5. Topic area Organic Chemistry

Module: Total Syntheses and Synthesis Design

University/department/institute: Freie Universität Berlin/Department of Biology, Chemistry and Pharmacy/Institute of Chemistry and Biochemistry

Responsible for the module: module lecturers

Admission requirements: none

Qualification aims: The students have deepened their understanding of synthesis planning using retrosynthesis. They can analyze complex unknown target molecules in order to develop reasonable syntheses. They can identify typical structural motifs and are able to find ways to construct them while taking into account their reactivity, chemoselectivity, and regiochemical and stereochemical aspects. From the retrosynthesic analysis of complex target molecules, they derive suitable total syntheses, also for complex molecules. The students have solved retrosynthesic problems, including examples from current research, independently in the seminars and present and discuss them critically in the group.

Content: The concept of retrosynthesis; synthons; rules; typical structural elements; typical retrosynthesic steps; classical and current examples of total synthesis of complex natural products and other organic molecules; regiochemical and stereochemical aspects of retrosynthesis; translating retrosyntheses in the corresponding total syntheses using related examples

Teaching and learning units	Attendance (Semester hours per week = SH)	Forms of active participation	Study time (hours)	
Lecture	2	-	Attendance L Preparation and follow-up L Attendance S Preparation and follow-up S Examination preparation, examination	30 30
Seminar	1	Lectures, working on problem sets, contributing to discussions		15 45 30
Language of instruction		German or English		
Compulsory regular attendance		Attendance recommended		
Study time, total hours		150 hours		5 CP
Duration of module		One semester		
Module offered		Not regularly		
Application		Master's program in Chemistry		