BEHAVIORAL NEUROSCIENCE-BA OR BS

THIS IS A GENERAL CURRICULUM GUIDE AND IS NOT APPLICABLE TO EVERY STUDENT. IT IS IMPORTANT TO MEET WITH YOUR ADVISOR.

| | Yea | r One | | |
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| ¹ BIO 120 General Biology I (w/lab) | 4 | ² CHM 109 Introductory Chemistry** | 4 | |
| Prerequisites: High school chemistry, CHM 109, or CHM 115 | | 5WRT 130 or WRT 150 Strategies in Writing | 3-4 | |
| strongly recommended (CHM 109 or 115 may be taken | | PSY 101 Introductory Psychology | 3 | |
| concurrently) | | General Education | 3 | |
| MTH 110 Algebra or placement | 4 | ³ Elective (if needed) | 1-2 | |
| Gen Ed or 5WRT 120 (self-placement) | 3 | | | |
| General Education | 3 | | | |
| ³ Elective (if needed) | 1 | | | |
| Numbers noted within (parentheses) are contact hours Total | 15 | Total | 15 | |
| Year Two | | | | |
| BMS 250 Anatomy and Physiology I | 4 | ⁴ PSY 300 Research Methods in Psychology (SWS) | 3 | |
| Prerequisite: BIO 120 or (both CMB 155 and CMB 156) | | General Education | 3 | |
| STA 215 Introductory Applied Statistics | 3 | General Education | 3 | |
| Prerequisite: MTH 110 or equivalent | | Minor/Elective | 3 | |
| PSY 330 Foundations of Behavioral Neuroscience | 3 | General Education | 3 | |
| Minor/Elective | 3 | | | |
| ³ Elective | 1 | | | |
| ³ Elective | 1 | | | |
| Total | 15 | Total | 15 | |
| | Year | Three | • | |
| ⁶ Major Elective | 3-4 | BIO 355 or 375 Genetics + BIO 376 Genetics Laboratory | 4 | |
| BIO 352 Animal Behavior | 3 | BIO 375 Prerequisites: BIO 120 or CMB 155 and 156 | | |
| Prerequisite: Two courses in biology or psychology or | | BIO 376 Prerequisites: BIO 375 or 355 (either may be taken | | |
| permission of instructor | | concurrently) | | |
| Issues | 3 | ⁶ Major Elective | 3-4 | |
| Minor/Elective | 3 | General Education or Minor/Elective | 3 | |
| ³ Elective (if needed) | 2-3 | Minor/Elective | 3 | |
| | | ³ Elective (if needed) | 1-2 | |
| Total | 15 | Total | 15 | |
| | Yea | r Four | | |
| PSY 350 Psychology Research and Data Applications | 3 | PSY 492 Advanced General: Capstone | 3 | |
| PSY 370/375/431/432-Advanced Psychology Elective | 3 | PSY 435 Advanced Neuroscience and Behavior | 3 | |
| Minor/Elective | 3 | General Education | 3 | |
| Issues | 3 | ⁴ Minor/Elective-Second SWS (if needed) | 3 | |
| Minor/Elective | 3 | Minor/Elective | 3 | |
| Total | 15 | Total | 15 | |

^{*}The block tuition rate is for 12-15 credits. You will pay additional tuition for any credits over 15.

Degree Requirements

Psychology students can pursue a Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Science degree. Students who wish to obtain a BA must fulfill 3rd semester proficiency in a foreign language (201 level). The BS requirements are incorporated into the major requirements and include STA 215, PSY 300, and PSY 400.

Declaring the Behavioral Neuroscience Major:

- 1. In myBanner, select "Student" > "Student Records" > "Change Major" > "Change Major 1/Program"
- 2. Choose "Behavioral Neuroscience-BS" from the drop-down box.
- 3. Click "Submit" and then "Change to New Program"

^{**}If you are pursuing a pre-professional area, please see our Behavioral Neuroscience Preprofessional guide and consult with an advisor.

¹CMB 155+156 can sub for BIO 120 for those students interested in research (with advisor approval).

² This guide may not reflect all requirements for professional or graduate programs. You may need to take a different chemistry sequence based off of career interests. CHM 115+116 may be needed for professional or graduate programs (see Behavioral Neuroscience Preprofessional guide and consult and advisor).

³ Students must have a minimum of 120 credits to graduate with 58 of the 120 credits being from a senior level institution and the final 30 of the 120 credits completed at GVSU. Elective refers to any course that will help meet these requirements.

⁴ Students must complete two courses with an SWS attribute.

⁵ Students who self-place into WRT 120 should take this course in the fall semester and then take WRT 130 in the winter semester of their first year. Students who self-place into WRT 150 can take it in either semester during their first year. Students will not need to take WRT 150 if they have earned credit for the course through AP/Dual Enrollment. A grade of C or better is required in WRT 130 or 150 in order to satisfy the WRT requirement at GVSU.

⁶Major Electives- you must select two major elective options from below. They must come from two different disciplines.

| Behavioral Neuroscience Electives (6 credits) | | | | |
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| See list below for elective options; Each course must be taken from different departments. | | | | |
| Additional pre-reqs may be required; Pre-Med students should refer to the Preprofessional Behavioral Neuroscience guide and consult | | | | |
| with an advisor. | | | | |
| — Elective (3) | — Elective(3) | | | |
| BIO 121 General Biology (4) | PHY 220 General Physics I (5) ² | | | |
| BIO 302 Comparative Vertebrate Anatomy (4) | PSY 301 Child Development (3) | | | |
| BIO 329 Evolution of Social Behavior (3) | PSY 303 Psychopathology (3) | | | |
| BIO 432 Comparative Animal Physiology (4) | PSY 357 Psychology of Language (3) | | | |
| BMS 251 Anatomy and Physiology II (4) | PSY 361 Perception (3) | | | |
| CHM 230 Introduction to Organic and Biochemistry (4) | PSY 364 Life Span Development (3) | | | |
| CHM 231 Introductory Organic Chemistry (4) | PSY 365 Cognition (3) | | | |
| PHY 200 Physics for the Life Sciences (4) ² | PSY 420 Theories of Personality (3) | | | |

General Education Overlap

| General Education Categories fulfilled by the Biomedical Sciences Major: | | |
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| Life Sciences with Lab: BIO 120 | Physical Sciences with Lab: CHM 109 | |
| Mathematical Sciences: STA 215 | Social and Behavioral Sciences: PSY 101 | |
| Supplemental Writing Skills (SWS)-PSY 300 | Issues: BIO 329 (major elective) | |

It is imperative to meet with your faculty advisor and an advisor in the CLAS Academic Advising Center regularly.

The CLAS Academic Advising Center is located in C-1-120 MAK, 616-331-8585

Pre-Professional Students

(Pre-Chiropractic, Pre-Dental, Pre-Medical, Pre-Optometry, Pre-Pharmacy, Pre-Podiatry, & Pre-Veterinary)

Keep in mind that you may major in anything so long as you complete the prerequisites for your professional program and you should reference the Behavioral Neuroscience-Preprofessional guide.

To schedule an appointment with a Behavioral Neuroscience and/or Pre-Professional Advisor in the CLAS Academic Advising Center, visit www.gvsu.edu/clasadvising and click on "Schedule Appointment"

To find more information on Pre-Professional programs, visit www.gvsu.edu/clasadvising/preprofessional