

BIOLOGY: NEUROBIOLOGY, BA

Neurobiology is one of the most exciting fields within biology today. The basis of neurological disease, molecular mechanisms of brain function, and behavior are major foci of research in medicine, biotechnology, and academia. The Neurobiology Concentration provides fundamental training in brain physiology, coupled with a background in molecular genetics that is essential for understanding the molecular mechanisms of brain function at the gene and protein levels.

The minimum total course units (<https://www.college.upenn.edu/credits-needed-major/>) for graduation in this major is 36. Double majors may entail more course units.

With permission from the Undergraduate Chair, two course units away or LPS courses may count toward the Biology major. This limit does not apply to Study Abroad.

For more information: <http://www.bio.upenn.edu/undergraduate/concentrations/neurobiology> (<http://www.bio.upenn.edu/undergraduate/concentrations/neurobiology/>)

For information about the General Education requirements, please visit the College of Arts & Sciences Curriculum (<https://www.college.upenn.edu/curriculum/>) page.

Code	Title	Course Units
College General Education Requirements and Free Electives		
Foundational Approaches + Sectors ¹ + Free Electives		19
Major Requirements		
<i>Introductory Biology</i>		
Select one of the following tracks: ²		2-3
Track 1:		
BIOL 1121	Introduction to Biology - The Molecular Biology of Life	
BIOL 1123	Introductory Molecular Biology Laboratory	
BIOL 1124	Introductory Organismal Biology Lab	
Track 2:		
BIOL 1101	Introduction to Biology A	
BIOL 1102	Introduction to Biology B	
<i>Physics Requirement</i>		
PHYS 0102	General Physics: Electromagnetism, Optics, and Modern Physics	1.5
or PHYS 0151	Principles of Physics II: Electromagnetism and Radiation	
<i>Chemistry Requirement</i>		
Select 3 course units of Chemistry courses		3
<i>Math Requirement</i>		
Select 2 course units of Math courses		2
<i>Required Biology Courses</i>		
BIOL 2210	Molecular Biology and Genetics	1
BIOL 2110	Molecular and Cellular Neurobiology	1
Select one of the following:		1
BIOL 4310	Molecular Physiology	
BIOL 4142	Neurobiology of Learning and Memory	
BIOL 4110	Neural Systems and Behavior	

Required Biology Courses

Select 2 course units of Cell/Molec/Develop Neurobiology courses 2

Select 1 course unit of Systems & Integrative Neurobiology courses 1

Research Requirement

BIOL 3999 Independent Study 1

BIOL 4999 Advanced Independent Study 1

Thesis

SURB ³

Total Course Units 36

¹ You may count no more than one course toward both a Major and a Sector requirement. For Exceptions, check the Policy Statement (<http://www.college.upenn.edu/sectors-policy/>).

² Track 1 students must take one additional College credit.

³ Students are required to present their research at the annual Symposium on Undergraduate Research in Biology (SURB) poster session, held at the end of the Spring Term.

Honors

Applicants must have a minimum GPA of 3.25 in the major and the thesis must be approved by the departmental honors committee.

The degree and major requirements displayed are intended as a guide for students entering in the Fall of 2023 and later. Students should consult with their academic program regarding final certifications and requirements for graduation.