Checklist for designing a major in Neuroscience

This checklist will guide you in preparing a successful request for approval of your major plan. It is intended to help you plan, but should not replace seeking advice from your advisor on the Undergraduate Neuroscience Steering Committee.

☐ I have checked the departmental web site for details: https://pbs.dartmouth.edu/undergraduate/neuroscience/major-neuroscience

☐ I have visited the PBS department office and been assigned a Neuroscience Major Advisor.

Prerequisite Courses

☐ I have taken PSYC 6 (or BIOL 34) and earned a grade of C or better

If you did not earn a grade of C or better, and are certain you want to major in Neuroscience, you may receive a provisional approval for your major plan now. However, you must earn a C or better in your next two Neuroscience related courses to have your major finally approved.

☐ I have already taken PSYC 10 or BIO 29 as a prerequisite, or I am taking it currently, or I have scheduled it for the first offering after filing my major cards.

Accepted, though not recommended, equivalent courses for PSYC 10 are Economics 10, Government 10, Mathematics 10, and Sociology 10.

PSYC 10 may be taken concurrently with PSYC 6.

☐ I have completed four other prerequisites among the following 10 courses MATH 3, 4, CHEM 5, 6, PHYS 3, 4, COSC 1, 10, 31, or ENGS 20.

Required Courses

☐ I have scheduled or completed PSYC 46 (or the sequence BIO 12 & 13).

☐ I have scheduled or completed PSYC 45.

☐ I have scheduled or completed PSYC 21, 28 or 27.

☐ I have scheduled or completed PSYC 65.

Elective Courses

☐ I have scheduled or completed four additional Neuroscience-qualifying elective courses numbered above 20.

☐ At least two courses of the four electives must numbered 40 or higher, but not numbered PSYC 88, 89, 90, or 91.

Culminating Experience

☐ I have at least one additional course that satisfies the culminating experience for Neuroscience (BIO 74, approved PSYC 80s level seminar, PSYC 90, 91).

No transfer courses may be used for this requirement.

Permission must be obtained for these courses through the PBS Permission Course Request Form found at: http://www.dartmouth.edu/~psych/undergrad/request-form.html

☐ I understand that no course approved for this major can be used for another major or minor.

☐ I understand that once my major plan is approved, if I change any course on it, I must submit new major cards and request approval of my new plan.

We highly recommend that you submit your final course selection card during your senior year, to be sure all courses are approved for graduation.