Department of Neuroscience

The structure of the human body is presented in two courses: Human Body: Anatomy, Embryology, Imaging (Neurosci 501B), offered during the first semester, and Histology and Cell Biology (Neurosci 502A), which extends over the first and second semesters. A third course, Neural Science (Neurosci 554), is taught at the end of the second semester.

The Human Body: Anatomy, Embryology, Imaging is largely a laboratory course, and lectures deal with anatomical principles and human growth and development. Histology and Cell Biology focuses on cell and tissue biology, with laboratory sessions paralleling the lectures in these areas. Neural Science is an integrated course that deals with the structure, function and development of the nervous system from molecular, cellular and systems perspectives. Throughout all three courses, attention is paid to the results of recent investigations and to major developments in each field. In addition, the departmental faculty have a lead role in many graduate courses that may be taken as electives by students during any of the four years.

The department is well equipped for specialized work in several areas, including gross anatomy, tissue culture and all aspects of neurobiology.

Website: http://neurosci.wustl.edu

Degrees & Requirements

Although the Department of Neuroscience does not offer its own degree, some of the department's courses are open to students in the MD and MSTP (MD/PhD) programs. Further information about the MD and MSTP degrees can be found in the Degrees & Programs (http://bulletin.wustl.edu/medicine/degrees) section of this Bulletin.

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Biological bases of human cognition; comparative neurobiology of primates.

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Principles and mechanisms governing the assembly and function of neural circuits; deregulation of mechanisms in neurological diseases.

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Learning-related hippocampal network activation.

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Neural mechanisms of action of mammalian pheromones.

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Neuronal mechanisms of voluntary behavior.

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Evolution of neural diversity within and across non-mammalian vertebrate clades, especially dinosaurs.

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Molecular genetic analysis of synaptic development and function.

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Molecular mechanisms underlying neurodegenerative processes; signaling mechanisms associated with intracellular receptors.

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Neuronal bases of economic choice and decision making.

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Role played by the 80 to 90 percent of non-neuronal cells (glial cells) in brain function.

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Comparative anatomy of the skull in primates as it relates to human evolution.

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Roles of ion channels in neuronal long-term excitability changes.
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Molecular genetics of sleep and circadian rhythms.

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Courses

Visit online course listings to view offerings for M05 Neurosci (https://courses.wustl.edu/CourseInfo.aspx?sch=M&dept=M05).

**M05 Neurosci 501B Human Body: Anatomy, Embryology, Imaging**
The course is primarily lab-based, focusing on dissection of the human body. Lectures on functional and topographic anatomy emphasize the principles of organization of the various systems of the body. Lectures on developmental anatomy stress organogenesis as an adjunct to understanding the normal and abnormal anatomy. Small group discussions emphasize radiological anatomy and clinical correlations. Frequent use of CT, MRI, and X-ray images aid in the synthesis of knowledge gained through dissection. Cross-listed with L41 (Biol) 501. Credit 140 units.

**M05 Neurosci 502A Histology and Cell Biology**
The structures of cells, tissues, and major organ systems are studied in relationship to their functions. Lectures integrate histology with cell biology and physiology. The laboratories consist of the study of prepared slides and electron micrographs using an iBook or eBook (ePub) guide. An extensive online digital annotated atlas (SlideAtlas (https://slide-atlas.org)) and a video library are used to supplement the slides and electron micrographs. Presentations of case studies provide examples of clinical relevance. A dual-view microscope and slide set will be issued for each pair of students. Limited space is available for non-medical students, who must have permission from the course director to enroll. The topics in this course are timed to integrate with the physiology course and span the fall and winter semesters. Credit 66 units.

**M05 Neurosci 554 Neural Science**
This is an intensive seven-week course that covers the structure, function, and development of the nervous system as seen from molecular, cellular, and systems-oriented perspectives. The emphasis is on the organization and function of the nervous system in health, but there is frequent reference to the clinical relevance of the material presented. The course includes regular lectures, conference sessions, and laboratories, plus a number of clinically oriented presentations and special topics sessions that address selected issues in greater depth. Computer-aided instructional programs, which are accessible from a variety of locations, provide auxiliary modes of self-paced learning and review. The midterm and final emphasize the core body of important facts and principles presented in the lectures and laboratories. Limited space is available for non-medical students with the instructor's permission. Non-medical students should register under the cross-listed number L41 554. Spring only. Credit 109 units.

**M05 Neurosci 810 Advanced Dissection**
Different regions of the body will be dissected in detail. A period of four weeks should be allowed for each region: head and neck, thorax and abdomen, and superior and inferior limbs. Surgical approaches, cross-sections, X-rays, and CT scans can be studied.