



HBIGS Credit Point System

HBIGS PhD students are required to participate in a number of scientific and non-scientific training activities during the course of their PhD. The Student's total workload in the HBIGS training program during a three-year PhD term is about 250-300 h (= 15 credit points; CP), according to the European Credit Transfer System (ECTS).

One day of work is considered equivalent to 0.5 CP

Students must collect a total of 15 credit points.

- Min. 6 CP must be collected within two consecutive HBIGS Core Courses at the beginning of the PhD.*
- Up to 9 CP must be collected in accompanying teaching modules, either of HBIGS or other institutions.

Modules may include:

- Method courses
 - Soft skill trainings
 - Workshops
 - Scientific Meetings with personal contribution (talk or poster)
 - Summer schools with personal contribution (talk or poster)
 - Student-led initiatives e.g. Retreats with personal contribution (talk or poster)
- Scientific lecture series that are part of institutional PhD programs can be accredited with max. 1.5 CP, depending on the duration, frequency, and documented attendance.
 - No credit points are awarded for regular lab seminars.

* Due to the Corona pandemic the HBIGS Executive Board has made the following amendment to the rules for all HBIGS PhD students who have collected less than 6 Credits in the Core Courses:

The time limit of 12 months to collect Credits from HBIGS Core Courses has been suspended, i.e. PhD students have the duration of their PhD term to collect the required Credits. In addition, all Credits collected in HBIGS "additional" or "career" courses will count towards the "Core Courses".

This amendment holds as of Nov 2020, until further notice.



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Examples:

- Core Course 6.0 CP
- 2 days Method Course 1.0 CP
- 1 day Soft Skill Training at Graduate Academy 0.5 CP
- 10 half days course on Animal Handling 2.5 CP
- Lecture Series over 3 years (e.g. SFB lecture; attendance list) 1.5 CP
- Summer school with poster or oral presentation (Co-authorship poster 0.5 CP) 1.0 CP
- Scientific meeting with poster or oral presentation (Co-authorship poster 0.5 CP) 1.0 CP
- Invited oral presentation 1.0 CP
- First authorship (PhD project related, peer-reviewed, listed in PubMed) 2.0 CP
- Co-authorship (PhD project related, peer-reviewed, listed in PubMed) 1.0 CP
- Patent authorship 2.0 CP
- Organizer of a scientific meeting, retreat or workshop (max. 1.0 CP per PhD term) 1.0 CP
- Awards: poster prize or best oral presentation 0.5 CP
- Organizer/teacher of a Core Course teaching module (max. 1.0 CP per PhD term) 1.0 CP
- Supervision of a practical course for BSc or MSc students (no lab rotations, no seminars; course must be announced in the prospectus; max. 1.0 CP per PhD term) 1.0 CP

Appropriate proof must be provided for all activities.

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