

NEUROBIOLOGY, BA

REQUIREMENTS

UNIVERSITY GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

All undergraduate students at the University of Wisconsin–Madison are required to fulfill a minimum set of common university general education requirements to ensure that every graduate acquires the essential core of an undergraduate education. This core establishes a foundation for living a productive life, being a citizen of the world, appreciating aesthetic values, and engaging in lifelong learning in a continually changing world. Various schools and colleges will have requirements in addition to the requirements listed below. Consult your advisor for assistance, as needed. For additional information, see the university Undergraduate General Education Requirements (<https://guide.wisc.edu/undergraduate/#requirementsforundergraduatestudytext>) section of the Guide.

General Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Breadth–Humanities/Literature/Arts: 6 credits • Breadth–Natural Science: 4 to 6 credits, consisting of one 4- or 5-credit course with a laboratory component; or two courses providing a total of 6 credits • Breadth–Social Studies: 3 credits • Communication Part A & Part B * • Ethnic Studies * • Quantitative Reasoning Part A & Part B *
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* The mortarboard symbol appears before the title of any course that fulfills one of the Communication Part A or Part B, Ethnic Studies, or Quantitative Reasoning Part A or Part B requirements.

COLLEGE OF LETTERS & SCIENCE DEGREE REQUIREMENTS: BACHELOR OF ARTS (BA)

Students pursuing a bachelor of arts degree in the College of Letters & Science must complete all of the requirements below. The College of Letters & Science allows this major to be paired with either a bachelor of arts or a bachelor of science curriculum.

BACHELOR OF ARTS DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

Mathematics Complete the University General Education Requirements for Quantitative Reasoning A (QR-A) and Quantitative Reasoning B (QR-B) coursework.

Language	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete the fourth unit of a language other than English; OR • Complete the third unit of a language and the second unit of an additional language other than English.
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L&S Breadth	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 12 credits of Humanities, which must include 6 credits of literature; and • 12 credits of Social Science; and • 12 credits of Natural Science, which must include one 3+ credit Biological Science course and one 3+ credit Physical Science course.
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Liberal Arts and Science Coursework	Complete at least 108 credits.
Depth of Intermediate/Advanced work	Complete at least 60 credits at the intermediate or advanced level.
Major	Declare and complete at least one major.
Total Credits	Complete at least 120 credits.
UW–Madison Experience	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 30 credits in residence, overall; and • 30 credits in residence after the 86th credit.
Quality of Work	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2,000 in all coursework at UW–Madison • 2,000 in Intermediate/Advanced level coursework at UW–Madison

NON–L&S STUDENTS PURSUING AN L&S MAJOR

Non–L&S students who have permission from their school/college to pursue an additional major within L&S only need to fulfill the major requirements. They do not need to complete the L&S Degree Requirements above.

REQUIREMENTS FOR THE MAJOR MATH, STATISTICS, CHEMISTRY & PHYSICS

Code	Title	Credits
Mathematics –complete one of the following:		5
MATH 211	Survey of Calculus 1	
MATH 217	Calculus with Algebra and Trigonometry II	
MATH 221	Calculus and Analytic Geometry 1	
Statistics –complete one of the following:		3
STAT 371	Introductory Applied Statistics for the Life Sciences	
STAT 340	Data Science Modeling II	
STAT/B M I 541	Introduction to Biostatistics	
General Chemistry –complete one option:		5–9
CHEM 103 & CHEM 104	General Chemistry I and General Chemistry II	
CHEM 109	Advanced General Chemistry	
CHEM 115 & CHEM 116	Chemical Principles I and Chemical Principles II	
Organic Chemistry –complete one of the following:		3–6
CHEM 341	Elementary Organic Chemistry	
CHEM 343 & CHEM 345	Organic Chemistry I and Organic Chemistry II	
Physics – Choose a first and second semester physics option		8–10

First Semester General Physics Course - complete one course

PHYSICS 103	General Physics
PHYSICS 201	General Physics
PHYSICS 207	General Physics
PHYSICS 247	A Modern Introduction to Physics

Second Semester General Physics Course - complete one course

PHYSICS 104	General Physics
PHYSICS 202	General Physics
PHYSICS 208	General Physics
PHYSICS 248	A Modern Introduction to Physics

Total Credits **24-33**

BIOLOGY AND NEUROBIOLOGY

Complete 30 credits from General Biology, Neurobiology, Lab/Research Experience and Additional Elective (if required) sections.

General Biology

Code **Title** **Credits**
Choose one option:

Option A, Introductory Biology 10

ZOOLOGY/ BIOLOGY/ BOTANY 151	Introductory Biology	
ZOOLOGY/ BIOLOGY/ BOTANY 152	Introductory Biology	

Option B, Biology Core Curriculum 16-18

BIOCORE 381	Evolution, Ecology, and Genetics	
BIOCORE 383	Cellular Biology	
BIOCORE 485	Principles of Physiology	
BIOCORE 587	Biological Interactions	

Plus two from:

BIOCORE 382	Evolution, Ecology, and Genetics Laboratory	
BIOCORE 384	Cellular Biology Laboratory	
BIOCORE 486	Principles of Physiology Laboratory	

Option C, Animal Biology 10

ZOOLOGY/ BIOLOGY 101	Animal Biology	
ZOOLOGY/ BIOLOGY 102	Animal Biology Laboratory	
BOTANY/ BIOLOGY 130	General Botany	

Neurobiology

Code **Title** **Credits**
Required Neurobiology Courses -complete all three

ZOOLOGY/ PSYCH 523	Neurobiology	3
PSYCH 454	Behavioral Neuroscience	3
ZOOLOGY 500	Undergraduate Neurobiology Seminar	1

Distributed Neuroscience Coursework—choose 3 courses. Only one footnoted course may apply to this requirement.

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ANAT&PHY 335	Physiology ¹
ANAT&PHY 435	Fundamentals of Human Physiology ¹
AN SCI/ DY SCI 373	Animal Physiology ¹
BIOCHEM 501	Introduction to Biochemistry ¹
BIOCHEM 508	General Biochemistry II ¹
BIOCHEM/ NUTR SCI 645	Molecular Control of Metabolism and Metabolic Disease ¹
B M E 520	Stem Cell Bioengineering ¹
B M E 603	Special Topics in Bioinstrumentation and Medical Devices (Introduction to Neuroengineering)
CS&D 210	Neural Basis of Communication
CS&D 503	Neural Mechanisms of Speech, Hearing and Language
ED PSYCH 326	Mind, Brain and Education
ED PSYCH 506	Contemporary Issues in Educational Psychology (Brain & Behavioral Development)
ED PSYCH 506	Contemporary Issues in Educational Psychology (Ed Neuroscience and Creativity)
GENETICS 520	Neurogenetics
KINES 531	Neural Control of Movement
MED PHYS 651	Methods for Neuroimaging Research
NEURODPT 629	Molecular and Cellular Mechanisms of Memory
NTP/ NEURODPT 610	Cellular and Molecular Neuroscience
NTP/NEURODPT/ PSYCH 611	Systems Neuroscience
NTP/ NEURODPT 640	Computational Neuroscience: From Single Cells to Whole Brain Models
NTP 666	Neuroscience of Consciousness and its Disorders
NTP 675	Special Topics (Functional Brain Imaging of Cognitive Disorders)
NTP 675	Special Topics (Molecular Mechanisms of Brain Damage)
NTP 675	Special Topics (Trauma and Physiology Therapy)
NTP 675	Special Topics (Neuroendocrinology)
NTP 675	Special Topics (Brain Mapping in Health and Disease: Applications)
NTP 677	Basic Sleep Mechanisms and Sleep Disorders: from Neurobiology to Sleep Medicine
PHARMACY 632	Neuroscience of Psychedelics
PHM SCI 310	Drugs and Their Actions
PHM SCI 521	Pharmacology I

PSYCH 406	Psychology of Perception	CBE 699	Advanced Independent Studies
PSYCH 414	Cognitive Psychology	CHEM 699	Directed Study
PSYCH 505	Depth Topic in Biological Science (Cognitive Neuroscience: Bridging Mind and Brain)	COMP BIO 699	Directed Study
PSYCH 513	Hormones, Brain, and Behavior	CRB 699	Independent Study
PSYCH 601	Current Topics in Psychology (Neural Basis of Cognitive Control)	CS&D 699	Directed Study
PSYCH 601	Current Topics in Psychology (Neuropsychology and Development)	ED PSYCH 470	Research Experience in Educational Psychology
PSYCH 603	Epigenetics and the Brain	ED PSYCH 699	Independent Reading Undergrad
PSYCH 612	Neuropharmacology	FAM MED 699	Directed Study
ZOOLOGY 400	Topics in Biology (Brain Communication & Evolution)	GENETICS 699	Special Problems
ZOOLOGY 400	Topics in Biology (Music and the Brain)	H ONCOL 699	Independent Study in Human Cancer Biology
ZOOLOGY 400	Topics in Biology (Neuroscience and Society)	KINES 399	Independent Study
ZOOLOGY 400	Topics in Biology (Neural Movement Health & Disease)	KINES 699	Independent Study
ZOOLOGY 400	Topics in Biology (Neuroanatomy and Systems)	MED PHYS 699	Independent Reading or Research
ZOOLOGY 444	Neuronal Cell Biology in Health and Disease	MEDICINE 699	Independent Study
ZOOLOGY 470	Introduction to Animal Development 1	MED SC-V 669	Small Animal Cardiology Rotation
ZOOLOGY 555	Laboratory in Developmental Biology	M M & I 699	Directed Study
ZOOLOGY 603	Endocrinology	MOL BIOL 699	Directed Studies in Molecular Biology
ZOOLOGY 604	Computer-based Gene and Disease/Disorder Research Lab	NEURSURG 699	Neurosurgery: Directed in Study in Research
ZOOLOGY 611	Comparative and Evolutionary Physiology	NEUROL 699	Directed Research in Neurology
ZOOLOGY/ ANTHRO/ PSYCH 619	Biology of Mind	NEURODPT 699	Directed Study
ZOOLOGY 620	Neuroethology Seminar	NUTR SCI 699	Special Problems
ZOOLOGY 655	Modeling Neurodevelopmental Disease	OBS&GYN 699	Directed Study
ZOOLOGY/ NEURODPT/ PSYCH 674	Behavioral Neuroendocrinology Seminar	ONCOLOGY 699	Special Research Problems
		OPHTHALM 699	Directed Study
		PATH 699	Independent Study
		PATH-BIO 699	Directed Study
		PEDIAT 699	Independent Study
		PHMCOL-M 699	Independent Study
		PHM SCI 699	Advanced Independent Study
		PHYSIOL 699	Independent Work
		POP HLTH 699	Independent Reading
		PSYCH 621	Mentored Research and Seminar
		PSYCH 699	Directed Study
		PSYCHIAT 699	Independent Study
		SURGERY 699	Independent Study
		SURG SCI 699	Directed Study
		ZOOLOGY 699	Directed Studies in Zoology

Lab/Research Experience

Students are only required to take 1 of the 3 options below; Directed Study (recommended), Neuroscience Laboratory Course or Honors/Senior Thesis.

Code	Title	Credits
1. Directed Study—3 credits from: ²		
ANATOMY 699	Independent Study	
ANESTHES 699	Independent Study	
BIOCHEM 699	Special Problems	
BIOLOGY 699	Directed Studies	
B M E 399	Independent Study	
BMOLCHEM 699	Special Research Problems	

2. Neuroscience Laboratory Course—one course:

ANAT&PHY 435	Fundamentals of Human Physiology
BIOCORE 486	Principles of Physiology Laboratory
NTP/ NEURODPT 640	Computational Neuroscience: From Single Cells to Whole Brain Models
ZOOLOGY 555	Laboratory in Developmental Biology
ZOOLOGY 604	Computer-based Gene and Disease/Disorder Research Lab
ZOOLOGY 612	Comparative Physiology Laboratory

3. Honors/Senior Thesis (two semesters):

ZOOLOGY 681 & ZOOLOGY 682	Senior Honors Thesis and Senior Honors Thesis
ZOOLOGY 691 & ZOOLOGY 692	Senior Thesis and Senior Thesis
B M E 389 & B M E 489	Honors in Research and Honors in Research

Additional Electives (if needed)

Students may take additional credits from the list of Distributed Neuroscience Coursework, Independent/Directed study, or the following list, to attain 30 credits in the major:

Code	Title	Credits
ANAT&PHY 335	Physiology	
ANAT&PHY 337	Human Anatomy	
ANAT&PHY 338	Human Anatomy Laboratory	
AN SCI/ DY SCI 362	Veterinary Genetics	
AN SCI/ DY SCI 434	Reproductive Physiology	
AN SCI/ F&W ECOL/ ZOOLOGY 520	Ornithology	
AN SCI 610	Quantitative Genetics	
BIOCHEM 507	General Biochemistry I	
BIOCHEM/ NUTR SCI 510	Nutritional Biochemistry and Metabolism	
BIOCHEM 601	Protein and Enzyme Structure and Function	
BIOCHEM/ GENETICS/ MICROBIO 612	Prokaryotic Molecular Biology	
BIOCHEM/ GENETICS/ MD GENET 620	Eukaryotic Molecular Biology	
BIOCHEM 625	Mechanisms of Action of Vitamins and Minerals	
F&W ECOL 401		
GENETICS 466	Principles of Genetics	
GENETICS 545	Genetics Laboratory	
GENETICS/ MD GENET 565	Human Genetics	
GENETICS/ BIOCHEM/ MD GENET 620	Eukaryotic Molecular Biology	
KINES 200	Introductory Neuroscience	
KINES 227	Introduction to Clinical Anatomy of Human Movement	
KINES 314	Physiology of Exercise	
M M & I 301	Pathogenic Bacteriology	
M M & I 341	Immunology	
M M & I/ENTOM/ PATH-BIO/ ZOOLOGY 350	Parasitology	
M M & I/ BIOCHEM 575	Biology of Viruses	
MICROBIO 303	Biology of Microorganisms	

MICROBIO 304	Biology of Microorganisms Laboratory
MICROBIO 450	Diversity, Ecology and Evolution of Microorganisms
MICROBIO 470	Microbial Genetics & Molecular Machines
MICROBIO/ SOIL SCI 523	Soil Microbiology and Biochemistry
MICROBIO 526	Physiology of Microorganisms
MICROBIO 527	Advanced Laboratory Techniques in Microbiology
MICROBIO 551	Capstone Research Project in Microbiology
PATH-BIO/ M M & I 528	Immunology
PL PATH/M M & I/ ONCOLOGY 640	General Virology-Multiplication of Viruses
MICROBIO/ BMOLCHEM 668	Microbiology at Atomic Resolution
NTP/NEURODPT/ PSYCH 611	Systems Neuroscience
NTP 660	Neuroscience & Public Policy Seminar
NUTR SCI 431	Nutrition in the Life Span
NUTR SCI 631	Clinical Nutrition I
ONCOLOGY 401	Introduction to Experimental Oncology
ONCOLOGY/ M M & I/ PL PATH 640	General Virology-Multiplication of Viruses
PHM SCI 558	Laboratory Techniques in Pharmacology and Toxicology
PSYCH 449	Animal Behavior
PSYCH 450	Primate Psychology: Insights into Human Behavior
PSYCH 505	Depth Topic in Biological Science (Comparative Psychology: What Animals Think)
ZOOLOGY/ ANTHRO/ BOTANY 410	Evolutionary Biology
ZOOLOGY 425	Behavioral Ecology
ZOOLOGY 430	Comparative Anatomy of Vertebrates
ZOOLOGY 470	Introduction to Animal Development
ZOOLOGY/ GEOSCI 542	Invertebrate Paleontology
ZOOLOGY 570	Cell Biology

RESIDENCE AND QUALITY OF WORK

- 2.000 GPA in all major courses
- 2.000 GPA on 15 upper-level major credits, taken in residence³
- 15 credits in in the major, taken on the UW–Madison campus

HONORS IN THE MAJOR

Students may declare Honors in the Neurobiology Major in consultation with their Neurobiology undergraduate advisor.

HONORS IN THE MAJOR REQUIREMENTS

To earn Honors in the Major in Neurobiology, students must satisfy both the requirements for the major (above) and the following additional requirements:

- Earn a 3.300 University GPA
- Earn a 3.300 GPA for all major courses
- Complete 14 credits, taken for Honors, with individual grades of B or better, while in residence, to include:
 - Two courses from PSYCH 454, ZOOLOGY/PSYCH 523, and ZOOLOGY 500
 - One course from the Distributed Neuroscience course lists (above), taken for honors credit
 - A two-semester Senior Honors Thesis, for a total of 6 credits, from:

Code	Title	Credits
BIOCHEM 681 & BIOCHEM 682	Senior Honors Thesis and Senior Honors Thesis	
BIOLOGY 681 & BIOLOGY 682	Senior Honors Thesis and Senior Honors Thesis	
B M E 389 & B M E 489	Honors in Research and Honors in Research	
CHEM 681 & CHEM 682	Senior Honors Thesis and Senior Honors Thesis	
CS&D 681 & CS&D 682	Senior Honors Thesis and Senior Honors Thesis	
GENETICS 681 & GENETICS 682	Senior Honors Thesis and Senior Honors Thesis	
H ONCOL 681 & H ONCOL 682	Senior Honors Thesis in Human Oncology 1 and Senior Honors Thesis in Human Oncology 2	
NUTR SCI 681 & NUTR SCI 682	Senior Honors Thesis and Senior Honors Thesis	
PSYCH 681 & PSYCH 682	Senior Honors Thesis and Senior Honors Thesis	
ZOOLOGY 681 & ZOOLOGY 682	Senior Honors Thesis and Senior Honors Thesis	

FOOTNOTES

- ¹ Students may apply only one course toward the DNS elective requirement
- ² Only Directed Study courses taken **after**—and not concurrent with—the completion of an Introductory Biology sequence are accepted in the major.
- ³ Courses accepted in the major that are Intermediate or Advanced are considered upper-level in this major.

UNIVERSITY DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

Total Degree To receive a bachelor's degree from UW–Madison, students must earn a minimum of 120 degree credits. The requirements for some programs may exceed 120 degree credits. Students should consult with their college or department advisor for information on specific credit requirements.

Residency Degree candidates are required to earn a minimum of 30 credits in residence at UW–Madison. "In residence" means on the UW–Madison campus with an undergraduate degree classification. "In residence" credit also includes UW–Madison courses offered in distance or online formats and credits earned in UW–Madison Study Abroad/Study Away programs.

Quality of Work Undergraduate students must maintain the minimum grade point average specified by the school, college, or academic program to remain in good academic standing. Students whose academic performance drops below these minimum thresholds will be placed on academic probation.