

Specialization in Neurobiology

Boston University College of Arts & Sciences  
Department of Biology

REQUIREMENTS

✓ 128 credits including 12 biology courses; 6-7 related chemistry, math/computer science, and physics courses; second language proficiency; and 26 Hub units.

✓ C or higher is required for credit in all biology, math/computer science, and physics courses; C- or higher is necessary for credit in all required chemistry courses.

✓ Excluding Introductory Biology courses: a) at least three biology courses must have a laboratory component; b) at least three biology courses must be at the 300+ level; and c) at least five biology courses must be taken in the BU Biology Department.

INTRODUCTORY BIOLOGY

BI 107BI 108 or BI 116

FOUNDATION COURSES

BI 203 or BI 213 or (BI 218 ♦)  
BI 315 ♦  
BI 325

♦ Course will count toward the three-lab requirement.

BREADTH REQUIREMENT

Choose one course from the following area of biology. Courses fulfilling the breadth requirement may not also fulfill an elective requirement.

Ecology, Behavior & Evolution (EBE)

BI 225BI 303 ♦BI 309  
BI 260BI 306 ♦BI 407 ♦

NEUROBIOLOGY ELECTIVES

Three electives must be BI (or BI cross-listed). See **Biology Courses by Semester, Additional NB Electives & Optional Programs** on SIDE II.

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CHEMISTRY COURSES

See **Chemistry Requirements** on SIDE II.

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(If on standard track)

MATH & COMPUTER SCIENCE COURSES

See **Math & Computer Science Requirements** on SIDE II.

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PHYSICS COURSES

See **Physics Requirements** on SIDE II.

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GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

For more details visit the **CAS Degree Overview** page.

CAS 2<sup>nd</sup> Language Requirement:

Proficiency through the fourth semester: I II III IV

BU Hub Units:

PLMSI1QR1IICFYWCRT  
AEXSO1QR2GCIWRI  
HCO SI2/SO2ETRWIN  
OSC  
DME

FIRST YEAR

FALL  
1234  
SUM1

SPRING  
1234  
SUM2

SOPHOMORE YEAR

FALL  
1234  
SUM1

SPRING  
1234  
SUM2

JUNIOR YEAR

FALL  
1234  
SUM1

SPRING  
1234  
SUM2

SENIOR YEAR

FALL  
1234  
SUM1

SPRING  
1234  
SUM2

Biology courses above with a lab component (excluding BI 107/108/116):

123

Biology courses above that are 300+ level:

123

Advisor Name:

Advisor Signature:

Notes/Comments:

## BIOLOGY COURSES BY SEMESTER

**Note:** Semester offerings may change. See the [Course Directory](#) and [StudentLink](#) for updated info. Courses cross-listed with those below are accepted.

### Fall Semester Courses

#### Introductory Courses

BI 107 Biology 1

#### Foundation Courses

BI 203 Cell Biology  
BI 206 Genetics  
BI 213 Intensive Cell Biology  
BI 218 Cell Biology with ISE Lab ♦  
BI 315 Systems Physiology ♦  
BI 325 Princ. of Neurosci.

#### Breadth Courses

BI 225 Behavioral Biology  
BI 306 Bio. of Global Change ♦  
BI 407 Animal Behavior ♦

#### Neurobiology Electives

BI 230 Behavioral Endocrinology  
BI 310 Human Structure & Function ♦  
BI 407 Animal Behavior ♦  
BB 421 Biochemistry 1 ♦  
BI 445 Cell. & Mol. Neurophysiology ♦  
BI 455 Developmental Neurobiology  
BI 481 Molecular Bio. of the Neuron  
BI 520 Sensory Neurobiology (IRR)  
BI 535 Trans. Research in Alzheimer's  
BI 545 Neurobio. of Motivated Behav.  
BI 551 Stem Cells  
BI 552 Molecular Biology 1  
BI 561 Proteostasis Bio. Neuro. Disease ♦  
BI 589 Neural Impacts on Tumorigenesis  
BI 598 Neural Circuits

### Spring Semester Courses

#### Introductory Courses

BI 108 Biology 2  
BI 116 Biology 2 with ISE Lab

#### Foundation Courses

BI 203 Cell Biology  
BI 315 Systems Physiology ♦  
BI 325 Principles of Neuroscience

#### Breadth Courses

BI 225 Behavioral Biology  
BI 260 Marine Biology  
BI 303 Ecology ♦  
BI 306 Bio. of Global Change ♦  
BI 309 Evolution

#### Neurobiology Electives

BI 349 Neurotoxins  
BB 422 Biochemistry 2 ♦  
BI 449 Neuroscience Design Lab ♦  
BI 481 Molecular Bio. of the Neuron  
BI 525 Bio. Neurodegen. Diseases  
BI 542 Neuroethology  
BI 599 Physiology of the Synapse (IRR)

- ♦ Course will count toward the three-lab requirement.
- ❖ Course typically offered every other year.
- (IRR) Course offered irregularly.

### ADDITIONAL NEUROBIOLOGY ELECTIVES

CH 373 Principles of Biochemistry  
PS/NE 333 Drugs and Behavior  
PS 336 Introduction to Cognitive Psychology  
PS/NE 337 Memory Systems of the Brain  
PS/NE 338 Neuropsychology  
PS 339/NE 202 Intro. to Cognitive Neuroscience  
NE 456 Neurobiology of Sex and Aggression

PS/NE 528 Human Brain Mapping  
PS/NE 530 Neural Models of Memory Function  
PS/NE 532 Neurobio. of Motivation, Decision Making and Learning  
PS/NE 544 Developmental Neuropsychology  
SAR HS 370 Neuroanatomy and Neurophysiology ♦  
SAR HS 550 Neural Systems

♦ Course will **NOT** count toward the three-lab requirement.

## CHEMISTRY REQUIREMENTS

Choose a track.

#### Standard Track (Recommended)

General Chemistry: Choose one sequence.

Sequence I	Sequence II	Sequence III
CH 101	CH 109	CH 111
CH 102/ CH 116	CH 110	CH 112

Note: Pre-health students may need additional courses including CH 204 (or 212 or 214) and biochemistry BI/CH 421 or CH 373.

#### Alternative Track (Not acceptable for most pre-health careers)

General Chemistry: Choose one sequence.

Sequence I	Sequence II
CH 171	General Chemistry Sequence from Standard Track (2 courses)

Organic Chemistry:

Choose one course.

CH 203/CH 218  
CH 211

CH 172\*  
CH 174

\*Includes biochemistry content.

## MATH & COMPUTER SCIENCE REQUIREMENTS

Choose two courses from the lists below. At least one course must be calculus or statistics.

Calculus	Statistics	Computer Science
MA 121 or 123	MA 115 or 213	CS 105
MA 122 or 124	MA 116 or 214	CS 108
MA 127 or 129	CDS DS 100	CS 111
MA 196		CDS DS 110

## PHYSICS REQUIREMENTS

Choose one sequence.

PY 105 and PY 106  
PY 211 and PY 106  
PY 211 and PY 212  
PY 241 and PY 242

## OPTIONAL PROGRAMS (Application Required)

### Undergraduate Research

BI 140/141 Undergraduate Research in Biology 1 (2 cr)  
BI 240/241 Undergraduate Research in Biology 2 (2 cr)  
BI 340/341 Undergraduate Research in Biology 3 (2 cr)  
BI 350-352 Undergraduate Research in Biology 3 (4 cr ♦)  
BI 450-453 Undergraduate Research in Biology 4 (4 cr ♦)

BI 401/402 Honors Research in Biology (4 cr ♦)

BI 497/498 Honors Research in Biology Seminar (2 cr)

- Up to two of the above 4-credit research courses can count as electives; one of those can apply towards the three-lab requirement.
- For more info. visit [www.bu.edu/biology/undergrad/research/](http://www.bu.edu/biology/undergrad/research/)

### Science Abroad - Madrid, Spain and Grenoble, France

- Offered in the fall semester; courses taught in English.
- Targeted to sophomores in science majors/pre-med students.
- For more information, visit: [www.bu.edu/abroad](http://www.bu.edu/abroad)

## ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

[www.bu.edu/biology](http://www.bu.edu/biology)

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Contact your assigned advisor for more information.

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