

Interfaculty Graduate Neuroscience Program (IGNP)

The Interfaculty Graduate Program leading to the MS degree in neuroscience draws on the resources of the Faculty of Medicine, the Faculty of Engineering and Architecture, and the Faculty of Arts and Sciences, and is administered by graduate committees of the faculties concerned.

Neuroscience is the study of the nervous system. It includes an interrelated set of scientific disciplines including basic (neuroanatomy, neurophysiology, neurochemistry, neuropharmacology, neurobehavior) and clinical (neurology, neurosurgery, anesthesiology, neuropathology, ophthalmology, psychiatry) subjects. Although the participating faculty comes primarily from the Department of Anatomy, Cell Biology and Physiology (former Physiology and Human Morphology Departments) contributions are made from faculty in the Neurology and Neurosurgery Divisions and the Psychiatry Department in the Faculty of Medicine, the Biology Department in the Faculty of Arts and Sciences, and the Electrical Engineering Department in the Faculty of Engineering and Architecture.

The Interfaculty Graduate Neuroscience Program (IGNP) is a member of the Association of Neuroscience Departments and Programs (ANDP) in Bethesda, Maryland (USA), whose aim is to advance education and research in neuroscience.

Admission Requirements

Student applicants must be recommended for admission by both the department concerned and the appropriate graduate committee. The program is flexible in accepting students from a variety of backgrounds, including MD graduates and holders of the BS degree from various university programs.

Graduation Requirements for the MS in Neuroscience

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- Students holding a BS or BA degree are required to take a minimum of 21 graduate credit hours and present a thesis (9 credits) based on independent research in one of the basic neuroscience subjects.
- Holders of the MD degree, or medical students who have completed the first two years towards the MD, are required to take a minimum of 10 non-medical graduate credit hours in addition to a thesis of 9 credits.
- Only one course (IDTH 308 - Basic Neuroscience (6 credits)) is required, in addition to a wide choice of electives from various departments and faculties.

