### What’s that? The AbbFi for students

At university, many abbreviations are used. This guide should help you out in the abbreviation-jungle.

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<td>inorganic chemistry (Anorganische Chemie)</td>
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<td>AS</td>
<td>academic senate (Akademischer Senat)</td>
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<td>AStA</td>
<td>General Students’ Committee (Allgemeiner Studierenden Ausschuss, students’ “government“)</td>
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<td>BC</td>
<td>biochemistry</td>
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<td>BCP</td>
<td>Biology, chemistry, pharmacy, biochemistry</td>
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<td>c.t.</td>
<td><em>cum tempore</em> (lat. “with time“): the event starts 15 min later</td>
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<td>faculty coordination (Fachschaftskoordination, all FU student councils together)</td>
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<td>IR</td>
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<td>LNdW</td>
<td>long night of sciences (Lange Nacht der Wissenschaften)</td>
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<td>LP</td>
<td>credits (Leistungspunkt, correspond to 30 hours of work)</td>
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Cambridge 1953.
Shortly before discovering the structure of DNA, Watson and Crick, depressed by their lack of progress, visit the local pub.
Student counselling

During your studies, you might have questions, which you cannot solve on your own. For this reason, there are several services to help you out and guide you through your studies.

Information and contacts can also be found online:


Mentoring faculty of biology, chemistry, pharmacy

Master Mentoring
for Master first semester students (Biochemistry & Chemistry)
Ariana Rauch
Consultation hour: any time after arrangement by mail
E-Mail: arianarauch@zedat.fu-berlin.de

General Mentoring:
Jana Petri (Takustr. 3, room 14.10)
Consultation hour: any time after arrangement by mail
E-Mail: mentoring@bcp.fu-berlin.de | phone: 030-838 50971
Website: http://www.bcp.fu-berlin.de/en/studium-lehre/verwaltung/mentoring/index.html

Student counselling by students
Marius Arend, Valentin Fabricius (Takustr. 3, room 11.02)
Consultation hour: Friday 5-6 pm and any time after arrangement per mail (also possible per skype)
E-Mail: studbiochem@zedat.fu-berlin.de
Phone: 030-838 55461
Student counselling by faculty advisor
*Dr. Jens P. Fürste (Thielallee 63, room 319)*
Consultation hour: Thursday 12-1 pm
Please contact the secretary Frau Hoffmann for an appointment:
E-Mail: katharina.hoffmann@fu-berlin.de
Phone: 030-838 52938

BAFöG student counselling
*Dr. Jens P. Fürste (Thielallee 63, room 319)*
Consultation hour: Thursday 11-12 am
Please call 030 838-52938 for an appointment
Please bring a transcript of records and the BAFöG-form

Erasmus student counselling
*Dr. Bernhard Loll (Takustr. 6, room 307)*
Please mail for an appointment
Email: loll@chemie.fu-berlin.de

General student counselling (Info-Service)
Info-Service (Ilitisstr. 4 close to U station Dahlem-Dorf)
Consultation hour: Monday – Thursday 9 am – 5 pm,
Friday 9 am – 3pm
Please call 030 838 70000 for an appointment for personal counselling
info-service@fu-berlin.de
Phone: 030-83870000 or 030-83877770
Psychological counselling
Appointments need to be arranged via email/ phone
E-Mail: psychologische-beratung@fu-berlin.de
Phone: 030-838 52247
Website: http://www.fu-berlin.de/en/sites/studienberatung/psychologische_beratung/index.html
besides individual counselling, workshops about specific topics are offered (English and German)

Other important addresses

Study office
Frau Christiane Müller (Takustr. 3, room 12.13)
Consultation hour: Tuesday 10-11 am during lecture time and after arrangement via email/ phone
E-Mail: studienbuero@chemie.fu-berlin.de
Phone: 030-838-55330
Website: http://www.bcp.fu-berlin.de/studium-lehre/verwaltung/studienbuero/studienbuero_chemie/index.html

Examination office
Frau Manuela Puhl (Takustr. 3, room 16.16)
Consultation hour: Tuesday (10 am – 1 pm), Thursday (1-4 pm)
E-Mail: pruefungsbuero-biochemie@fu-berlin.de
Phone: 030-838-55584
Website: http://www.bcp.fu-berlin.de/studium-lehre/verwaltung/pruefungsbuero/index.html
Campus-Library (Campus-Bibliothek)
Library for Science, Cultural Studies, Education, Mathematics, Computer Science and Psychology
Located in the L-Street of the “Rost- und Silberlaube”: Access from Fabeckstr. 23/25
Opening hours: Mo-Fr: 9 am – 10 pm, Sa-So: 10 am – 8 pm
Lending desk closes 30 min before library closing time
Counselling: Mo-Fr 9 am – 6 pm
Library portal (Primo):

Figure 3: Happy, freewheeling, first years biochemistry students in front of Hahn-Meitner-Bau
Biochemical Docents

An overview of the biochemical research groups can also be found here:
http://www.bcp.fu-berlin.de/en/chemie/biochemie/research-groups/Overview/index.html

Listed here are only docents directly from the FU Berlin. Further associated docents are also involved in the master program.

Prof. Dr. Sutapa Chakrabarti
mRNA Metabolism (signals triggering mRNA degradation)
Address: Takustr. 6, Room 129
Mail: chakraba@zedat.fu-berlin.de
Phone: +49-(0)30-838-75094

Prof. Dr. Helge Ewers
Membrane Biochemistry (assembly of multiprotein complexes at the membrane-cytoskeleton interface)
Address: Thielallee 63, Room 102b
Office: Manuela Gibson
Mail: manuela.gibson@fu-berlin.de
Phone: +49 30 838 59517

Prof. Dr. Christian Freund
Protein Biochemistry (scaffolding proteins mediating non-covalent interactions in immune cells and other eukaryotic cells)
Address: Thielallee 63
Mail: chfreund@zedat.fu-berlin.de
Office: Lisa Kewitz
Mail: lisa.kewitz@fu-berlin.de
Phone: +49 30 - 838 54389
Dr. Jens P. Fürste
RNA Biochemistry (oligonucleotides)
Address: Thielallee 63, Room 319
Mail: fuerste@chemie.fu-berlin.de
Office hours: Thursday 12 am – 1 pm

Prof. Dr. Florian Heyd
RNA Biochemistry (alternative splicing in the circadian clock and T-cell activation)
Address: Takustr. 6 Room 127
Mail: florian.heyd@fu-berlin.de
Office: Karin Hesse
Phone: +49 30 838 56920
Mail: khesse@zedat.fu-berlin.de
Office hours: Monday 12 am – 1 pm

Prof. Dr. Petra Knaus
Signal Transduction (BMP signalling)
Address: Thielallee 63, Room 228
Mail: knaus@zedat.fu-berlin.de
Phone: +49-(0)30-838-52935 (direct)
Office: Karin Hesse
Phone: +49-(0)30-838-52938
Mail: katharina.hoffmann@fu-berlin.de
Dr. Bernhard Loll
Structural Biochemistry (AG Wahl)
Address: Takustr. 6 Room 307
Mail: loll@chemie.fu-berlin.de
Phone: +49 30 838 57348

PD Dr. Tobias Stauber
Cellular Biochemistry (ion homeostasis)
Address: Thielallee 63 Room 117b
Mail: tobias.stauber@fu-berlin.de
Phone: +49 30 838-54069

Prof. Dr. Sigmar Stricker
Biochemistry and Genetics (musculoskeletal development and regeneration)
Address: Thielallee 63
Mail: sigmar.stricker@fu-berlin.de
Phone: +49 30 838 75799

Prof. Dr. Markus Wahl
Structural Biochemistry (ribonucleoprotein complexes)
Address: Takustr. 6 Room 333
Mail: mwahl@zedat.fu-berlin.de
Phone: +49 30 838 53456
Office: Karin Hesse
Phone: +49 30 8385 3410
Mail: khesse@zedat.fu-berlin.de
Important Dates

Master’s Bar evening
Wednesday, **October 11**\(^{\text{th}}\), 2017, 8 pm
Hannibal Bar, Hauptstraße 36, 10827 Berlin

Faculty matriculation celebration (Immatrikulationsfeier)
Thursday, October 12\(^{\text{th}}\), 2017, 5 pm c.t.
matriculation celebration for all new matriculated students in the faculty BCP.
From 5 pm: welcome talks (German)
lecture room Inorganic, Fabeckstr. 34-36
From 6:30 pm: get together; you will receive a welcome gift!
Old Library, Takustr.3

Tombola
Monday, **October 16**\(^{\text{th}}\), 2017, 9 am
Lise-Meitner-Hörsaal, Thielallee 63, 2. OG

Next meeting of the student initiative (FSI)
Thursday, **October 26**\(^{\text{th}}\), 2017, 6pm
In the student office (Takustr. 3, room 11.02)

Evening seminar
Check [https://www.facebook.com/fsi.biochemie/?fref=ts](https://www.facebook.com/fsi.biochemie/?fref=ts)

Biochemkegger
*(Party organised by biochemistry bachelor students)*:
At the end of the semester
Evening Seminars

From time to time, the biochemistry student council organises so-called evening seminars with different referees from the area of biochemistry. The invited referees work at university, in the industry or in teaching and are willing to share experiences they made in their lives and carriers. They cannot only answer questions, which might come up during your studies but can also give you some advice for the future. However, the evening seminars are not only informative but also a nice opportunity of getting together and hearing funny anecdotes. They are held in a cosy atmosphere, allow for chats and questions concerning work, life and others. Everybody is welcome – this does not only include biochemistry students but also interested friends and colleagues - and drinks and snacks are provided by the FSI. Check our Facebook site for the next date!

## Checklist

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<td>- get to know your colleagues</td>
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<td>- exchange whatsapp/facebook to stay in contact</td>
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<td>- sign up in the email-list</td>
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<td>- participate in the campus tour</td>
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<td>- get a MensaCard</td>
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<td>ZEDAT-Mail:</td>
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<td>- forward zedat-mails to your private Email account</td>
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<td>- install your email program on your phone/computer</td>
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<td>- establish your “alias” address: <a href="mailto:max.mustermann@fu-berlin.de">max.mustermann@fu-berlin.de</a></td>
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<th>3. Get access to Eduroam</th>
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<td>On the campus, activate eduroam for wifi access</td>
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<td>At home, you can access the campus network via a Virtual Private Network (VPN) or Proxy-Server of ZEDAT</td>
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<th>4. Make your schedule/register for modules</th>
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<td>Participate in the Tombola (method modules)!!</td>
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<td>Visit interesting courses in the first two weeks and decide if you really want to take them</td>
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<td>Register for courses in the study office</td>
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<td>(pay attention to different enrollment procedures for language and ABV-courses)</td>
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