The M. Sc. MCBI program is offered by the Department of Biology, which is a well-established department with one of the longest traditions in Germany. For teaching, we use modern course and lab facilities and offer a broad spectrum of methods, as well as cutting-edge technologies.

Research at the Institute of Cell Biology covers topics like proteomics, morphogenesis, organ development, autophagy and several aspects of innate and adaptive immunity. The research groups and the Master program MCBI maintain close cooperations with the Max Planck Institutes and with the Faculty of Medicine (in particular Human Genetics, Medical Microbiology/Virology and Parasitology), and local biotech companies.

The University of Tübingen
Innovative. Interdisciplinary. International. Since 1477. These have been the University of Tübingen’s guiding principles in research and teaching ever since it was founded. With this long tradition, the University of Tübingen is one of the most respected universities in Germany. Recently, its institutional strategy was successfully selected for funding in the Excellence Initiative sponsored by the German federal and state governments, making Tübingen one of Germany’s eleven universities distinguished with that title of excellence. Tübingen has also proven its status as a leading research university in many national and international competitions – in key rankings Tübingen is listed among the best universities for the Humanities and Social Sciences as well as for Science and Medicine.

The Town of Tübingen
Tübingen does not have a university, it is a university: young, creative, open, innovative. The picturesque historical town center and its attractive position on the Neckar River offer a high quality of life whether you are studying, working, or taking a break.

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CP: Credit Points

1 At least 21 CP are taken from the Optional Modules of Molecular Cell Biology & Immunology:
- Innate and Adaptive Immunity (12 CP)
- Project Module (12 CP)
- Cell Biology of Development (6 CP)
- Principles of Immunology (6 CP)
- Advanced Immunology (6 CP)
- Basic Methods of Molecular Cell Biology (6 CP)
- Advanced Methods of Molecular Cell Biology (6 CP)
- Cell Biology of Health and Disease (6 CP)
- Special Topics in Cell Biology & Immunology (9 CP)
- Model Organisms in Cell Biology (6 CP)

2 Up to 30 CP of Optional Modules can be selected outside the MCBI program: up to 12 CP from the program of the University of Tübingen (non-biological courses), the rest from the Department of Biology.

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Profile of the Program

To cure human diseases successfully, future scientists need to understand the underlying altered molecular mechanisms that lead to diseases. This requires a thorough understanding of cellular and immunological processes and the knowledge of techniques to study them and is best achieved through internationally combined efforts.

The M. Sc. program „Molecular Cell Biology and Immunology“ (MCBI) offers a research-centred qualification in the areas of molecular cell biology and immunology, with a high academic standard, a broad spectrum of methods, and English as the teaching language.

Scientific Profile

The M. Sc. degree course MCBI provides students with an understanding of the complex regulation of cellular and immunological processes in humans and animals. The focus of this program lies on in-depth scientific investigation of the molecular mechanisms that regulate the function and behaviour of cells and cause disease if defective. The experimental subjects are model organisms, such as mouse, Drosophila or Caenorhabditis, and cell cultures from mice or human cells. The experimental approaches include transcriptome and proteome analysis and 3D as well as 4D imaging. The experimental results provide insight into cell functions within tissues, cell differentiation and organ development. The immunological processes are examined with particular reference to disease-related malfunctions, as they occur in cases of immunodeficiency or in the context of tumor immunology.

Secondary Subjects

The M. Sc. MCBI program offers one (from a choice of three) secondary subject as part of the optional modules from the Department of Biology: Human Genetics (18 CP), Parasitology (18 CP), Ethics in Biosciences (12 CP).

Career Options

M. Sc. MCBI graduates have a broad and research-centered professional profile with a thorough knowledge of cellular and immunological processes and are familiar with cell biological and immunological methods at an advanced level.

Career options include:
- Postgraduate studies (PhD)
- Biotech & pharmaceutical companies
- Scientific writing & science communication

Requirements

B. Sc. degree in biology or a related subject with a grade of 2.5 or better. Proof of English language proficiency at level B2 and German language proficiency at level B1 of the European Framework of Reference for Languages must be supplied.

Selection criteria for the ranking list: overall grade of bachelor’s degree. The grade can, if applicable, be “improved” by bonus points. Further details on admission requirements and procedures can be found at www.uni-tuebingen.de/en/63313

Further Requirements

The study program requires enthusiasm, curiosity, and dedication to biology. We expect broad interests in science as well as willingness to familiarise and work with complex scientific details, and to be able to scientifically communicate in English in written and oral form. Teaching language is English.

Information for Applicants

Application for the M. Sc. MCBI program is possible each winter semester (starting in October). The application deadline is July, 15th.

The application is to be submitted online only via https://movein-uni-tuebingen.moveonnet.eu/movein/portal/studyportal.php

Further Information

- Master Molecular Cell Biology & Immunology www.uni-tuebingen.de/en/64304
- Department of Biology www.biologie.uni-tuebingen.de

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