

Hauptseminar

Hints for the presentation and report

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General

- Attendance obligatory
- Aim: practice presenting and report writing
- Take part in discussion!
- Grading: 50% talk, 25% report, 25% discussion

Preparation

- *Starting* material provided by supervisor
- Research additional material
- In case of questions consult supervisor
- Discuss content / focus and slides with supervisor (2 weeks before talk)
- Go beyond the obvious

Paper reading

- First get general idea / take-home lesson
- Understand Methods and Validation
- Look for open questions
- Follow references

Talk

- Duration: 30 minutes
- Story-line
- Talk slowly and clearly
- Address the audience
- Rehearse!

Slides

- Avoid too much text; Font size >18 pt
- All key points should appear on the slides
- Do not animate (too much)
- Include slide numbers
- Use examples to illustrate complex matter
- Cite your sources
- Graphics should have:
 - Title
 - Axis definitions
 - Sources

Report

- Write in Latex or MS Word
- Use “Bioinformatics” journal format (defines font, citation style, etc.)
- Length: 5 pages
- Write full sentences
- Use spell checking
- Include figure legends
- Give references
- Avoid passive voice
- Avoid complex sentences