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For information about when and how to use this form: http://depts.washington.edu/uwcr/1503instructions.pdf Date 12/17/14 Department/Unit Neurobiology College/Campus Seattle **New Programs** Leading to a Bachelor of ____ in ___ degree. Leading to a Bachelor of _____degree with a major in _____. Leading to a _____ Option within the existing major in _____. Leading to a minor in _____ **Changes to Existing Programs** New Admission Requirements for the Major in _____ within the Bachelor of _____. Revised Admission Requirements for the Major in NBio within the Bachelor of Science Revised Program Requirements for the Major in ____ within the Bachelor of ____. Revised Requirements for the Option in _____within the major in _____. Revised Requirements for the Minor in ____ Other Changes Change name of program from _____ to _ Change delivery method or location of program. New or Revised Continuation Policy for 65 in M50 New Honors Requirements for ______. ☐ Eliminate program in __ Proposed Effective Date: Quarter: Autumn Winter Spring Summer Year: 20 15 Email: tfreng@uw.edu Box: 355320 Phone: 6-3982 Contact Person: Thomas Freng EXPLANATION OF AND RATIONALE FOR PROPOSED CHANGE For new program, please include any relevant supporting documentation such as student learning outcomes, projected enrollments, letters of support and departmental handouts. (Use additional pages if necessary). Our rationale is to allow guaranteed entry into the competitive Undergraduate Neurobiology Major for 6 to 8 incoming freshman students per year for those that pursue entry into UW specifically to study Neurobiology. Add Cum 2.0 GlA incourses Applied to magor a a continuation Policy. OTHER DEPARTMENTS AFFECTED List all departments/units/ or co-accredited programs affected by your new program or changes to your existing program and acquire the signature of the chair/director of each department/unit listed. Attach additional page(s) if necessary. *See online instructions. Date: Chair/Program Director: Department/Unit: Date: Chair/Program Director Department/Unit:

Current

Program Admission Requirements

- 1. BIOL 180, BIOL 200, BIOL 220, with minimum 2.0 grade in each
- 2. Completion of most supporting coursework in physics, math, and chemistry recommended (see specific course lists, below), with minimum 2.50 GPA in any such work completed at time of application

Admission is competitive; meeting minimum standards guarantees consideration but not acceptance. Early application is encouraged and may increase chances for acceptance. Since the program uses rolling admission, there is no specific deadline for applying. See adviser for details about applying.

Major Requirements

Minimum 86 credits, as follows:

- 1. Supporting coursework (minimum 48 credits):
 - a. Chemistry: Pathway 1 -- CHEM 120, CHEM 220, CHEM 221; Pathway 2 (recommended) -- CHEM 142, CHEM 152, CHEM 162 (or CHEM 145, CHEM 155, CHEM 165); and CHEM 223, CHEM 224 (or CHEM 237, CHEM 238, CHEM 239) (or CHEM 335, CHEM 336, CHEM 337) (labs not required) (15 27 credits)
 - b. Physics: Pathway 1 PHYS 114, PHYS 115; Pathway 2 (recommended) PHYS 121, PHYS 122. (8 to 10 credits)
 - c. Mathematics: Two quarters of calculus (MATH 124, MATH 125, or MATH 144, MATH 145, or Q SCI 291, Q SCI 292) (10 credits)
 - d. Introductory Biology (minimum 15 credits): BIOL 180, BIOL 200, BIOL 220 (15 credits)
- 2. Introduction to Neurobiology (10 credits): NBIO 301, NBIO 302.
- 3. Advanced courses in neurobiology (12 credits): NBIO 401, NBIO 402, NBIO 403, NBIO 404.
- 4. *Electives*: Minimum 16 credits from a wide variety of 400-level courses in the biological sciences. See adviser for list of courses. Courses not listed may be allowed with permission of program director. Students may apply up to 7 credits of undergraduate research toward the 16 elective credits.

Proposed

Program Admission Requirements

Applicants are considered in the following groups: Direct Freshman Admission and Regular Admission. Admission is competitive; meeting minimum standards guarantees consideration but not acceptance. The application deadline of the second Friday in October each year except for Direct Freshman Admission.

Direct Freshman Admission

The department enrolls up to 15 percent of its incoming class directly from high school. Students accepted to the UW who indicate neurobiology as their preferred major on their freshman application are considered. Strong applicants have completed chemistry, biology, and calculus in high school and generally have received a minimum 1400 on the SAT (math and verbal sections) or a minimum 30 on the ACT. Admission is for autumn quarter only.

Regular Admission

- 1. BIOL 180, BIOL 200, BIOL 220, with minimum 2.0 grade in each
- 2. Completion of most supporting coursework in physics, math, and chemistry recommended (see specific course lists, below), with minimum 2.50 GPA in any such work completed at time of application

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- 5. Minimum cumulative 2.00 GPA for courses applied to the major.

Neurobiology Continuation Policy

The Neurobiology program wants every student we admit to succeed in our program. But we are also responsible for upholding academic standards. The continuation policy specifies the rules students must follow to make satisfactory progress in the major. In addition, we encourage our students to be proactive about seeking advice from the undergraduate adviser or faculty members for problems affecting performance or participation here at the university.

All students are subject to general University policies regarding grades and credits. The University requires students to maintain a 2.00 cumulative GPA. No course required for the degree may be taken S/NS. The Neurobiology program specifies the following additional requirements for our program.

Satisfactory Progress:

- 1. Students must complete at least one course applicable toward their degree each quarter.
- 2. Neurobiology majors must earn a cumulative 2.00 GPA or better in courses counted toward degree requirements.

Review of Progress

Student records are reviewed quarterly. If a student fails to meet the standards outlined above, the student will be placed on probation for the following quarter and will be notified in writing of the probationary status and what must be done to remove it. Students who fail to meet the criteria for two consecutive quarters will be dropped from the program. In addition, a student who has accumulated three probationary quarters will be dropped from the program.

Students must file a graduation application with the undergraduate adviser in accordance with University regulations, to ensure all requirements for graduation have been or will be met.

Appeals

A student who is placed on probation or dismissed and who believes that his or her record has been misunderstood can appeal (in writing) to our ad-hoc appeals committee, consisting of faculty, staff and the lead graduate teaching assistant. The appeal must be given to the undergraduate adviser within 30 days of notification of probation or dismissal. The faculty committee will respond to the appeal within 30 days.

Academic Counseling

All neurobiology majors are encouraged to seek out an undergraduate adviser as often as they wish but are encouraged to see the adviser at least once a year. Required counseling appointments are as follows:

- 1. Upon entry to or departure from the department, to obtain a signature to change majors.
- 2. During any probationary quarter, no later than the end of the first week of the quarter.
- 3. The quarter of graduation, for database update and an exit interview.
- 4. Upon request by the undergraduate adviser or a faculty member. The program wants to help our students do well in the program. Therefore, we may request an appointment to discuss performance.

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1) Direct admission. The program enrolls up to 15% of its incoming class directly from high school. Students accepted to UW who indicate Neurobiology as their preferred major on their freshman application are considered. Strong applicants have completed Chemistry, Biology and Calculus in high school, Possess GPA's of at least 3.8. Those who participate in AP typically have scores of 5 in Biology, Chemistry and Calculus. Students admitted via direct admission must complete Biology 180,200 and 220 at UW with at least a 3.0 grade in each of the three courses to continue with the Neurobiology major. Students typically begin the the Neurobiology core sequence in their junior year.

2) Regular Admission. Applications are accepted annually due the second Friday of Autumn Quarter. Students must complete Biology 180,200,220 or have completed Biology 180,200 and be enrolled in Biology 220 Autumn Quarter with a minimum 2.0 grade in each course. A minimum overall GPA of 2.5 is required. Meeting minimum standards guarantees considering not acceptance. Please consult with program website or contact program advisor for further information.

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