Master in Life Sciences

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Module title	Data and Ethics
Code	D4
Degree Programme	Master of Science in Life Sciences
Workload	3 ECTS (90 student working hours:
	42 lessons contact = 28 lessons online, 14 lessons on-site)
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Entry requirements	Each participant has a general understanding of cybersecurity and awareness of cyber- risks, including basic terms and knowledge about risks.
	A self-study must be completed no later than two weeks after the start of the course and must be evidenced by a multiple-choice test on Moodle.
Learning outcomes	After completing the module, students will be able to
and competences	• understand the essentials of information and cybersecurity and its relevance to
	the personal, corporate, and research domain
	• understand the legal background that drives information/cybersecurity and data
	privacy. The latter from two perspectives as a duty to adhere to by a legal entity
	and as a right to be claimed by an individual
	 understand the risks to prioritize information/cybersecurity by learning about the
	malicious actor perspective (motivation and attack vectors)
	 secure their individual, digital footprint on a smartphone or personal computer
	(end user level)
	 understand and apply a data stewardship approach for research data
	 understand data ethics considerations, its implications for society
	design an ethics policy for a workplace in life sciences.
Module contents	Theme 1 – Personal Security (PMA/PM, 2 lessons)
	Overall relevance of the topic
	General threat situation
	 Securing personal environments (e.g., PC, Smartphone, Networks)
	Theme 2 –Information Security & Cybersecurity (PM/PMA, 4 lessons)
	 Information-/Cybersecurity risks in Organizations focused on Life Science
	 Compliance, governance and management perspectives
	 Encryption/decryption strategies
	 Best practices, frameworks, and policies
	Theme 3 – Data Stewardship (PM/PMA, 4 lessons)
	Data governance
	Roles and responsibilities
	Implementation, Documentation, Standardization
	FAIR guiding principles
	Theme 4 –Data Ethics (PM, 2 lessons))

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	Data ethics in clinical research and drug development
	Research Requirements
	Data Ethics Canvas
	Theme 5 –Privacy (PM, 2 lessons))
	Regulatory considerations
	Anonymization vs. pseudonymization
	Licensing: Open Source, Creative Commons, etc.
Teaching / learning	lecture, literature seminar and practical exercises
methods	
Assessment of	Moodle entry exam to be done after the first two module weeks, on-site during
learning outcome	the coaching session in 3 rd coaching session (20%)
	• Learning journal, to be submitted one week after module end (80%), containing
	the following applied elements:
	 Introduction in the Topic and Relevance
	 Information Security Policy
	 Data Management Plan
	 FAIR Guiding Principles Template
	 Data Ethics Canvas
	o Reflection
Format	7-weeks
Timing of the	For ZHAW and FHNW: Autumn semester, CW 38-44
module	For BFH and HES-SO: Spring semester, CW 8-14
Venue	online / decentralized teaching at respective school
Bibliography	Entry Level Preparation
	Before the module starts, a script will be provided in the company with the technical
	environment setup required for the personal security theme.
	Course Materials
	Data Ethics Canvas
	https://theodi.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/Data-Ethics-Canvas-English-
	<u>Colour.pdf</u>
	Data Stewardship
	https://www.elsevier.com/books/data-stewardship/plotkin/978-0-12-822132-7
	Information Security Policy
	https://www.routledge.com/Information-Security-Policies-Procedures-and-Standards-
	A-Practitioners/Landoll/p/book/9780367669966#
Language	English
Links to other	This module is indirectly linked to the other data modules.
modules	
Comments	If a student fails the entry test, the preconditions for handing in the learning journal
	will not be met, and the journal will not be graded. There is no limit to how often the
	test is being taken.
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