

# Master in Life Sciences

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<b>Module title</b>	<b>Bioanalytics in a Regulated Environment</b>
<b>Code</b>	BP7
<b>Degree Program</b>	Master of Science in Life Sciences
<b>Group</b>	Bio / Pharma
<b>Workload</b>	3 ECTS (90 student working hours: 42 lessons contact; 58 h self-study)
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<b>Lecturers</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Franka Kalman, HES-SO/VS</li> <li>• Oliver Germershaus, FHNW</li> <li>• Sabina Gerber, ZHAW</li> <li>• Guest Speakers from Industry (currently Lonza Visp)</li> </ul>
<b>Entry requirements</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Knows the different physico-chemical principles of liquid chromatography and electrophoresis (including capillary electrophoresis) – see Bibliography</li> <li>• Knows the principles of spectroscopy &amp; refractive index, fluorescence, mass spectroscopy – see Bibliography</li> <li>• Knows the general chemical structure, 3D-structure and properties (e.g. pKa, pl, absorption, fluorescence, molecular weight) of biomolecules (peptides, proteins, glycoproteins, monoclonal antibodies, antibody-drug conjugates, complex carbohydrates (N-glycans) and nucleic acids) – see Bibliography</li> </ul>
<b>Learning outcomes and competences</b>	<p>After completing the module, students will be able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Know and understand the instrumental (bio)analytical techniques mostly used in current routine (bio)pharmaceutical industry</li> <li>• Knows important quality attributes of (bio)pharmaceuticals &amp; biosimilars, in particular antibodies</li> <li>• Understand the relevance of particles and particle characterization in biological drug products</li> <li>• Identify common challenges related to particles and particle formation in biologics including strategies to circumvent such problems</li> <li>• Describe the basic stability challenges of biologic drugs, especially physical instabilities</li> <li>• Be able to plan an efficient testing monograph for a biopharmaceutical e.g. bioanalytical techniques for the characterization of APIs in the modern (bio)pharmaceutical industry</li> <li>• Understand the difference of a “test” method in relation to an analytical method / technique</li> <li>• Knows specific modern analytical techniques for complex N-glycan analysis, sub-visible particles, AA composition, posttranslational modifications, different digestion strategies for protein APIs, modern aggregation analysis</li> <li>• Knows the basic health authority rules for medicinal products in the regulated pharmaceutical environment</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Understands the basic GMP (Good Manufacturing Praxis) requirements depending on the drug development phase</li> <li>• Knows the structure of and how to design an analytical SOP and the SST (System Suitability Test) concept</li> <li>• Knows different ICH guidelines: validation of analytical methods and specification, stability testing</li> </ul>																								
<b>Module contents</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Concept of specification (ICH guideline), User Requirement Specification (URS) = Analytical Target Profile (ATP) and basics of statistical process control (SPC)</li> <li>• Concept of a test method including structure and criteria of a typical system suitability test (SST), the different development phases of a test method (URS / ATP, feasibility studies, method development inclusive SOP &amp; SST, Validation, QC release, technical method transfer)</li> <li>• A typical testing monograph for a MAB API / drug product in Pharma QC release analytics</li> <li>• A typical monograph for a MAB drug put on batch stability testing</li> <li>• Particle formation and particle characterization in biological drug products</li> <li>• Typical modern release analytical techniques for content, identity, impurity (product related, process related) <i>e.g.</i> aggregate analysis, N-glycan analysis, posttranslational modifications <i>e.g.</i> deamination, free and bound sialic acids etc.</li> <li>• Most important interaction networks / discussion groups <i>e.g.</i> PDA (Europe / USA),</li> <li>• Most important Guideline's like ICH Method Validation, Stability Testing &amp; Specification, European &amp; US Pharmacopeia &amp; Swissmedic</li> </ul>																								
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<b>Assessment of learning outcome</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Written final Exam (80%)</li> <li>2. Presentation of case study(s) prepared by group work (20%)</li> </ol>																								
<b>Format</b>	Winter school CW6																								
<b>Timing of the module</b>	Block week: structure see following table (Contact teaching: 42 lessons / self-study: 58h) <table border="1" data-bbox="430 1501 1339 1648"> <thead> <tr> <th>Day of the block week</th> <th>&lt;1</th> <th>1</th> <th>2</th> <th>3</th> <th>4</th> <th>5</th> <th>&gt;5</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Contact teaching (lessons)</td> <td></td> <td>7</td> <td>9</td> <td>9</td> <td>9</td> <td>8</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Self-study (hours)</td> <td>40</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td>18</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Day of the block week	<1	1	2	3	4	5	>5	Contact teaching (lessons)		7	9	9	9	8		Self-study (hours)	40						18
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<b>Venue</b>	School of Life Sciences – FHNW, Hofackerstrasse 30, 4132 Muttenz																								
<b>Bibliography</b>	<b>Entry level:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Entry requirements</b> (materials for refreshment, knowledge is assumed and a prerequisite to follow the course): D.C. Harris "Quantitative Chemical Analysis" 8<sup>th</sup> edition Chapter 3 (Experimental Error) Chapter 5 (Quality Assurance and Calibration Methods)</li> </ul>																								

	<p>Chapter 22 (Introduction to Analytical Separations) Chapter 24 (High-Performance Liquid Chromatography) Chapter 25 (Chromatographic Methods and Capillary Electrophoresis)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Entry requirements</b> (materials for refreshment, knowledge is assumed and a prerequisite to follow the course): F. Lottspeich “Bioanalytics” Chapter 1 (Protein Purification) Chapter 2 (Protein determination) Chapter 5 (Immunological Techniques) Chapter 6 (Chemical Modification of Proteins and Protein Complexes) – for information Chapter 11 (Electrophoretic Techniques)</li> </ul> <p><i>Questions with respect to the entry requirements will be a substantial part of the final exam!</i></p> <p><b>Course material:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ICH guideline (Method Validation, Stability Testing, Specification)</li> <li>• European Pharmacopoeia (Ph. Eur.) 10th edition</li> </ul>
	English
<b>Links to other modules</b>	Strong links to central modules Regulatory Affairs (pharma part) (BP6) and Pharmaceutical Sciences Technology (S23)
<b>Comments</b>	
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