



What is the study of Behavioral Neuroscience?

Behavioral Neuroscience explores the role of the nervous system in normal and abnormal behavior, thought and emotion. For example, Behavioral Neuroscientists study the biological basis of normal learning and memory as well as psychiatric illnesses such as depression, schizophrenia and drug abuse.

Why should I consider a Behavioral Neuroscience Major?

This interdisciplinary program provides students with the specialized preparation and technological sophistication critical for success in a variety of graduate-training programs, including Neurosciences, Psychology, Pharmacology, Mental Health, and Neurobiology; and health care, including Medicine and Dentistry. For those students who do not anticipate pursuing post-graduate education, the proposed degree program provides an excellent platform for entry-level positions in such areas as biomedical research and the pharmaceutical industry.

Declaring a Behavioral Neuroscience Major:

Complete the following:

- 75 undergraduate college credits
- Completion of the following with an average GPA of 2.9 or higher:
Chem 121,122,123; Biol 204,205,206; Psy 101, 220

Sample Career Fields:

- Neuroscientist
- Biomedical Researcher
- Psychiatrist
- Dentist
- Pharmacist
- Pharmaceutical Sales
- Physician Asst.
- Medical Doctor
- Veterinarian

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