Department of Neuroscience

The structure of the human body is presented in two courses: Human Body: Anatomy, Embryology, Imaging (AnatNeuro 501B), offered in the first semester, and Microscopic Anatomy, which extends over the first and second semesters. A third course, Neural Science (Neurol 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 (AnatNeuro 502A) 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 in 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

While 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 Offered (http://bulletin.wustl.edu/medicine/degrees) section of this Bulletin.

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Cortical functional reorganization in response to sensory changes due to unilateral deafness or strabismus.

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Development and morphology of the amyloid plaques in experimental animals, neuropathological changes after head trauma.

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Learning-related hippocampal network activation.

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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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The 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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Computational and cognitive issues in cortical control of eye and arm movement: electrophysiology and imaging.

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Neurobiology of circadian rhythms and neurobiology of peptidergic neurotransmission.

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Organization, function, and development of primate cerebral cortex, especially in humans; generation and utilization of neuroinformatics tools for data mining.

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

M05 AnatNeuro 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 AnatNeuro 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 (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 AnatNeuro 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.

M05 AnatNeuro 900 Research Elective - Anatomy and Neuroscience
Research opportunities may be available. If interested, please contact the Neuroscience Program.