Methodology of scientific research		
Module code	mlsScienceMethod-01a	
Abbreviated title	ScienceMethod	
Module components	Lecture Medical statistic, tutorial Medical statistics, lecture Systems biology, tutorial Systems biology	
When	Semester 1 (summer semester)	
Module coordinator/ Organiser	IMIS, IEM	
Lecturers	S. Freitag-Wolf (IMIS), C. Kaleta (IEM)	
Contact hours	Lecture Med. Statistics 2 CHTutorial Med. Statistics 1 CHLecture Systems biology 1 CHTutorial Systems biology 2 CH	
Workload	<u>Lectures: 120 h</u> Attendance time 46 h, preparation 30 h, revision 44 h <u>Tutorials: 60 h</u> Attendance time 24 h, preparation 16 h, revision 20 h	
Credit points	6 (lecture Med. statistics 2 CP, tutorial Med. Statistics 2 CP, lecture Systems biology 1 CP, tutorial Systems biology 1 CP)	
Requirements	-	
Expected outcome	<ul> <li><u>Knowledge</u>: Students</li> <li>understand the theoretical and methodological foundations of evidence-based medicine</li> <li>know the different designs of medico-scientific research approaches including their respective advantages and disadvantages</li> <li>are familiar with common statistical methods</li> <li>are familiar with the software R and know basic applications</li> <li>are familiar with the ethical principles of Good Clinical Practice</li> <li>have a thorough understanding of the concepts of systems biology</li> <li>have a sound grasp of bioinformatical workflows used in systems biology</li> <li>know the most important data processing techniques for interpretation of large data sets.</li> </ul>	
	<ul> <li><u>Skills</u>: Students</li> <li>- can apply common statistical methods</li> <li>- can code simple commands in R and apply them for statistical analysis</li> <li>- can formulate potential hypotheses based on bioinformatical data analysis results</li> <li>- can discuss topics in systems biology adequately with informatics fellow students (terminology and argumentation in discussions subject related and relevant)</li> <li>- can use their knowledge to work with modeling approaches in future research projects.</li> <li><u>Competences</u>: Students</li> <li>- are able to assess the appropriateness of scientific statements and can evaluate them</li> </ul>	

	<ul> <li>have understood the concept of the computer language R and when and to what aim it is used</li> <li>can select a suitable approach to execute a statistical analysis of a given data set, including the use of R.</li> </ul>
Content	<u>Lecture Medical statistics</u> : Basics of statistics with regard to their application in medicine: descriptive statistics, probability theory, estimation theory, epidemiology, diagnostic testing, statistical testing, regression and correlation, statistical models.
	Tutorial medical statistics: Application and consolidation of knowledge and skills taught in the lecture via exercises using the Software R.
	Systems biology lecture and tutorial:
	Basic concepts, aims and uses of modeling biological systems; modeling
	paradigms, modeling metabolic networks, modeling for integration and
	interpretation of large-scale experimental data sets.
Module evaluation/	Ungraded
exam	Medical statistics:
	Written exam (multiple choice)
	Systems biology:
	Written assignments during semester [compound exam]
Media used	Formula development in class, lecture notes
Literature	Medical statistics Kirkwood BR, Essential Medical Statistics (Wiley-Blackwell, 2 <sup>nd</sup> edition, 2003) [still valid] Bland M, An Introduction to Medical Statistics (OUP 4 <sup>th</sup> revised edition, 2015) Pezzullo J, Biostatistics for Dummies (For Dummies, 2013)
	<b>Systems biology</b> Klipp E, Liebermeister W, Wierling C, Kowald A, Systems biology: A Textbook (Wiley 2 <sup>nd</sup> edition, 2016)

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