

Modelling Project

Title Modelling Project
Semester E2024
Master programme in Mathematical Bioscience

Type of activity Project

Teaching language English

Study regulation Read about the Master Programme and find the Study Regulations at ruc.dk

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REGISTRATION AND STUDY ADMINISTRATIVE

Sign up for study activities at [stads selvbetjening](#) within the announced registration period, as you can see on the [Studyadministration homepage](#).

Registration for project-exam: Please remember to confirm your registration by signing up for exam as a group when the group formation is final. The registration is through [stads selvbetjening](#)

Registration When signing up for study activities, please be aware of potential conflicts between study activities or exam dates.

The planning of activities at Roskilde University is based on the recommended study programs which do not overlap. However, if you choose optional courses and/or study plans that goes beyond the recommended study programs, an overlap of lectures or exam dates may occur depending on which courses you choose.

Number of participants

ECTS 15

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Teachers

Study administration INM Registration & Exams (inm-exams@ruc.dk)

Exam code(s) U60162

ACADEMIC CONTENT

Overall objective The overall purpose of the modelling project is that the student develop/design or analyse existing mathematical models of an exemplary biological system through problem-oriented project work.

Detailed description of content During the project work the student will obtain knowledge about a specific biological system, investigate how mathematical model(s) can be used to understand the underlying bio-chemico-physico processes and how it can be used as a predictive tool.

Course material and Reading list The project curriculum will vary depending on the project theme and specific research question.

Relevant literature, software code, methods and so forth are discussed with the supervisor.

The project is worth 15 ECTS points (405 hours).

The following are based on estimates and will vary significantly depending on the specific project:

Overall plan and expected work effort

- Semesterstart and group formation: ~10 hours
- Project-formulation and presentation seminars: 2-4 hours
- Supervision: 15 - 25 hours
- Project work: ~350-380 hours
- Exam: 30 min

Format

Evaluation and feedback All projects' processes will include ongoing dialogue-based (oral) evaluation between the students and the supervisor. Both students and supervisors are expected to provide constructive feedback and viewpoints

during the process. Feedback concerning the academic content and progression, process and collaboration.

Every other year when the projects are handed in, there will also be an evaluation through a questionnaire in SurveyXact. The Study Board will handle all evaluations along with any comments from the head of study.

Furthermore, students can, in accordance with RUCs 'feel free to state your views' strategy through their representatives at the study board, send evaluations, comments or insights from their project process to the study board during or after the project process.

At the beginning of the semester the students will form groups defined by a theme or research question of their choosing. This choice can be facilitated by the supervisors or originate from the students.

Programme The study activity is based around PPL, where the group work independently and critically with the topic. This includes finding, reading, and understanding relevant literature, having regular productive group meetings, propose relevant scientific methods, models, or/and analysis that can lead to an answer to the research question, composing text for the final project project, and more.

The project students agree with the supervisor on a regular meeting schedule; in order for the meetings to be fruitful the students must have an agenda and be well prepared for each meeting.

ASSESSMENT

After this activity the student will be able to

Overall learning outcomes

- perform descriptive statistics of biological data-sets.
- demonstrate state-of-art knowledge about the specific biological system behind the data.
- demonstrate knowledge of previous mathematical model(s) describing the biological system.
- demonstrate an in-depth analytical/numerical understanding of one or more mechanism-based models found in the scientific literature or a model developed by the project group.

- argue how models can be used to understand the underlying biological processes and how models can be used as predictive tools.
- seek relevant literature, formulate research problems/hypotheses, work in a problem-oriented fashion, and conclude on the project research question.

Oral project exam in groups with individual assessment.

Permitted group size: 2-7 students.

The character limits of the project report are:

For 2 students: 24,000-307,200 characters, including spaces.

For 3 students: 24,000-307,200 characters, including spaces.

For 4 students: 24,000-307,200 characters, including spaces.

For 5 students: 24,000-307,200 characters, including spaces.

For 6 students: 24,000-307,200 characters, including spaces.

For 7 students: 24,000-307,200 characters, including spaces.

The character limits include the cover, table of contents, summary, bibliography, figures and other illustrations, but exclude any appendices.

Form of examination The project report must include a summary in English, that is part of the assessment.

Time allowed for exam including time used for assessment is for:

2 students: 60 minutes.

3 students: 75 minutes.

4 students: 90 minutes.

5 students: 105 minutes.

6 students: 120 minutes.

7 students: 135 minutes.

Writing and spelling skills in the project report are part of the assessment.

Permitted support and preparation materials at the oral exam: All

Assessment: 7-point grading scale.

Moderation: Internal co-assessor.

Form of Re-examination Samme som ordinær eksamen / same form as ordinary exam

Type of
examination
in special
cases

Oral project exam in groups with individual assessment.

The students begin the exam with a presentation with a duration of 8-10 min. each on a topic related to the project.

After the presentation there will be a dialogue between the students, supervisor and co-assessor, specific questions may be asked to individual students.

The assessment criteria of the written part

- demonstrate state-of-art knowledge about the specific biological system behind the data.
- demonstrate knowledge of previous mathematical model(s) describing the biological system.
- argue how models can be used to understand the underlying biological processes and how models can be used as predictive tools.
- seek relevant literature, formulate research problems/hypotheses, work in a problem-oriented fashion, and conclude on the project research question.

Examination
and
assessment
criteria

The assessment of the oral exam is based on the students ability to meet the criteria mentioned above and their ability to

- clearly present and communicate the scientific content of the project
- engage in a scientific dialogue and discussion with the supervisor and co assessor

Furthermore, whether the performance meets all formal requirements in regard to both for the written og oral exam

Exam code(s) Exam code(s) : U60162

Course days:

Hold: 1

Modelling project - Intro (Mathbio)

time 02-09-2024 09:15 til
02-09-2024 10:00
location 27.1-052 - lokale 2 (20)
Teacher Jesper Schmidt Hansen (jschmidt@ruc.dk)

Modelling project - Forum 1 (Mathbio)

time 02-09-2024 11:15 til
02-09-2024 12:00
location 27.1-052 - lokale 2 (20)
Teacher Jesper Schmidt Hansen (jschmidt@ruc.dk)

Study Start event at Department of Science & Environment

time 02-09-2024 12:30 til
02-09-2024 14:45
location 28b.0-05 - lille teorirum (20) / 28b.0-01 - store teorirum (30)

Modelling project - IMFUFA Breakfast (canteen in building 27)

time 03-09-2024 09:15 til
03-09-2024 10:00

Modelling project - Forum 2 (Mathbio)

time 03-09-2024 12:15 til
03-09-2024 14:00
location 27.1-052 - lokale 2 (20) / 27.2-054 - lokale 3 (40)
Teacher Jesper Schmidt Hansen (jschmidt@ruc.dk)

Modelling project - Research group presentation (Mathbio)

time 04-09-2024 14:00 til
04-09-2024 16:00
location 27.1-089 - teorirum 27 (66)

Modelling project - Forum 3 (Mathbio)

time 05-09-2024 10:15 til
05-09-2024 12:00
location 27.1-052 - lokale 2 (20)
Teacher Jesper Schmidt Hansen (jschmidt@ruc.dk)

Modelling project - Forum 4 (Mathbio)

time 09-09-2024 08:15 til
09-09-2024 10:00
location 27.1-052 - lokale 2 (20)
Teacher Jesper Schmidt Hansen (jschmidt@ruc.dk)

Meet your fellow students across the science programmes

time 13-09-2024 14:15 til
13-09-2024 16:00
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location 28b.0-05 - lille teorirum (20) / 28b.0-01 - store teorirum (30)

Modelling Project - Deadline for signing up for projects in STADS

time 13-09-2024 23:59 til
13-09-2024 23:59
forberedelsesnorm ikke valgt
forberedelsesnorm D-VIP ikke valgt

Modelling project - Problem formulation seminar (Mathbio)

time 09-10-2024 14:00 til
09-10-2024 16:00
location 27.1-089 - teorirum 27 (66)

Modelling Project - Hand-in of project, exam

time 18-12-2024 10:00 til
18-12-2024 10:00
forberedelsesnorm ikke valgt
forberedelsesnorm D-VIP ikke valgt

Modelling Project - Oral project exam

time 20-01-2025 08:15 til
31-01-2025 18:00
forberedelsesnorm ikke valgt
forberedelsesnorm D-VIP ikke valgt

Modelling Project - Oral project reexam

time 03-02-2025 08:15 til
28-02-2025 18:00
forberedelsesnorm ikke valgt
forberedelsesnorm D-VIP ikke valgt