

# SYSTEMS/BEHAVIORAL SPECIALIZATION

FOR STUDENTS DECLARED SP23 TO PRESENT



## What is Systems/Behavioral Neuroscience?

Systems/Behavioral Neuroscience studies how neurons work together in networks to understand the mechanisms that underlie behavior. Systems/Behavioral neuroscientists tend to study how the nervous system is related to psychiatric and neurological disorders, how groups of neurons form systems that are related to specified functions (e.g. motor control, learning & memory), and what happens when such systems dysfunction.

## DECLARATION REQUIREMENTS

In order to declare the pre-major, students must meet with a Neuroscience Advisor to discuss the requirements. To set up an appointment:

1. Stop by room 10 Townshend Hall
2. Give us a call at (614)-292-8512
3. E-mail us at [NeuroAdvising@osu.edu](mailto:NeuroAdvising@osu.edu)
4. Attend an Info Session  
[NeuroscienceMajor.osu.edu/declare](http://NeuroscienceMajor.osu.edu/declare)

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The Neuroscience Undergraduate Program is a selective admissions major. All students must complete Neuro 1100(H), Psych 3313 and Neuro 3000 with grades of 'B' or higher and earn a minimum 3.0 cumulative GPA.

The requirements for the 33 semester hour (11 classes) Neuroscience Major are distributed across 6 Requirements: Professional Survey, Core, Data Analysis, Specialization, Breadth, and Writing.

## I. PROFESSIONAL AND CURRICULUM READINESS

Take the course below

- **Neuro 1100H Neuroscience Survey**  
1hr | Au, Sp | (Pre-reqs: Full or Pre-Majors Only)

## II. CORE REQUIREMENTS

Take all 4 of the courses below

All Full and Pre-major students must complete Neuro 1100(H), Psych 3313(H) and Neuro 3000 with grades of 'B' or higher in these classes, and earn a minimum 3.0 cumulative GPA

- **Psych 3313(H) Introduction to Behavioral Neuroscience**  
3hrs | Au, Sp, Su | (Pre-reqs: Psych 1100)
- **Neuro 3000 Introduction to Molecular/Cellular Neuroscience**  
3hrs | Au, Sp | (Pre-reqs: Bio 1113)
- **Psych 3513 Introduction to Cognitive Neuroscience**  
3hrs | Au, Sp | (Pre-reqs: Psych 1100)
- **Neuro 3050 Structure & Function of the Nervous System**  
3hrs | Au, Sp | (Pre-reqs: Bio 1113 & Neuro 3000)

## III. DATA ANALYSIS REQUIREMENT

Take 1 of the 3 courses below

- **Psych 2220 Introduction to Data Analysis in Psychology**  
3hrs | Au, Sp, Su | (Pre-reqs: Psych 1100 & Math 1148)
- **Stats 2480 Statistics for Life Sciences**  
3hrs | Sp | (Pre-reqs: Math 1151)
- **Stats 2450 Introduction to Statistical Analysis**  
3hrs | Au, Sp | (Pre-reqs: Math 1151)

## IV. SPECIALIZATION REQUIREMENTS

Choose at least 4 specialization courses from the options below

- **Neuro 4550 Autism Spectrum Disorder & Neurodev Disorders**  
3hrs | Au | (Pre-reqs: Neuro 3000)
- **Neuro 4425 Neurotrauma: TBI, Stroke, & Spinal Cord Injury**  
3hrs | Sp | (Pre-reqs: Neuro 3000)
- **Psych 4501 Advanced Behavioral Neuroscience**  
3hrs | Au, Sp | (Pre-reqs: Psych 3313 & Neuro 3000)
- **Neuro 4100 Basic & Clinical Foundations of Neuro Disease**  
3hrs | Au | (Pre-reqs: Neuro 3000)
- **Psych 4644 Hormones & Behavior**  
3hrs | Au, Sp | (Pre-reqs: Psych 3313 & Neuro 3000)  
*Not Open to Students with Credit For Neuro 5644*
- **Psych 5613(H) Biological Psychiatry**  
3hrs | Sp | (Pre-reqs: Honors, 3313 & 3000)
- **Psych 5602 Behavioral Genetics**  
3hrs | Sp | (Pre-reqs: Psych 3313 & Neuro 3000)
- **Psych 5603 Stem Cells and the Brain**  
3hrs | Au | (Pre-reqs: Psych 3313 & Neuro 3000)
- **Psych 5604 Sex Differences in the Brain and Behavior**  
3hrs | Au | (Pre-reqs: Psych 3313 & Neuro 3000)
- **Psych 5622 The Development of Brain and Behavior**  
3hrs | Au | (Pre-reqs: Psych 3313 & Neuro 3000)
- **Psych 5898 Seminar in Behavioral Neuroscience**  
3hrs | Sp | (Pre-reqs: Psych 4501)
- **Neuro 4623 Biological Clocks & Rhythms**  
3hrs | Sp | (Pre-reqs: Neuro 3000)
- **EEOB 4550 Neurobiology of Behavior**  
3hrs | Au | (Pre-reqs: 2 courses in Bio)
- **Psych 4305 Psychopharmacology**  
3hrs | Au, Sp | (Pre-reqs: Permission of Instructor)  
*Not Open to Students With Credit For PHR 4440 or BioPhrm 5824*
- **Biophrm 5824 Pharmacology of the Nervous System**  
3hrs | Au, Sp | (Pre-reqs: Permission of Instructor)  
*Not Open to Students With Credit For PHR 4440 or Psych 4305*
- **Biochem 4511 / MolGen 4500 / MicroBio 4000**  
3-4hrs | Au, Sp, Su | (Refer to Course Catalog for Pre-reqs)

## V. BREADTH REQUIREMENT

Choose 1 course from the list below

- **Neuro 3025**      **History of Neuroscience**  
3hrs | Sp | (Pre-reqs: Psych 3313 & Neuro 3000)
- **Neuro 4850**      **Contemporary Topics in Neuroscience**  
3hrs | Sp | (Pre-reqs: Psych 3313 & Neuro 3000)
- **Neuro 3010**      **Neurophysiology**  
3hrs | Au | (Pre-reqs: Neuro 3000)
- **Neuro 3305**      **Neuropharmacology**  
3hrs | Sp | (Pre-reqs: Neuro 3000)
- **Neuro 4050H**      **Neurogenetics**  
3hrs | Au | (Pre-reqs: Neuro 3000)
- **Neuro 4640**      **Neuronal Signal Transduction**  
3hrs | Sp | (Pre-reqs: Neuro 3000)
- **Neuro 5790H**      **Developmental Neuroscience**  
3hrs | Sp | (Pre-reqs: Neuro 3000 & 3050 & Jr. or Sr.)
- **Chem 5230**      **Neurotransmitter Chemistry**  
3hrs | Sp | (Pre-reqs: Chem 2540 & 2520)
- **Ling 3701**      **Language and the Mind**  
3hrs | Au, Sp | (Pre-reqs: Psych 1100)
- **Psych/CSE/Ling/Philos 5612**      **Introduction to Cognitive Science**  
3hrs | Au | (Pre-reqs: 12hr in Psych/CSE/Ling/Philos)
- **Psych 5089**      **Cognitive Aging, Neurodegen, & Neuroplasticity**  
3hrs | Sp | (Pre-reqs: Psych 3313 & Neuro 3000)
- **Psych 5614**      **Cognitive Neuroscience**  
3hrs | Sp | (Pre-reqs: Psych 3313 & 3000)
- **Psych 5618**      **Intro to Computational Cognitive Neuroscience**  
3hrs | Sp | (Pre-reqs: Psych 3313 & Neuro 3000)
- **Psych 5628**      **Developmental Cognitive Neuroscience**  
3hrs | Au | (Pre-reqs: Psych 3313 & 3000)
- **SHS 5760**      **Neurology of Speech and Hearing Mechanisms**  
3hrs | Au, Sp | (Pre-reqs: Psych 3313 & 3000)
- **Psych 3321**      **Quantitative and Statistical Methods in Psychology**  
3hrs | Au, Sp | (Pre-reqs: B or higher in 2220)
- **Math 4350**      **Quantitative Neuroscience**  
3hrs | Sp | (Pre-reqs: Math 1152)
- **Psych 5608**      **Intro to Mathematical Psychology**  
3hrs | Au | (Pre-reqs: Psych 3321, 3313 & Neuro 3000)
- **CSE 5052**      **Survey of Artificial Intelligence for Non-Majors**  
3hrs | Au | (Pre-reqs: CSE Programming & Neuro 3000)
- **CSE 5526**      **Introduction to Neural Networks**  
3hrs | Au | (Pre-reqs: CSE 3521)
- **Econ 5870**      **Neuroeconomics and Decision Neuroscience**  
3hrs | Sp | (Pre-reqs: Psych 3313 & 3000).
- **Neuro 4998/3193**      **Undergraduate Research & Individual Studies**  
**Pre-approval required.**  
3 credit hours (no more and no less than 3 credit hours) of any combination of Undergraduate Research (4998), Internship (3191) and Individual Studies (3193) can be applied as a course toward Breadth Requirement.

## VI. NEUROSCIENCE WRITING REQUIREMENT

Choose at least 1 course from the list below

- **English 3304**      **Business & Professional Writing**  
3hrs | Au, Sp, | (English 1110.XX)
- **English 3305**      **Technical Writing: Science and Engineering Majors**  
3hrs | Au, Sp | (English 1110.XX)

## Important information about the Neuroscience Major

1. **All Students must meet the following requirements to declare the neuroscience major:**
  - First, meet with an advisor to officially be declared as a pre-neuroscience major
  - Complete 24 total semester credit hours
  - At least 12 of those semester credit hours must be from graded OSU coursework
  - An overall GPA greater than or equal to 3.0
  - Earn at least a "B" in Psych 3313, Neuro 3000, and Neurosc 1100(H)
2. Thirty-three (33) semester credits in approved Neuroscience coursework.
3. **Honors students** must take at least one honors or graduate level course. Approved courses can be found here:  
<http://neurosciencemajor.osu.edu/honors>
4. **Honors students** must complete the Pre-Major Requirements
5. **For courses to apply toward the major, you must earn at least a "C".**
6. At least half of the major's curriculum must be completed at Ohio State.
7. Majors will follow the Bachelor of Science curriculum for Autumn 2022 GENs and other degree requirements.
8. Students are encouraged to focus on completion of core requirements before beginning their specialization coursework.
9. To earn your degree you will need an overall GPA of at least a 2.0.
10. Research experience is also strongly encouraged for students considering graduate and professional training. You may enroll in a variety of 4998 opportunities.  
<http://neurosciencemajor.osu.edu/4998>
11. Up to 3 credit hours of experiential coursework can be applied to the breadth requirements of the major. This experiential coursework can be from any combination of the following classes: Undergraduate Research (4998), Internships (3191), and Individual Studies(3193). 3 Credits of these courses can be combined to count as one course toward the Breadth Requirements.  
**Pre-approval from your neuroscience major advisor is required.**
12. Students planning to graduate "With Honors in Arts and Sciences" should visit our website for information on Honors Contract requirements for neuroscience majors.  
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13. **Honors Requirements:** All Honors students must take at least **ONE Neuro Advisor Approved graduate-level course to fulfill their Honors requirement.** Honors students must speak with their advisor to select a course. The chosen course to fulfill the requirement can count as EITHER one Breadth course or one Specialization course. **The approved graduate-level courses can be found at this link:**  
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