

Minor - Neuroscience Description

The minor in neuroscience is an interdisciplinary course of study that will provide students an understanding of the neural underpinnings of behavior. Students will be encouraged to take basic and advanced courses in pure and applied neuroscience from several departments. Students from many different majors will find the scope of courses addressing brain and behavior enlightening and practical for their future careers. They will come to understand that neuroscience spans levels from the molecular to the psychological in both humans and other animals and learn how to apply theory to experimental or observational studies. There is no true dichotomy between the brain and the mind.

Course Requirements

The minor in neuroscience requires 18-22 hours, including Psy 319, Bisc 327, and four courses at the 300 level or above, of which at least one course must be a formal laboratory course or director-approved independent laboratory course (3 credit hours minimum) and at least one course must be at the 500 level. At least 6 hours must be outside of the student's major. No more than 6 hours of independent study (e.g., Neu 491, 493, Bisc 491, Psy 420, or ES 490) can count towards the minor. Approved laboratory courses for the minor and other approved courses are listed below. Courses may not satisfy requirements for both the student's major and the neuroscience minor.

Approved Neuroscience Laboratory Courses

Bisc 330. Introductory Physiology

Bisc 427. Methods in Comparative Neuroscience

Bisc 512. Animal Behavior

Bisc 518. Microtechnique

El E 314. Biomedical Measurement

Neu 491. Directed Research in Neuroscience

Neu 493. Neuroscience Capstone Research

Psy 390. Lab in Psy: Behavioral Neuroscience

Approved Neuroscience Courses

Bisc 529. Endocrinology

Bisc 533. Advanced Neuroscience

Bisc 538. Hormones and Behavior

Bisc 541. Cell Biology of Neurodegenerative Disorders

Bisc 543. Functional Neuroanatomy

CSD 505. Neurophysiology of Communication

CSD 526. Neurogenic Disorders of Language

El E 313. Physiology for Biomedical Engineering

El E 413. Biomedical Signal Processing

ES 344. Aging in the 21st Century

ES 338. Motor Control and Learning

ES 512. Foundations of Biomechanics

ES 514. Applied Electromyography

Medc 416. Intro to the Principles of Med Chem I

Medc 417. Intro to the Principles of Med Chem II

Medc 418. Neuroscience Principles of Drug Abuse

Phil 332. Personal Identity and the Self

Phil 342. Philosophy of the Mind

Psy 309. Learning and Behavior

Psy 322. Drugs and Behavior

Psy 326. Sensation and Perception

Psy 505. Conditioning and Learning

Psy 511. Neural Basis of Learning and Memory