NEUROSCIENCE (BI-CO)

Department Website: https://www.haverford.edu/neuroscience

The desire to understand human and animal behavior in terms of nervous system structure and function is longstanding. Historically, researchers and scholars have approached this task from a variety of disciplines, including medicine, biology, psychology, philosophy, and physiology. The field of neuroscience emerged as an interdisciplinary approach, combining techniques and perspectives from these disciplines, as well as emerging fields such as computation and cognitive science, to yield new insights into the workings of the nervous system and behavior.

The Major and Minor in Neuroscience advance two overlapping but distinct sets of learning goals, which are explained in turn below.

Learning Goals

Neuroscience Major

The major in Neuroscience allows students to pursue an in-depth study of the nervous system and behavior across disciplines. Students should consult with the Neuroscience Director or any member of the faculty advisory committee in order to declare the major.

The goals of the major include enabling students to gain:

• Training in cognate disciplines that are fundamental to the study of neuroscience
• An in-depth understanding of the organization of the nervous system and its relation to categories of behavior such as motor control, sensation and perception, motivational states, and higher cognition.
• fluency with the many levels at which the nervous system can be studied, including molecular, cellular, systems, behavioral and cognitive neuroscience levels.
• an ability to closely examine and critically evaluate primary research on specialized, advanced neuroscience topics.
• an appreciation of the interdisciplinary nature of neuroscience and the allied disciplines that inform the study of mind, brain, and behavior.
• Experience with neuroscience laboratory skills and the design and analysis of neuroscience experiments.

Neuroscience Minor

The minor in Neuroscience allows students with any major to pursue interests in behavior and the nervous system across disciplines. Students should consult with the Neuroscience Director or any member of the faculty advisory committee in order to declare the minor.

The goals of the minor include enabling students to gain:

• a basic understanding of the organization of the nervous system and its relation to categories of behavior such as motor control, sensation and perception, motivational states, and higher cognition.
• an appreciation of and fluency with the many levels at which the nervous system can be studied, including molecular, cellular, systems, behavioral and cognitive neuroscience levels.
• an appreciation of the interdisciplinary nature of neuroscience and the allied disciplines that inform the study of mind, brain, and behavior.
• an ability to closely examine and critically evaluate primary research on specialized, advanced neuroscience topics.

Haverford's Institutional Learning Goals are available on the President’s website, at http://hav.to/learninggoals.

Major Requirements

• Introduction to Neuroscience (1 credit)
  • NEUR H100
• Foundational Science Courses (4 credits)
  • 1 semester of General Chemistry (CHEM H111, CHEM H113, CHEM H115, CHEM B103)
  • 1 semester of Introductory Biology (BIOL H200, BIOL H201 with instructor approval, BIOL B110 or BIOL B111)
  • 1 semester of Introductory Psychology (PSYC H100 or PSYC B105)
  • 1 semester of Statistics (PSYC H200, PSYC B205; MATH H103 or MATH H203, MATH B104, or ECON H203)
• Upper-level Neuroscience Courses with Breadth Requirement (4 credits)
  • Students must take 4 credits of upper-level neuroscience courses
  • Upper-level Neuroscience courses are divided into three categories: Cellular/Molecular, Behavioral/Systems, and Cognitive. Students must take courses from at least two of the three categories to fulfill the breadth requirement.
  • A list of approved courses and their categories is linked from the Neuroscience website.
• Laboratory Coursework in Neuroscience (1 credit)
  • In order to gain hands-on experience with some of the tools, methods, and paradigms of Neuroscience, majors are required to take 1 credit of neuroscience laboratory coursework. This can be accomplished in several ways (e.g., 2 half-credit psych labs, 1 full-credit psych lab, 1 full-credit neuroscience SuperLab).
  • A list of approved laboratory courses is linked from the Neuroscience website.
• Thesis or Capstone in Neuroscience (1 credit)
  • To culminate their experience as a Neuroscience major, students are required to complete one course of thesis or capstone work. This may take the form of a 2-semester laboratory thesis project or a 1-semester capstone course.

Minor Requirements
• One approved “gateway” course:
  • HC NEUR H100 (Introduction to Neuroscience),
  • HC PSYC H217 (Behavioral Neuroscience) or BMC PSYC B218 (Behavioral Neuroscience)
  • BIOL B202 (Neurobiology).
• Five credits from the list of approved courses, with these constraints:
  • The five credits must sample from three different disciplines.
  • At least three of the five credits must come from List A: Primary Neuroscience courses
  • At least one of the credits must be at the 300-level or higher.
  • One of the five credits may come from supervised senior research in neuroscience.
  • No more than two of the six minor credits may come from institutions outside of the Bi-Co.

A current list of approved courses, divided into List A: Primary Neuroscience and List B: Allied Disciplines, is linked from the Neuroscience Minor website.

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NEUR H100 INTRODUCTION TO NEUROSCIENCE (1.0 Credit)
Patrese Robinson-Drummer
Division: Natural Science
Domain(s): C: Physical and Natural Processes
Prerequisite(s): This course is not open to students who have previously taken HC Psych 217, HC Psych 260, or BMC Psych 218
(Offered: Fall 2022, Spring 2023)

NEUR H357 FEMINIST NEUROSCIENCE (1.0 Credit)
Megan Massa
Division: Natural Science
Domain(s): B: Analysis of the Social World; C: Physical and Natural Processes
As societal conceptions of gender and sex change, so too do scientific approaches to neuroendocrinology (the study of hormones and the brain) and sex differences research. In this seminar, we will trace the history of this scientific field before placing it in conversation with feminist and queer theories. Students will utilize close reading, writing, and presentation techniques to consider sociological concepts and reframings of neuroscience.
Crosslisted: NEUR. Pre-requisite(s): Psychology 217: Behavioral Neuroscience or BMC equivalent Lottery Preference: 1) Senior psychology majors and senior neuroscience majors, 2) Junior psychology majors and junior neuroscience majors, 3) Senior psychology minors and senior neuroscience minors, 4) Junior psychology minors and junior neuroscience minors,
and 5) all other students by class (senior, junior, sophomore; no first-years)
(Offered: Fall 2022)

CHEM H111 CHEMICAL STRUCTURE AND BONDING (1.0 Credit)
Alexander Norquist, Kelly Matz
Division: Natural Science; Quantitative
Domain(s): C: Physical and Natural Processes
Structure and bonding in molecules starting from nuclear and electronic structure of atoms. This course introduces the theories of chemical bonding that rationalize and predict the structures and bulk properties of molecules and materials. It also introduces modern instrumental and computational methods used to study chemical structure and bonding. Three lectures and one lab period per week required.
(Offered: Fall 2022)

CHEM H113 INTENSIVE: CHEMICAL STRUCTURE AND BONDING (1.0 Credit)
Kelly Matz, Theresa Gaines
Division: Natural Science; Quantitative
Domain(s): C: Physical and Natural Processes
Structure and bonding in molecules starting from nuclear and electronic structure of atoms. This course introduces the theories of chemical bonding that rationalize and predict the structures and bulk properties of molecules and materials. It also introduces modern instrumental and computational methods used to study chemical structure and bonding. This is a more intensive offering of CHEM 111 designed for students with little or no experience in chemistry. Prerequisite(s): Placement by the Chemistry Department.
(Offered: Fall 2022)

BIOL H200 EVOLUTION, GENETICS & GENOMICS (1.0 Credit)
Foen Peng, Jessica Comstock, Rachel Hoang, Shirley Lang
Division: Natural Science
Domain(s): C: Physical and Natural Processes
Three hours of lecture and one laboratory period per week. A one-year course in cellular and molecular biology, Biology 200 considers the cell as a unit of biological activity. Biology 200B is an introduction to the major macromolecules of the cell, which includes a discussion of their synthesis and breakdown and leads into a discussion of cellular structures. The laboratory introduces the student to cell and molecular biology and biochemistry. Enrollment per lab section is limited to 28. Preference for a specific lab section will be given to students preregistering for that lab section; students who do not preregister will be assigned on a space available basis. When two sections of the lecture component are offered one lecture section will be limited to 50. Four sections, limited to 35. Prerequisite(s): The prerequisite for Biology 200A is successful completion, with a grade of 2.0 or higher, of a one credit Natural Science course (which includes a laboratory experience) at Haverford, Bryn Mawr or Swarthmore, or instructor consent
(Offered: Spring 2023)

BIOL H201 MOLECULES, CELLS, & ORGANISMS (1.0 Credit)
Amy Cooke, Courtney Marshall, Kristen Whalen, Shirley Lang, Staff
Division: Natural Science
Domain(s): C: Physical and Natural Processes
Three hours of lecture and one laboratory period per week. A one-year course in cellular and molecular biology, Biology 200 considers the cell as a unit of biological activity. Biology 200B is an introduction to the major macromolecules of the cell, which includes a discussion of their synthesis and breakdown and leads into a discussion of cellular structures. The laboratory introduces the student to cell and molecular biology and biochemistry. Enrollment per lab section is limited to 28. Preference for a specific lab section will be given to students preregistering for that lab section; students who do not preregister will be assigned on a space available basis. When two sections of the lecture component are offered one lecture section will be limited to 50. Four sections, limited to 28. Prerequisite(s): BIOL H200 with a grade of 2.0 or higher, or instructor consent
(Offered: Fall 2022)

MATH H103 INTRODUCTION TO PROBABILITY AND STATISTICS (1.0 Credit)
Timur Akhunov
Division: Natural Science; Quantitative
Domain(s): C: Physical and Natural Processes
Basic concepts and methods of elementary probability and quantitative reasoning, with practical applications. Topics include: sample average and standard deviation, normal curves, regression,
expected value and standard error, confidence intervals and hypothesis tests. Crosslisted: Mathematics, Statistics Prerequisite(s): Not open to students who have (a) placed into 121 or higher, (b) taken 118 or higher, (c) taken any other introductory statistics class at Haverford or Bryn Mawr, (d) received a score of 4 or 5 on the AP Statistics exam (Offered: Fall 2022)

MATH H203 STATISTICAL METHODS AND THEIR APPLICATIONS (1.0 Credit)
Lynne Butler
Division: Natural Science; Quantitative
Domain(s): C: Physical and Natural Processes
An introduction to statistical methods used to analyze data in the natural and social sciences. It covers descriptive statistics, the binomial and normal distributions, expected value and variance, confidence intervals and hypothesis testing, comparison of two samples, regression, and analysis of variance. A required computer lab, using R, is taught alongside this course. Crosslisted: Mathematics, Statistics Prerequisite(s): MATH 118 or higher, placement into MATH 121 or higher, or instructor consent. Students who have taken another introductory statistics course at Haverford or Bryn Mawr may only enroll in STAT 203 with instructor consent (Offered: Fall 2022)

ECON H203 STATISTICAL METHODS IN ECONOMICS (1.0 Credit)
Richard Ball
Division: Quantitative; Social Science
Domain(s): B: Analysis of the Social World
Foundations of statistical inference and data analysis. Three class hours and two lab hours. Prerequisite(s): ECON 104, 105, or 106; Completion of Math 105 or Math 118 at Haverford College (or a comparable course in calculus at another college), or placement into Math 121 or higher. (Offered: Fall 2022)

PSYC H100 FOUNDATIONS OF PSYCHOLOGY (1.0 Credit)
Jennifer Lilgendahl, Marilyn Boltz, Samantha Fortin, Staff
Division: Social Science
Domain(s): B: Analysis of the Social World
An introduction to the study of mind and behavior. Topics include biological, cognitive, personality, abnormal, and social psychology, as well as a general consideration of the empirical approach to the study of behavior. This course is a prerequisite for most other 200 and 300 level psychology courses. However, in most cases, this prerequisite may be met with an AP Psychology score of 4 or 5 or IB Psychology credit. Prerequisite(s): Not available to students with AP Psychology (score of 4 or 5) or IB Psychology credit, as noted on transcript. Enrollment Limit: 35 Lottery Preference(s): 25 spaces reserved for incoming freshmen. Then priority as follows: freshmen, sophomores, juniors, seniors, An introduction to the study of mind and behavior. Topics include biological, cognitive, personality, abnormal, and social psychology, as well as a general consideration of the empirical approach to the study of behavior. This course is a prerequisite for most other 200 and 300 level psychology courses. However, in most cases, this prerequisite may be met with an AP Psychology score of 4 or 5 or IB Psychology credit. Prerequisite(s): Not available to students with AP Psychology (score of 4 or 5) or IB Psychology credit, as noted on transcript. (Offered: Fall 2022, Spring 2023)

PSYC B205 RESEARCH METHODS AND STATISTICS (1.0 Credit)
Anjali Thapar
Division: Quantitative; Social Science
Domain(s): B: Analysis of the Social World
An introduction to research design, general research methodology, and the analysis and interpretation of data. Emphasis will be placed on issues involved with conducting psychological research. Topics include
descriptive and inferential statistics, research design and validity, analysis of variance, and correlation and regression. Each statistical method will also be executed using computers. Lecture three hours, laboratory 90 minutes a week. 

(Offered: Fall 2022, Spring 2023)

**PSYC H217 BEHAVIORAL NEUROSCIENCE (1.0 Credit)**

*Laura Been, Megan Massa*

**Division:** Natural Science  
**Domain(s):** B: Analysis of the Social World; C: Physical and Natural Processes  
Interrelations between brain, behavior, and subjective experience. The course introduces students to physiological psychology through consideration of current knowledge about the mechanisms of mind and behavior. Crosslisted: Psychology, Biology  
Prerequisite(s): Any one of the following or instructor consent: PSYC 100, PSYC B105, BIOL H123, BIOL H124, BIOL H128, BIOL H129, NEUR H100. Psychology AP Score 4  
Enrollment Limit: 35 Lottery Preference(s): Priority to senior psychology or neuroscience majors, followed by junior psychology or neuroscience majors, followed by psychology or neuroscience minors, Interrelations between brain, behavior, and subjective experience. The course introduces students to physiological psychology through consideration of current knowledge about the mechanisms of mind and behavior. Crosslisted: Psychology, Biology  
Prerequisite(s): Any one of the following or instructor consent: PSYC 100, PSYC B105, BIOL H123, BIOL H124, BIOL H128, BIOL H129, Psychology AP Score 4  

(Offered: Fall 2022)