NEUROSCIENCE (NEUROSCI)

NEUROSCI 101-6 First-Year Seminar (1 Unit) WCAS First-Year Seminar. Open to first-year students in Weinberg College. This course does not satisfy major requirements in Neuroscience but does serve as a Weinberg first-year seminar. There will be several writing assignments on a science-related topic. WCAS First-Year Seminar

NEUROSCI 202-0 Cellular and Molecular Neuroscience (1 Unit) Introduction to principles governing nervous system function at the cellular and molecular level. May not receive credit for both NEUROSCI 202-0 and BIOL_SCI 302-0. Prerequisites: Must be a neuroscience major, and either BIOL_SCI 217-0 or BIOL_SCI 201-0 and either; CHEM 151-0 or CHEM 171-0 with a B- grade or above; or CHEM 132-0 or CHEM 152-0 or CHEM 172-0. Natural Sciences Distro Area

NEUROSCI 206-0 Systems and Behavioral Neuroscience (1 Unit) Introduction to the organization and function of brain systems and their role in generating behavior. May not receive credit for both this course and the former NEUROSCI 306-0/BIOL_SCI 306-0. Prerequisite: NEUROSCI 202-0 or NEUROSCI 311-0 or BIOL_SCI 302-0. Natural Sciences Distro Area

NEUROSCI 303-0 Molecular Mechanisms of Neuropsychopharmacology (1 Unit) Advanced seminar focusing on molecular mechanisms and aberrations of synaptic signal transduction and drugs that target them. Prerequisite: NEUROSCI 202-0 or NEUROSCI 311-0 or BIOL_SCI 302-0.

NEUROSCI 304-0 Developmental Neurobiology (1 Unit) Embryology and cellular/molecular mechanisms of nervous system development. Topics include patterning of the early embryo and nervous system, neurogenesis, neuronal differentiation and cell fate specification, axon guidance and wiring of neural circuits, and activity, experience, and sex-dependent neurodevelopment. May not receive credit for both this course and the former BIOL_SCI 304-0. Prerequisites: BIOL_SCI 215-0 or BIOL_SCI 201-0; and NEUROSCI 202-0 or NEUROSCI 311-0 or BIOL_SCI 302-0. May not receive credit for both BIOL_SCI 215-0 and BIOL_SCI 201-0.

NEUROSCI 311-0 Biophysical Analysis of Neurons for ISP (1 Unit) This course provides an introduction to neurobiology from an electrophysiological perspective, with an emphasis on ion channel biophysics, quantitative electrical properties of neurons, synaptic physiology, and sensory transduction. Its goal is to provide a basis for understanding how information is encoded, transmitted, and decoded in brains, as well as an introduction to reading scientific literature. Prerequisite: ISP Majors Only or Neuroscience Major with permission of the Neuroscience Director of Undergraduate Studies. Some facility with simple equations and graphing is suggested.

NEUROSCI 320-0 Animal Behavior (1 Unit) Animal behavior from the neuroscience perspective. Neurobiological bases of foraging, communication, migration, predator-prey interactions, mating, and parental care. Prerequisites: NEUROSCI 202-0 and NEUROSCI 206-0; or NEUROSCI 311-0 and NEUROSCI 206-0; or BIOL_SCI 302-0. Natural Sciences Distro Area

NEUROSCI 324-0 Neurobiology of Biological Clocks and Sleep (1 Unit) General properties of sleep and circadian rhythms; how sleep and the circadian clock regulate a number of diverse activities at the cell, organ, and organism levels. The importance of biological rhythms and sleep for human health and disease will be covered in the course. Prerequisites: NEUROSCI 202-0 or NEUROSCI 311-0 or BIOL_SCI 302-0.

NEUROSCI 326-0 Neurobiology of Learning and Memory (1 Unit) This course examines how brain cells and neural circuits process experience to produce lasting changes in behavior. In depth discussion of original research findings, with a focus on the latest molecular, neural physiology, and behavioral studies. May not receive credit for both BIOL_SCI 326-0 and NEUROSCI 326-0. Prerequisites: NEUROSCI 202-0 and NEUROSCI 206-0; or NEUROSCI 311-0 and NEUROSCI 206-0; or BIOL_SCI 302-0.

NEUROSCI 350-0 Advanced Neurophysiology Laboratory (1 Unit) Learn to record electrophysiological signals (action potentials and post synaptic potentials) from living neural systems using amplifiers and recording equipment commonly found in research labs around the world. Prerequisites: NEUROSCI 202-0 and NEUROSCI 206-0; or NEUROSCI 311-0 and NEUROSCI 206-0; or BIOL_SCI 302-0; and consent of instructor.

NEUROSCI 355-0 Neurogenetics of Behavior Laboratory (1 Unit) Project-based laboratory investigating the genetic basis of behavior in a simple model system; molecular genetic techniques used in neurobiology. Prerequisites: NEUROSCI 202-0 and NEUROSCI 206-0; or NEUROSCI 311-0 and NEUROSCI 206-0; or BIOL_SCI 302-0.

NEUROSCI 360-0 Neuroscience of Brain Disorders (1 Unit) Survey of brain disorders such as neurodegenerative diseases, developmental disorders, narcolepsy, and migraine. Trace progress from the laboratory to the clinic, evaluate the state of knowledge and understand future directions. Strongly recommend review of basic genetics and molecular biology. Prerequisites: NEUROSCI 202-0 and NEUROSCI 206-0; or NEUROSCI 311-0 and NEUROSCI 206-0; or BIOL_SCI 302-0. Natural Sciences Distro Area

NEUROSCI 377-0 Neurobiology of Sensation and Perception (1 Unit) Analysis of the key concepts underlying the neurobiological mechanisms of vision, hearing, taste, smell, touch, and pain. Neural pathways leading to perception and processing of stimuli will also be discussed. Prerequisite: NEUROSCI 202-0 or NEUROSCI 311-0 or BIOL_SCI 302-0. Natural Sciences Distro Area

NEUROSCI 379-0 From Perception to Action (1 Unit) How does sensory perception guide our behavior? NEUROSCI 379-0 examines sensory perception, attention, decision making, and motor control. In addition, students will increase their familiarity with methods used to study the nervous system at the systems and behavioral level and expand their appreciation and understanding of ethical issues related to the brain and neuroscience research. Prerequisites: NEUROSCI 202-0 and NEUROSCI 206-0; or NEUROSCI 311-0 and NEUROSCI 206-0; or BIOL_SCI 302-0.

NEUROSCI 390-0 Topics in Neuroscience (1 Unit) Special Topics in Neuroscience. Topics to be announced. Prerequisites vary. May be repeated for credit with different topic. With approval of the director of undergraduate studies, may be used to fulfill a Neuroscience elective or serve as an Allied Field course. Prerequisites: NEUROSCI 202-0 and NEUROSCI 206-0; or NEUROSCI 311-0 and NEUROSCI 206-0; or BIOL_SCI 302-0 and other courses as designated by the instructor.

NEUROSCI 398-0 Senior Thesis Seminar (1 Unit) Instruction in writing a scientific thesis, discussion of student projects, instructor and peer feedback on thesis drafts, and continued independent research. Open to seniors pursuing departmental honors. With the approval of the director of undergraduate studies.
NEUROSCI 399-0 Independent Study in Neuroscience (1 Unit)
Supervised laboratory or methods research with a faculty member. With approval of the director of undergraduate studies.