



**School of Molecular & Cellular Biology**

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# CONGRATULATIONS!

You've been admitted to study Neuroscience at UIUC!

*Welcome to the Illini family!*



# Neuroscience

Interdisciplinary field exploring biological, chemical, and physical processes behind brain functions

- How does our brain control movement?
- How do we learn new information and acquire new skills?
- How do our senses work? How do we hear, smell, taste?
- How do we recall memories?
- Why do we feel sad or depressed?

<https://go.mcb.illinois.edu/neuromajor>





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# Introductory Courses

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Molecular & Cellular Basis of Life

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Molecular Genetics

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Cells, Tissues & Development

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Introduction to Neurobiology

Society & the Brain

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Introduction to Psychology

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Behavioral or Cognitive  
Neuroscience



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## Supporting Courses

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Calculus I

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Biostatistics or Calculus II

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General Chemistry I and II  
with labs

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Organic Chemistry I with lab

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College Physics

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Mechanics & Heat

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College Physics

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Electrical & Magnetic





## Typical First Year

Fall Semester		Spring Semester	
Society & the Brain, MCB 170	<b>3 Hours</b>	Molecular & Cellular Basis of Life, MCB 150	<b>4 Hours</b>
Begin Chemistry (Introductory or General)	<b>3-5 Hours</b>	General Chemistry with lab	<b>5 Hours</b>
Math or Composition	<b>3-5 Hours</b>	Math or Composition	<b>4-5 Hours</b>
1 <sup>st</sup> Year Enrichment	<b>1 Hour</b>	Introduction to Psychology, PSYC 100	<b>4 Hours</b>
Options: Language, Gen Ed, Elective	<b>0-5 Hours</b>		
<b>Total hours: 14 - 16</b>		<b>Total hours: 17 - 18</b>	





## Typical Second Year

Fall Semester		Spring Semester	
Molecular Genetics with lab, MCB 250 and MCB 251	<b>5 Hours</b>	Cells, Tissues and Development with lab, MCB 252 and MCB 253	<b>5 Hours</b>
Organic Chemistry lecture	<b>4 Hours</b>	Organic Chemistry lab	<b>2 Hours</b>
Biostatistics or Calculus II STAT 212 or MATH 231	<b>3 Hours</b>	Behavioral or Cognitive Psychology, PSYC 210 or PSYC 224	<b>3 Hours</b>
Options: Language, Gen Ed, Elective	<b>2-5 Hours</b>	Options: Language, Gen Ed, Elective	<b>3-5 Hours</b>
<b>Total hours: 14 - 17</b>		<b>Total hours: 13 - 15</b>	





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## Advanced Courses

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Neuroanatomy Lab

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Cell & Membrane Physiology

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Systems & Integrative Physiology

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Neurobiology of Mental Illness

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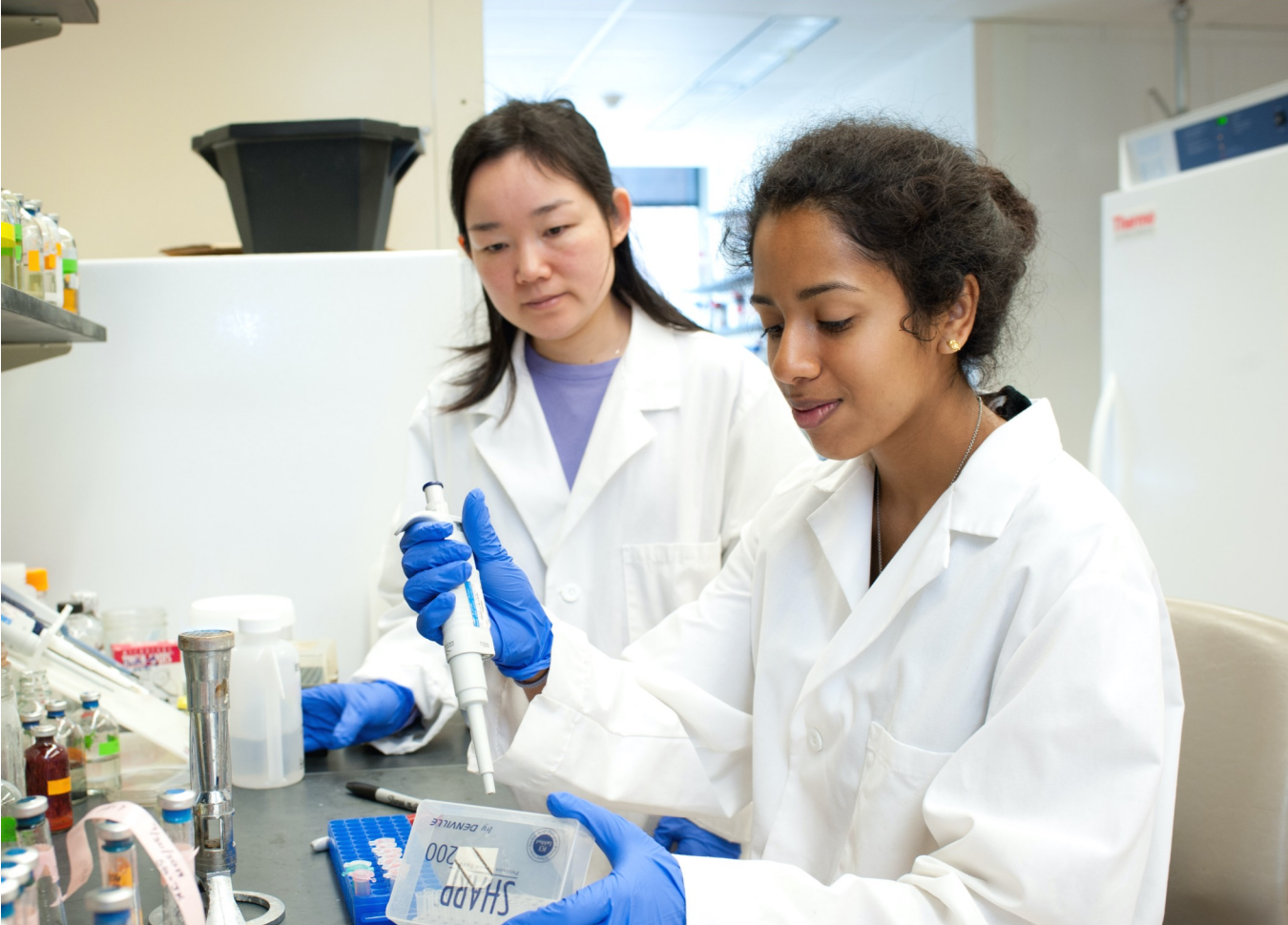
Neurobiology of the Senses

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Developmental Neurobiology

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Neuro & Molecular Pharmacology





## Typical Third Year

Fall Semester		Spring Semester	
Introduction to Neurobiology, MCB 314	<b>3 Hours</b>	<b>Neuroanatomy Laboratory, MCB 460</b>	<b>2 Hours</b>
Biochemical & Physical Basis of Life, MCB 354	<b>3 Hours</b>	Advanced Neuroscience Elective	<b>3 Hours</b>
College Physics: Mechanics & Heat PHYS 101	<b>5 Hours</b>	College Physics: Electrical, Magnetic, and Modern, PHYS 102	<b>5 Hours</b>
Options: Language, Gen Ed, Elective	<b>3-5 Hours</b>	Options: Language, Gen Ed, Elective	<b>3-5 Hours</b>
<b>Total hours: 14 - 16</b>		<b>Total hours: 13 - 15</b>	

## Typical Fourth Year

Fall Semester		Spring Semester	
Cell and Molecular Neuroscience, MCB 461	<b>3 Hours</b>	Integrative Neuroscience, MCB 462	<b>3 Hours</b>
Advanced Neuroscience Elective	<b>3 Hours</b>	Advanced Neuroscience Elective	<b>3 Hours</b>
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Options: Gen Eds, Electives	<b>6 Hours</b>	Options: Gen Eds, Elective s	<b>6 Hours</b>
<b>Total hours: 15</b>		<b>Total hours: 15</b>	

# What Do Neuroscientists Do?

- Study development of the brain
- Research causes of brain disorders
- Develop biomedical treatments
  - Epilepsy
  - Alzheimer's Disease
  - Traumatic Brain Injury
  - Brain Cancer







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## Careers

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Doctor

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Scientist (Biotechnology, Pharmaceutical, Universities, Government Agencies)

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Therapist (Physical, Speech, Language)

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Pharmaceutical or Diagnostic Technician

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Policy Maker for Health Organizations

# Opportunities Outside the Classroom

Research	Conduct research in a neuroscience lab led by world-class scientists.
Study abroad	Study abroad while earning credit in advanced courses in your major.
Volunteer	Volunteer at hospitals and health clinics.
Mentor Program	Receive mentoring by an Illinois alumnus in a profession of your interest.
Connect	Develop lifelong bonds with fellow students who share your passions.
Intern	Participate in internships. Attend career planning workshops.

## SUPPORTIVE COMMUNITY

### 9 PROFESSIONAL ADVISORS

- First resource on campus
- Guide into appropriate courses
- Assist with career planning
- Recommend co-curricular activities
- Refer to appropriate campus resources



*"I felt like I was at home with my family whenever I stepped into the Advising Office, and I know that helped me to succeed in my classes and my research." Kevin Stehlik, MCB class of 2020*



## SUPPORTIVE COMMUNITY

- Dedicated Faculty & Grad Students
- Alumni Mentoring Programs
- Community Spaces, Learning Centers
- Peer Mentoring Programs
- Biology & Pre-health Specific Student Organizations



# ADVICE ON AP CREDIT

COURSE	USE CREDIT!	MAYBE USE!	DO NOT USE!
Biology Credit			✓
Chemistry Credit			✓
Physics Credit		✓	
Calculus Credit		✓	
Additional Credit	✓		

*Disclaimer: ultimately what credit you use and don't use is up to you,  
this is just what we strongly advise*

## BIOLOGY & CHEMISTRY AP

- Strongly suggest against using for:  
(MCB 150, CHEM 102, CHEM 104)
- Need strong foundation to advance in the curriculum successfully
- Many professional programs do not accept AP credit for prerequisite courses
- AP credit doesn't factor into your GPA

## AP SCORES

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|-------------------------------|--------------|
| ○ Calculus AB: 4 or 5         | MATH 220     |
| ○ Calculus BC: 4 or 5         | MATH 220&231 |
| ○ English Lang & Comp: 4 or 5 | RHET 105     |
| ○ English Lit & Comp: 4 or 5  | RHET 105     |
| ○ Physics 1: 5                | PHYS 101     |
| ○ Physics 2: 5                | PHYS 102     |
| ○ Psychology: 5               | PSYC 100     |
| ○ Statistics: 4 or 5          | STATS 100    |



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## NEXT STEPS

Welcome to  
University of Illinois,  
Urbana-Champaign!





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# ACCEPT YOUR OFFER OF ADMISSION

*Accept any time up until May 1st*  
*Pay non-refundable enrollment fee\**



Manage your checklist through *MYILLINI*  
Includes financial aid, housing, registration, etc.

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\*unless approved for fee waiver

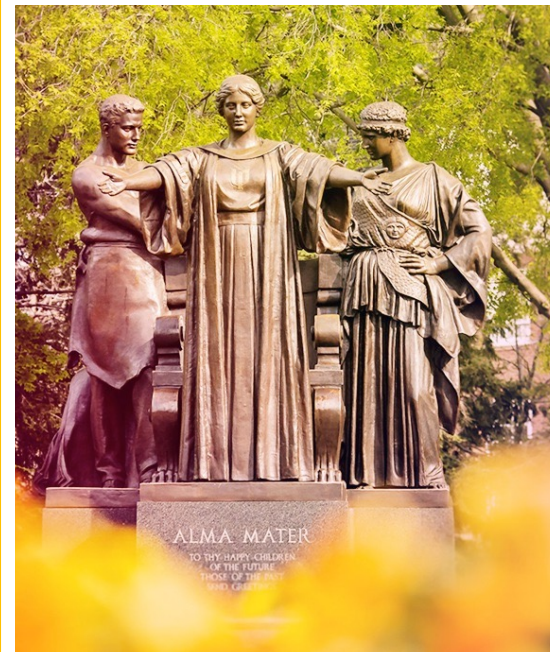
# NEW STUDENT REGISTRATION

## What happens at Summer Registration:

- Meet with a Neuroscience Advisor
- Learn important details about your major
- Tell us about you & your goals
- Register for fall classes (*Peer Mentors will assist*)

## IMPORTANT!

- **BLOCK OFF A FULL DAY!**
- **Plan for no distractions during registration**
- Sign-up will be available in mid-March
- **Know your password!** *You'll NEED your NetID and NetID password to log in to the course registration system*





# REQUIRED PLACEMENT EXAMS!

## Online Exams - Open May 1

- Math, ALEKS PPL takes about 1.5 hours
- Chemistry, takes about 30 min
- Biology takes about 35 min – more conceptual
- Foreign Language (LOTE/NPL), if needed
- Not necessary to take MCB or PHYS exams

*Take at least 1 week prior to your registration appointment!  
Cannot register if you do not take the exams*



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