Master Molecular Life Sciences – Microbiology, Biotechnology and Biochemistry



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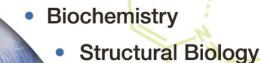
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Core-Module: Molecular Genetics & Microbial Cell Biology

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Subjects



- Molecular Genetics
 - Cell Biology
 - Microbiology
 - Biotechnology
 - Plant Molecular Biology
 - Plant-Microbe Interactions
 - Chemical Biology
 - Omics
- Biophysics
- **Bioinformatics**

	Winter term 2025-2026												
						Lecture period - 14 weeks (27 Oct 2025 - 13 Feb 2026)							
	Oct	Nov				Dec				Jan			
weeks	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Xmas	-break	9	10	
block	M.Bio.101 M.Bio.141/151/161 General and applied mcirobiology 27 Oct - 28 Nov 2025					M.Bio.102 M.Bio.141/162/172 Molecular genetics and microbial cell biology 1 Dec 2025 - 16 Jan 2026 (christmas break 22 Dec - 02 Jan)							

Master program (M.Bio.102) Core module

"Molecular Genetics and Microbial Cell Biology"



Advanced knowledge of Molecular Genetics and Microbial Cell Biology through case studies of fungal model systems (yeasts and filamentous fungi)

Master program (M.Bio. 102)

Core module (12C) "Molecular Genetics and Microbial Cell Biology

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Grisebachstr. 8

WiSe 2025/2026. Block course (December - January)

- Lectures: December 1st to18th and January 5th to 8th each day: 8:15-9:45 a.m.
- Seminars: January 6th -9th: 13:00 to 15:00

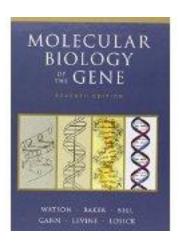
January 12th to 14th 8:00-10 **AND** 13:00-15:00

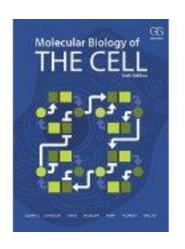
- Methods course: December 1st December 19th (3 experiments, Krebber, Heimel, Pöggeler)
- Written Exam: Jan 16th and March 13th
- Excursion: March 2026

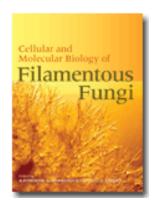
Lectures (WiSe 2025/2026)

Reccommended books:

- (i) Watson, Molecular Biology of the Gene, Pearson, 7th Ed
- (ii) Alberts, Molecular Biology of the Cell, Garland, 6th Edition







Additional recommendation: Cellular and Molecular Biology of Filamentous Fungi (Borkowich and Ebbole, ASM Press, 2010)

Lectures (2025/2026): December 1st- January 14th:



CELL BIOLOGY: Fungi as models for Mol. Genetics & Cell Bio,

Nucleus and Cytoplasm; Cellular traffic,

Organelles, Signal transduction, from single cells

to hyphae, Cytoskeleton, Polarity and Growth

GENETICS: Fungal Genomes and Gene expression,

Repair & Recombination, Transposons, Silencing,

Epigenetics and fungal secondary metabolism,

Mitosis and Meiosis

MODEL Cell Differentiation, protein degradation, spores,

SYSTEMS: Cell Differentiation & Mating Types,

Other members of the fungal kingdom,

Fungi in ecology,

Photobiology and Circadian rhythm

FUNGAL

INTERACTIONS: Fungi and Plants,

Health & Fungi,

Fungi and Biotechnology

Seminar (2026): Jan.6th to Jan. 14th
January 6th to 9th: 13:00 to 15:00
January 12th to 14th 8:00-10 AND 13:00-15:00







20 min oral presentations of research papers on current aspects of lecture topics under individual guidance (Ph.D. students, postdocs or professors).

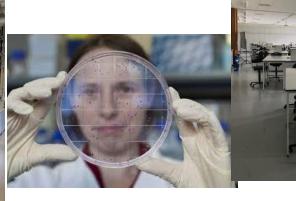
Methods Courses (2026)

December 1st – December 19th
 (3 weeks, 3 experiments, Krebber, Heimel, Pöggeler)

M.Bio.102
"Molecular genetics and microbial cell biology" methods course
"Genetics and cell biology" (24 participants)
10:00-17:00









Topics in current research projects:

Krebber: Characterization of RNA export mutants in yeast

Heimel: Generation of gene deletion mutants in *Ustilago maydis*

Pöggeler: Isolation and characterization of fungi from environmental samples



Master program (M.Bio. 102)

Core Module "Molecular Genetics and Microbial Cell Biology 12C"

Institute of Microbiology and Genetics

Departments:

Microbial Cell Biology

Molecular Genetics

Genetics of eukaryotic **Microorganisms**

Teaching coordinator

Prof. Dr. Kai Heimel



Prof Dr Heike Krebber

Prof. Dr. Stefanie Pöggeler



Dr. Tanja Lienard

UPR, RNA export, cell-cell communication, fungal development

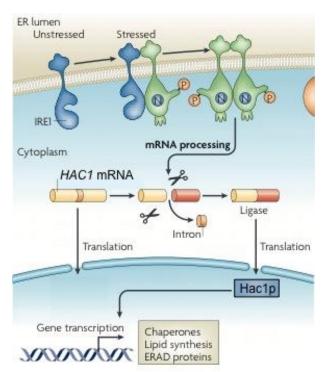
Department: Microbial Cell Biology

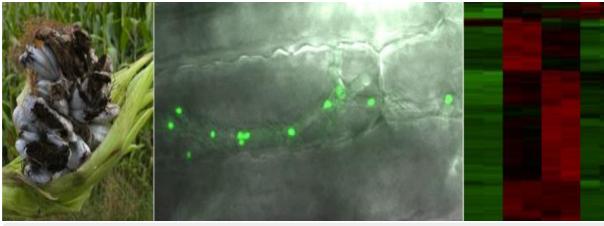
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The unfolded protein response

in fungal/plant communication(sensing/secretion)
as model for higher eukaryotes (disease/development)

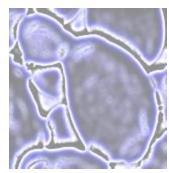






- Regulatory networks (RNAseq, ChIPseq)
- Interaction networks (genetic/protein-protein)
- Fluorescence microscopy
- Protein biochemistry
- Novel tools in organismic interactions





Department: Molecular Genetics

Prof. Dr. Heike Krebber





Topics in the lab:

mRNA quality control

RNA export

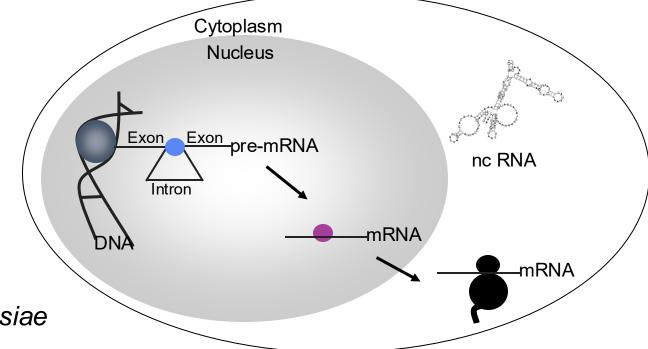
RNA function

Telomerase

Methods in the lab:

Genetics, molecular biology,

cellular biology, biochemistry



model organism:

Saccharomyces cerevisiae

Department:

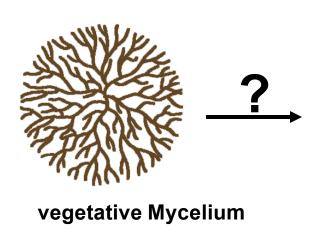
Genetics of Eukaryotic Microorganisms Prof. Dr. Stefanie Pöggeler

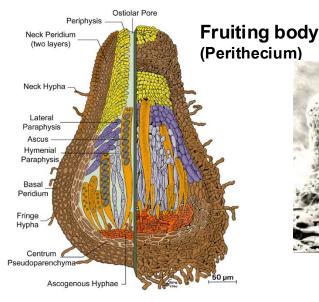


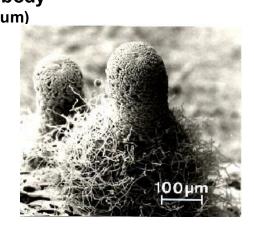


Fungal development: Autophagy, carbonic anhydrases, mating types

Model: Sordaria macrospora







Sordaria macrospora

Pathogenicity of Colletotrichum graminicola

Dr. Daniela Nordzieke

Molecular biology & genetics

Gene deletions, fluorescence microscopy Expression analysis, protein-protein interactions





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Industry excursion 2023/24 Göttingen



Plant breeding and seed company KWS Saat AG Einbeck



Pharmaceutical company Evotec, Göttingen



Company for lab equipment, life science, Satorius, Göttingen



