



Research Course guidelines:

- Research courses are credited with **12 ECTS** points.
- Duration: **equivalent of 8 weeks full-time lab work** + 1 week preparation of lab report = 9 weeks total.
- Students **apply directly to the professor** or primary investigator to arrange time, topic and specific requirements.
- No ECTS points can be awarded for research courses for which you receive pay.
- An approved (by the supervisor) **written lab report** is the standard requirement for successful completion of the course. In some cases, the supervisor requires an oral presentation.

Internal or external research course:

- Only one out of three research courses may be completed in an external (non faculty) lab. This does not mean that you have to take three research courses (you could just do one – either internally or externally), but if you would do an external one, the next two would have to be internal research courses.
- Whether a research course is considered to be an external or internal one depends on your supervisor: if your supervisor is a member of the faculty (which he/she is if they are mentioned on the faculty biology instructors list (see the website of the Master in Biology program, under “downloads”), the research course will be regarded as an internal one - even if the course does not take place directly at the Faculty of Biology.

Internal research course:

It is not required to register an internal research course prior to starting it. Upon satisfactory completion of the internal research course, the supervisor notifies the examination office (bpa@bio.lmu.de) and the research course will be credited to your transcript.

External research course:

Prior to officially starting the research course with an external (non-faculty) supervisor, the student is responsible for finding an appropriate member of the faculty to co-sign for the course, ensuring that its goals, content and execution apply to faculty standards. For this, student and external supervisor should provide a short outline of the research course goals. The faculty member should also co-sign the lab report. Upon satisfactory completion of the external practical course, the co-signing faculty member notifies the examination office (bpa@bio.lmu.de).