

Credit Point Key

This credit point key is the guideline for training elements that you must complete in the JSMC program, and are subject to agreement with your supervisor and the JSMC management. Certain activities will require individual assessment of the points awarded, so be sure to get this approved before you embark on those activities. Our credit points are compatible with the European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System (ECTS), where one credit point corresponds to 25-30 hours, to allow for participating in external training elements such as those offered by the FSU Graduate Academy. Financial assistance to cover course fees may be offered after assessment by the JSMC management on an individual basis.

A total of 30 cp have to be collected during the PhD training period and prior to graduation. Points must be gained from the Scientific, Mentoring and Soft skills programs each. Training in Statistics, an annual Good Scientific Practice session and attending departmental seminars as well as MiCoCo talks are mandatory for all JSMC doctoral researchers. We highly recommend training in Data Management and Scientific writing. Relevant course offerings will be communicated in the JSMC newsletter and on our website.

A maximum of 12 cp can be earned per year and no more than 3 cp for any single activity, with the exception of cumulative attendance of weekly seminars. Please note that the goal is to earn a total of 30 cp during of your PhD, NOT to earn as many credit points as possible as additional points will not be listed as such on your graduate certificate.

A. Scientific program

A.1. Mandatory training: Scientific Practice and Statistics

- Annual Good Scientific Practice session: 1 cp total
- Statistics: 1 cp minimum

These can be taken at in-house JSMC courses, the HKI, the FSU Graduate Academy or accredited training institutions. Please contact the JSMC management prior to registering for the course to verify it will be recognized.

A.2. Microbiological colloquium (MiCoCo)

- 1 cp per year (regularly attendance is mandatory)

A.3. Scientific writing, Methods Courses and Practical Workshops

- Methods courses and technique workshops will be offered regularly by the JSMC but can also be attended at partner institutes or accredited providers.

A.4. Research stay and Industry Partner Projects

- 1 cp per week, a maximum of 3 credit points

A.5. Conference visits

- Talk presented = 1 cp
- Poster presented = 1 cp

B. Mentoring program

B.1. Mandatory: Annual Thesis Committee Meeting

- 1 cp per meeting (= per year)

B.2. Mandatory: Weekly seminar

- 1 cp per semester, 1 cp for preparing a seminar: total of 3 cp per year

→ *if no weekly seminars are offered within your workgroup, make sure to attend a weekly seminar of another group within JSMC!*

B.3. Teaching

Mentoring at a practical student course or lecturing:

- 1 cp per week, maximum of 3 cp

Mentoring of individual students (such as co-supervising a Master's student or student assistant)

- 1 cp per week, maximum of 3 cp

C. Softskill program

C.1. Soft skills and language courses

- These include, among others, project management, science communication, presentation skills, scientific writing and language courses (German/English).

C.2. Public engagement activities

- Assisting with organization of MiCoCo, MiCom, long night of sciences and other outreach activities. Please contact the JSMC management for the allocation of points.