

SFB 958 Integrated Research Training Group – study programme

Successful completion of the integrated RTG study programme requires PhD students to obtain at least **30 credit points (CP) in total over 3 years** with approximately 14 CP for the first year, 10 CP for the second year, and 6 CP for the third year.

Out of the 30 CP acquired during the 3-year period:

18 CP are contributed by obligatory courses

- regular **SFB colloquium** (5 times per semester; 1 CP per year)
- annual **summer school** over three days (one time per year; 1 CP).
Optional in addition: Organisation of student retreat, part of the summer school (see: soft skills)
- **progress report/mentoring meeting** (one time per year; 1 CP)
- **lab report** (one time per year alternating with progress report; 1 CP)
- **interdisciplinary lecture series** (two days per year; 1 CP).
- **lab exchange** (1 – 3 days per year; 1 CP).

12 CP must be obtained from a selection of elective courses

Elective scientific courses (7 CP)

- lectures or courses of the DRS programme Biomedical Science (also possible: the Berlin School of Mind and Brain, the Helmholtz Graduate School Molecular Cell Biology, the Berlin-Brandenburg School for Regenerative Therapies (BSRT), ...)
- Course (or first-hand experience) in project planning OR research administration OR external funding application (“Drittmittel”)
- Conference attendance & poster/presentation

Soft skills (5 CP)

- German/English language course
- Teaching experience (e.g. undergraduates, organisation of student retreat as part of the summer school (1 CP), etc.)

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Typical Study Curriculum

The numbers shown are the corresponding credit points (CP).

	First year	Second year	Third year
Obligatory courses			
SFB colloquium	1	1	1
Progress Report / mentoring meeting	1	1	1
Lab report	1	1	1
Summer school	1	1	1
Interdisciplinary lecture series	1	1	1
Lab exchange	1	1	1
Elective courses			
Elective scientific courses	5	2	
Soft skills	3	2	
	14	10	6

Overview of the obligatory courses of the research training group in the SFB 958.

	Time	Frequency
SFB colloquium	Half day	5 times per semester
Lab report	2 hours (plus preparation time)	1 per year
Progress report / mentoring meeting	2 hours (plus preparation time)	1 per year
Summer school	3 days	1 per year
Interdisciplinary lecture series	2 days	1 per year
Lab exchange	1 - 3 days	1 per year

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