NEUROSCIENCE MINOR

Neuroscience embodies the liberal arts experience because it draws on techniques and findings from several academic disciplines including biology, chemistry, computer science, exercise and sports science, mathematics, physics, and psychology. The neuroscience minor provides undergraduate students the opportunity to obtain fundamental knowledge and exposure needed to pursue careers and post-graduate studies in fields related to psychology, human development and aging, health and disease, rehabilitation, biotechnology, biomedical research, human-machine interactions, and other emerging disciplines.

The minor is open to all students, including psychology majors. However, students should note that they are limited to no more than 45 credit hours within a specific department. Students must earn a grade of C or better in at least four of the five courses.

Requirements

In addition to the program requirements listed below, students must:

- take at least nine hours of their minor “core” requirements at UNC–Chapel Hill
- earn a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.000 in the minor core requirements. Some programs may require higher standards for minor or specific courses.

For more information, please consult the degree requirements section of the catalog (https://catalog.unc.edu/undergraduate/degree-requirements/).

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Four courses distributed over at least three academic departments, selected from the following lists:

**Psychology and Neuroscience:**
- NSCI 221 Neuropsychopharmacology
- NSCI 222 Learning
- NSCI 225 Sensation and Perception
- Any NSCI course numbered between 300-699
- PSYC 245 Psychopathology
- PSYC 404 Clinical Psychopharmacology
- PSYC 469 Evolution and Development of Biobehavioral Systems
- PSYC 517 Addiction
- PSYC 533 The General Linear Model in Psychology
- PSYC 535 Programming for Psychologists: Computational Tools for Psychological Research
- PSYC 559 Applied Machine Learning in Psychology
- PSYC 602 Evolutionary Psychology

**Applied Physical Sciences:**
- APL 101 Exploring Engineering
- APL 240 Electronics from Sensors to Indicators: Circuits that interact with the Physical World
- APL 350 Data Science for Applied Science and Engineering

**Biology:**
- BIOL 205 Cellular and Developmental Biology
- BIOL 224H The Mathematics of Life
- BIOL 224L The Mathematics of Life Laboratory
- BIOL 226 Mathematical Methods for Quantitative Biology
- BIOL 226L Mathematical Methods for Quantitative Biology Laboratory
- BIOL 240 Cell Biology
- BIOL 425 Human Genetics
- BIOL 431 Biological Physics
- BIOL 440 Stem Cell Biology
- BIOL 450 Neurobiology
- BIOL 451 Comparative Physiology
- BIOL 453 Molecular Control of Metabolism and Metabolic Disease
- BIOL 455 Behavioral Neuroscience
- BIOL 458 Sensory Neurobiology and Behavior
- BIOL 523 Sex Differences in Human Disease
- BIOL 544L Laboratory in Diseases of the Cytoskeleton
- BIOL 545 Exploring Brain, Gut, and Immunity
- BIOL 547 Synaptic Plasticity: Analysis of Primary Literature
- BIOL 552 Behavioral Endocrinology
- BIOL 553 Mathematical and Computational Models in Biology
- BIOL 554 Introduction to Computational Neuroscience
- BIOL 542 Light Microscopy for the Biological Sciences

**Biomedical Engineering:**
- BMME 207 Biomedical Electronics
- BMME 301 Human Physiology: Electrical Analysis
- BMME 545 Systems Neuroscience
- BMME 550 Medical Imaging I: Ultrasonic, Optical, and Magnetic Resonance Systems

**Chemistry:**
- CHEM 430 Introduction to Biological Chemistry

**Computer Science:**
- COMP 110 Introduction to Programming and Data Science
- COMP 111 Introduction to Scientific Programming
- COMP 210 Data Structures and Analysis
- COMP 211 Systems Fundamentals
- COMP 301 Foundations of Programming
- COMP 311 Computer Organization
- COMP 283 Discrete Structures
- COMP 555 Bioalgorithms
- COMP 560 Artificial Intelligence
- COMP 562 Introduction to Machine Learning
- COMP 576 Mathematics for Image Computing
- COMP 581 Introduction to Robotics
- COMP 631 Networked and Distributed Systems
- COMP 633 Parallel and Distributed Computing
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**Exercise and Sport Science:**

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**Total Hours:** 15

<sup>H</sup> Honors version available. An honors course fulfills the same requirements as the nonhonors version of that course. Enrollment and GPA restrictions may apply.

<sup>F</sup> FY-Launch class sections may be available. A FY-Launch section fulfills the same requirements as a standard section of that course, but also fulfills the FY-SEMINAR/FY-LAUNCH First-Year Foundations requirement. Students can search for FY-Launch sections in ConnectCarolina using the FY-LAUNCH attribute.

1 Except NSCI 395, NSCI 493, NSCI 693H, and NSCI 694H

2 Many courses in this list require a prerequisite(s). Please review prerequisite information carefully when planning your course selection.

### Department Programs

#### Majors

- Psychology Major, B.A. ([https://catalog.unc.edu/undergraduate/programs-study/psychology-major-ba/](https://catalog.unc.edu/undergraduate/programs-study/psychology-major-ba/))
- Psychology Major, B.S. ([https://catalog.unc.edu/undergraduate/programs-study/psychology-major-bs/](https://catalog.unc.edu/undergraduate/programs-study/psychology-major-bs/))

#### Minors

- Neuroscience Minor ([p. 1](#))

### Graduate Programs

- M.A. in Psychology ([https://catalog.unc.edu/graduate/schools-departments/psychology-neuroscience/](https://catalog.unc.edu/graduate/schools-departments/psychology-neuroscience/))
- Ph.D. in Psychology ([https://catalog.unc.edu/graduate/schools-departments/psychology-neuroscience/](https://catalog.unc.edu/graduate/schools-departments/psychology-neuroscience/))

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