

## Obtaining credit points (CP) in the International Graduate School of Biosciences (IGB) (Status: 24.02.2017)

When submitting the Ph.D. thesis, certificates validating participation in courses of the IGB or in other accepted courses or events must be submitted. A total of 12 CPs must be earned from these graduate level courses:

- The acquisition of CPs is only possible during the Ph.D. program period.
- The CPs can be acquired from e.g. seminars, lab courses or congress attendance. CPs must be obtained from at least 2 different options.
- A maximum of 6 CPs can be credited per course or event option.
- Courses in the IGB are posted on the internet under „Vorlesungsverzeichnis der Fakultät für Biologie und Biotechnologie“:  
<http://www.ruhr-uni-bochum.de/biostudium/verzeichnisse/verzeichnisse.html>
- Courses offered by the International Graduate School of Neuroscience (IGSN), International Max Planck Research School in Chemical Biology (IMPRS in Chemical Biology) and the Research School (RUB RS) are accepted.
- Additional courses are accepted, provided they meet the following criteria:

### Seminars:

For continual and active participation in seminars of research departments (e.g. progress reports, journal clubs) you may get CP for each semester (a maximum of 6 CP can be credited; see above).

### Modern methods in Life Sciences:

Method courses not attended in the IGB are only accepted if your Ph.D. thesis supervisor verifies that the method is not offered by any member of the IGB. The certificate should include the number of hours required to complete the course.

### Congress attendance:

The attendance of scientific meetings must be confirmed with proper documents to earn 0.25 CP per day. An additional CP can be obtained if a poster or talk is presented. A written report is not required.

### Course assistance:

CPs are only given for the first time assisting a practical course. 1 CP corresponds to 30 hours work including preparation and post-processing. Assistance of the same course, an identical parallel course or an annually repeated experiment or course cannot be credited. The certificate should include the number of hours that you worked for the course.