

NEUROSCIENCES (NEUS)

NEUS 609. Cellular and Molecular Neuroscience. 4 Hours.

Semester course; 4 lecture hours. 4 credits. Recommended preparation: BIOC 503-504 or equivalent. Designed as an interdisciplinary introduction to the cellular and molecular aspects of central nervous system function. The basic principles of neuroscience including neuronal structure, electrical properties of single neurons, cell biology of neurotransmitter release and postsynaptic function will be discussed, followed by intracellular signaling in neurons, gene regulation, transgenic model systems, glia, neuronal development, basic neurochemistry, and molecular and cellular aspects of motor, sensory and integrative function. The course will conclude with lectures on various aspects of neural injury and disease, including traumatic brain injury, Parkinson's and Alzheimer's diseases.

NEUS 619. Synaptic Organization of the Brain. 3 Hours.

Semester course; 4 lecture and laboratory hours. 3 credits. Prerequisite: ANAT 610 or equivalent and permission of instructor. Designed to provide an in-depth integrative examination of the neural circuitry underlying the functions of selected regions of the brain and spinal cord. During each class meeting, faculty present lectures followed by an oral presentation by a student. Lecturers will highlight principles that are common to all regions of the central nervous system as well as adaptations that are unique to each. Student also complete weekly take-home essay assignments.

NEUS 640. Neurobiology of CNS Diseases. 3 Hours.

Semester course; 3 lecture hours. 3 credits. Prerequisite: Background in cellular and systems neuroscience similar to NEUS 609 and ANAT 610 or consent of course director. The course explores the cellular and molecular basis of major diseases and conditions affecting the central nervous system as well as current and developing treatment strategies and translational approaches. Topics include stroke and cerebrovascular disease, neurotrauma and regeneration, epilepsy, neurodevelopmental disorders, neurodegenerative disease and dementia, demyelinating diseases, neuropsychiatric disorders and autism, neurooncology, and neuroAIDS.

NEUS 690. Neuroscience Research Seminar. 1 Hour.

Semester course; 1 lecture hour. 1 credit. Consists of faculty and visiting lecturers presenting current research in neuroscience. Students attend one seminar per week and submit a one-page summary description of the seminar. Graded as S/U/F.

NEUS 697. Directed Research. 1-15 Hours.

Semester course; variable hours. 1-15 credits. Research leading to the Ph.D. degree and elective research for other students. Graded as S/U/F.