Neuroscience

Neuroscience is an interdisciplinary field that seeks to understand the functions and diseases of the nervous system. It draws on knowledge from neurobiology as well as elements of psychology and cognitive science, and mathematical and physical principles involved in modeling neural systems. Through the Neuroscience concentration, students develop foundational knowledge through courses in biology, chemistry, and mathematics as well as three core courses in neuroscience. They are also required to develop facility with research methodologies (through courses in statistics and laboratory methods) before moving into specific topics in the field (e.g., visual physiology, neurochemistry and behavior, and synaptic transmission and plasticity). Members of the Neuroscience faculty are affiliated with the Brown Institute for Brain Science, a multidisciplinary program that promotes collaborative research about the brain. Prospective concentrators should contact Elyse_Netto@brown.edu in order to have a faculty advisor assigned to them.

Standard program for the Sc.B. degree

The concentration combines a general science background with a number of specific courses devoted to the cellular, molecular, and integrative functions of the nervous system. The concentration allows considerable flexibility for students to tailor a program to their individual interests. Elective courses focus on a variety of areas including molecular mechanisms, cellular function, sensory and motor systems, neuropharmacology, learning and memory, animal behavior, cognitive function, bioengineering, theoretical neuroscience and computer modeling.

The concentration in neuroscience leads to an Sc.B. degree. The following background courses, or their equivalent, are required for the degree:

**Background Courses:**
- MATH 0090 Introductory Calculus, Part I
- MATH 0100 Introductory Calculus, Part II
- PHYS 0030 Basic Physics A
- PHYS 0040 Basic Physics B
- BIOL 0200 The Foundation of Living Systems
- CHEM 0330 Equilibrium, Rate, and Structure
- CHEM 0350 Organic Chemistry

**Core Concentration Courses:**
- NEUR 0010 The Brain: An Introduction to Neuroscience
- NEUR 1020 Principles of Neurobiology
- NEUR 1030 Neural Systems
- One neuroscience lab course
- One critical reading course
- One statistics course
- Four electives related to neuroscience

Total Credits: 17

Independent study and honors research projects are encouraged.
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