

# BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN BEHAVIORAL NEUROSCIENCE

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Behavioral neuroscience is an interdisciplinary field that explores the connection between the brain, experience and behavior in an integrative way. All behavioral neuroscience majors complete foundational courses in psychology, neuroscience, biology and chemistry, as well as advanced courses in neuroscience, cognition, biology and scientific reasoning. Based on individual goals and interests, majors then complete one of three tracks: the *Self-Directed* track, *Psychological Science* track or *Pre-Health* track.

- The **Self-Directed track** provides students the freedom to select additional introductory- and upper-level courses based on interest. Some students explore biology, others biomedical sciences, others ethics, computer science or data science.
- The **Psychological Science track** requires additional upper-level psychology courses to broaden and deepen psychological understanding and better prepare students for fields that strongly connect psychology to biological basis of behavior, affect and experience (e.g., clinical practice, counseling, child development, special needs).
- The **Pre-Health track** explicitly connects the major to careers in medicine, dentistry, nursing and healthcare more broadly. By completing this science-intensive track, majors will complete most of the requirements for the Pre-Medical Studies designation and the prerequisites for health-related professional programs (e.g., medical or dental schools, physician assistant programs, nursing).

Students completing the behavioral neuroscience major are well prepared for employment or entry into master's and PhD programs in behavioral neuroscience and related fields. Students can consider Quinnipiac University's Master of Science in Molecular and Cell Biology program (<http://catalog.qu.edu/graduate-studies/arts-sciences/molecular-cell-biology-ms/>) or the Master of Health Sciences in Biomedical Sciences (<http://catalog.qu.edu/graduate-studies/health-sciences/medical-laboratory-sciences-mhs/>) and their respective dual-degree programs (<http://catalog.qu.edu/arts-sciences/biological-sciences/#programstext>).

Students seeking a BS in Behavioral Neuroscience must complete the University Curriculum and demonstrate foreign language competency at the 102 level or higher. Initial placement in English and mathematics is determined by examination and evaluation of high school units presented. After PS 101 (Introduction to Psychology), all majors complete a sequence of PS 206 (Statistics), PS 307 (Introduction to Research Methods), PS 353 (Research Methods in Behavioral Neuroscience), and PS 401 (Capstone). Students must earn a grade of C- or higher in PS 101 before progressing to any 200-level PS courses and C- or higher before progressing to the next sequence course: PS 206, PS 307, PS 353. For PS 252, a C- or higher is required before continuing to PS 357. The capstone course (PS 401) must be taken after successful completion of PS 353, and it must be completed as a seminar in the senior year during the regular academic year. All majors are encouraged to work closely with their academic adviser to plan their progress through the major.

## BS in Behavioral Neuroscience

Students majoring in Behavioral Neuroscience must complete:

Code	Title	Credits
<b>University Curriculum <sup>1</sup></b>		<b>46</b>
<b>Modern Language Requirement</b>		<b>3-6</b>
<b>Foundational Core <sup>2</sup></b>		
PS 101	Introduction to Psychology	3
PS 206	Introduction to Statistics in Psychology	3
PS 307	Introduction to Research Methods in Psychology with Lab	4
BIO 150 & 150L	General Biology for Majors and General Biology for Majors Laboratory	4
BIO 151 & 151L	Molecular and Cell Biology and Genetics and Molecular and Cell Biology and Genetics Lab	4
CHE 110 & 110L	General Chemistry I and General Chemistry I Lab	4
CHE 111 & 111L	General Chemistry II and General Chemistry II Lab	4
MA 140	Pre-Calculus	3
<b>Advanced Core <sup>2</sup></b>		
PS 233	Cognitive Psychology	3
PS 252	Physiological Psychology	3
PS 272	Abnormal Psychology	3
BIO 211 & 211L	Human Anatomy and Physiology I and Human Anatomy and Physiology Lab I	4
	or BMS 310 Neuroanatomy	
PS 353	Research Methods in Behavioral Neuroscience	3
PS 401	Integrative Capstone for Psychology and Behavioral Neuroscience Majors	3
<b>Specialization - Must Complete One Track <sup>2</sup></b>		
Self-Directed Track		12-13
Psychological Science Track		15-16
Pre-Health Track		36

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### Self-Directed Track

Code	Title	Credits
<b>Additional Psychology - Complete 9 Credits</b>		
PS 357	Drugs, Brain and Behavior	3
	or PS 354 Sensation and Perception	
Any 200- or 300-Level PS Course		3
Any 200- or 300-Level PS Course		3
<b>Additional Perspectives - Complete 3 Credits</b>		
DS 110	Introduction to Data Science	3

or CSC 110 Programming and Problem Solving  
or PHY 110 General Physics I

**Recommended Exploration - Complete 3 Credits**

PS 354	Sensation and Perception	3
or PS 357	Drugs, Brain and Behavior	
or PS 236	Child and Adolescent Development	
or BIO 329	Neurobiology	
or BMS 318	Pathophysiology	
or CHE 210	Organic Chemistry I	
or DS 110	Introduction to Data Science	
or DS 201	Introduction to Python	
or DS 215	Communicating with Data	
or DS 310	Algorithms for Data Science	
or CSC 110	Programming and Problem Solving	
or CSC 111	Data Structures and Abstraction	
or BIO 205	Bioethics	
or PL 102	Introduction to Ethics	
or PL 222	Bioethics	
or PL 237	Philosophy of Mind	
or MA 141	Calculus of a Single Variable	
or MA 170	Probability and Data Analysis	

**Elective Exploration - Complete 3 Credits**

PS 236	Child and Adolescent Development (or Any 200- or 300-Level PS Course)	3
or PS 354	Sensation and Perception	
or PS 357	Drugs, Brain and Behavior	
or PS 372	Child Psychopathology	
or BIO 329	Neurobiology	
or BIO 240	Cellular Communication	
or BIO 346	Cell Physiology	
or BIO 282	Genetics	
or BIO 202	Inside Out: An Introduction to Human Form and Function	
or BIO 225	Physiological Diversity	
or BIO 317	Developmental Biology	
or BIO 375	Physiological Models for Human Disease	
or BIO 382	Human Genetics	
or BIO 471	Molecular Genetics	
or BMS 200	Biomedical Basis and Experience of Human Aging	
or BMS 213	Microbiology and Pathology	
or BMS 276	Drug Development	
or BMS 318	Pathophysiology	
or BMS 325	Toxicology	
or BMS 330	Endocrinology	
or BMS 370	General Microbiology	
or CHE 210	Organic Chemistry I	
or CHE 211	Organic Chemistry II	
or DS 110	Introduction to Data Science	
or DS 201	Introduction to Python	
or DS 215	Communicating with Data	
or DS 300	Tools for Data Science	
or DS 310	Algorithms for Data Science	

or CSC 110 Programming and Problem Solving  
or CSC 111 Data Structures and Abstraction  
or CSC 205 Introduction to Discrete Mathematics (MA 205)  
or CSC 210 Computer Architecture and Organization  
or CSC 215 Algorithm Design and Analysis  
or BIO 205 Bioethics  
or PL 102 Introduction to Ethics  
or PL 222 Bioethics  
or PL 237 Philosophy of Mind  
or MA 141 Calculus of a Single Variable  
or MA 170 Probability and Data Analysis

**Psychological Science Track**

Code	Title	Credits
<b>Additional Psychology - Complete 9 Credits</b>		
PS 357	Drugs, Brain and Behavior	3
or PS 354	Sensation and Perception	
Any 200- or 300-Level PS Course		3
Any 200- or 300-Level PS Course		3
<b>Additional Perspectives - Complete 3 Credits</b>		
PHY 110 & 110L	General Physics I and General Physics I Lab	4
CSC 110	Programming and Problem Solving	3
DS 110	Introduction to Data Science	3

**Recommended Exploration - Complete 3 Credits**

PS 354	Sensation and Perception	3
or PS 357	Drugs, Brain and Behavior	
or PS 236	Child and Adolescent Development	
or BIO 329	Neurobiology	
or BMS 318	Pathophysiology	
or CHE 210	Organic Chemistry I	
or DS 110	Introduction to Data Science	
or DS 201	Introduction to Python	
or DS 215	Communicating with Data	
or DS 310	Algorithms for Data Science	
or CSC 110	Programming and Problem Solving	
or CSC 111	Data Structures and Abstraction	
or BIO 205	Bioethics	
or PL 102	Introduction to Ethics	
or PL 222	Bioethics	
or PL 237	Philosophy of Mind	

**Pre-Health Track**

Code	Title	Credits
MA 141	Calculus of a Single Variable <sup>3</sup>	3
or MA 151	Calculus I	
PS 357	Drugs, Brain and Behavior	3
BIO 329	Neurobiology	3
BIO 346 & 346L	Cell Physiology and Cell Physiology Lab	4

CHE 210 & 210L	Organic Chemistry I and Organic Chemistry I Lab	4
CHE 211 & 211L	Organic Chemistry II and Organic Chemistry II Lab	4
CHE 315 & 315L	Biochemistry I and Biochemistry I Lab	4
PHY 110 & 110L	General Physics I and General Physics I Lab or PHY 121 University Physics	4
PHY 111 & 111L	General Physics II and General Physics II Lab or PHY 122 University Physics II	4
CSC 110 or DS 110	Programming and Problem Solving Introduction to Data Science	3

## Footnotes

1

All students must complete the 46 credits of the University Curriculum (<http://catalog.qu.edu/academics/university-curriculum/>).

2

Some of these courses can fulfill the University Curriculum requirements.

3

Students who do not directly place into MA 141 should take MA 140.

## Student Learning Outcomes

- Breadth of Knowledge:** Use and evaluate various neuroscientific, biological and psychological perspectives to evaluate and predict complexities in behavior, cognition and affect. Understand how behavioral neuroscience integrates with psychology and biology.
- Scientific Reasoning:** Conduct, interpret and evaluate scientific studies in terms of the reliability, validity and generalizability of the research designs; develop open-mindedness, curiosity and amiable skepticism toward claims.
- Ethical Responsibility:** Apply ethical standards to research and practice situations; demonstrate interpersonal sensitivity in work and communities.
- Communication Skills:** Demonstrate flexibility and clarity of argument in both written and oral communication.
- Personal Development:** Apply psychological and neuroscientific thinking to issues encountered in work and personal life, such as using evidence to solve problems; engage in teamwork as well as self-reflection and self-management.

## Admission Requirements: College of Arts and Sciences

The requirements for admission into the undergraduate College of Arts and Sciences programs are the same as those for admission to Quinnipiac University.

Admission to the university is competitive, and applicants are expected to present a strong college prep program in high school. Prospective first-year students are strongly encouraged to file an application as early in the senior year as possible, and arrange to have first quarter grades sent from their high school counselor as soon as they are available.

For detailed admission requirements, including required documents, please visit the Admissions (<http://catalog.qu.edu/general-information/admissions/>) page of this catalog.

## Pre-Medical Studies Program

Students majoring in Health Science Studies, Biology, Biomedical Sciences or the pre-health track of Behavioral Neuroscience may fully participate in the pre-medical studies program. The curriculum in this degree program can fulfill the science prerequisites for most professional schools. Students should refer to Pre-Medical Studies (<http://catalog.qu.edu/academics/premedical-studies/>) for more information about the pre-medical studies program and contact the Health Professions Advisory Committee for further academic advising.

## Self-Directed Track or Psychological Science Track

Shown below is one of many possible paths through the curriculum. Each student's individual academic plan is crafted in consultation with their academic adviser.

Code	Title	Credits
<b>First Year</b>		
Milestones: Earn 30 credits and a GPA of 2.00 or higher, and meet with your adviser at least once a semester.		
<b>Fall Semester</b>		
BIO 150 & 150L	General Biology for Majors and General Biology for Majors Laboratory	4
CHE 110 & 110L	General Chemistry I and General Chemistry I Lab	4
EN 101	Introduction to Academic Reading and Writing	3
FYS 101	First-Year Seminar	3
<b>Spring Semester</b>		
BIO 151 & 151L	Molecular and Cell Biology and Genetics and Molecular and Cell Biology and Genetics Lab	4
CHE 111 & 111L	General Chemistry II and General Chemistry II Lab	4
EN 102	Academic Writing and Research	3
PS 101	Introduction to Psychology	3
<b>Second Year</b>		
Milestones: Earn 60 credits and a GPA of 2.00 or higher. Meet with your adviser at least once per semester to discuss academic, experiential learning, career and co-curricular opportunities.		
<b>Fall Semester</b>		
BIO 211 & 211L	Human Anatomy and Physiology I and Human Anatomy and Physiology Lab I	4
MA 140	Pre-Calculus	3
PS 252	Physiological Psychology	3
Language at the 101 level		
University Curriculum course		
<b>Spring Semester</b>		

PS 206	Introduction to Statistics in Psychology	3
PS 272	Abnormal Psychology	3
	Additional Perspective Course	3
	Language at the 102 level (satisfies CAS language requirement)	3
	University Curriculum course	3
<b>Third Year</b>		
Milestones: Earn 90 credits and a GPA of 2.00 or higher. Meet with your adviser at least once per semester. Participate in study abroad, complete internship or research opportunities.		
<b>Fall Semester</b>		
PS 307	Introduction to Research Methods in Psychology with Lab	4
PS 233	Cognitive Psychology	3
	University Curriculum course	3
	Recommended Exploration	3
	Open Elective	3
<b>Spring Semester</b>		
	Self-Directed Track: Adv Psychobiology or Psychological Science Track: Adv Psychology	3
	Self-Directed Track: Elective Exploration or Psychological Science Track: Any PS200- or PS300-level Course	3
	University Curriculum course	3
	University Curriculum course	3
	Open Elective	3
<b>Fourth Year</b>		
Milestones: Earn 120 credits and a GPA of 2.00 or higher. Complete possible minor or double major and prepare for graduation.		
<b>Fall Semester</b>		
PS 353	Research Methods in Behavioral Neuroscience	3
	Psychological Science Track: Any PS200- or PS300-level Course	3
	University Curriculum course	3
	Open Elective	1-3
	Open Elective	1-3
<b>Spring Semester</b>		
PS 401	Integrative Capstone for Psychology and Behavioral Neuroscience Majors	3
	University Curriculum course	3
	Open Electives	1-3
	Open Elective	1-3
	Open Elective	1-3
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>110-120</b>

### Pre-Health Track

Shown below is one of many possible paths through the curriculum. Each student's individual academic plan is crafted in consultation with their academic adviser.

Code	Title	Credits
<b>First Year</b>		
Milestones: Earn 30 credits and a GPA of 2.00 or higher, and meet with your adviser at least once a semester.		
<b>Fall Semester</b>		
BIO 150 & 150L	General Biology for Majors and General Biology for Majors Laboratory	4
CHE 110 & 110L	General Chemistry I and General Chemistry I Lab	4
EN 101	Introduction to Academic Reading and Writing	3
FYS 101	First-Year Seminar	3
PS 101	Introduction to Psychology	3
<b>Spring Semester</b>		
BIO 151 & 151L	Molecular and Cell Biology and Genetics and Molecular and Cell Biology and Genetics Lab	4
CHE 111 & 111L	General Chemistry II and General Chemistry II Lab	4
EN 102	Academic Writing and Research	3
MA 140	Pre-Calculus	3
	Language at the 101 level	3
<b>Second Year</b>		
Milestones: Earn 60 credits and a GPA of 2.00 or higher. Meet with your adviser at least once per semester to discuss academic, experiential learning, career, and co-curricular opportunities.		
<b>Fall Semester</b>		
BIO 211 & 211L	Human Anatomy and Physiology I and Human Anatomy and Physiology Lab I	4
CHE 210 & 210L	Organic Chemistry I and Organic Chemistry I Lab	4
MA 141	Calculus of a Single Variable	3
PS 252	Physiological Psychology	3
	Language at the 102 level (satisfies CAS language requirement)	3
<b>Spring Semester</b>		
BIO 212 & 212L	Human Anatomy and Physiology II and Human Anatomy and Physiology II Lab	4
CHE 211 & 211L	Organic Chemistry II and Organic Chemistry II Lab	4
PS 206	Introduction to Statistics in Psychology	3
PS 272	Abnormal Psychology	3
SO 101	Introduction to Sociology	3
<b>Third Year</b>		
Milestones: Earn 90 credits and a GPA of 2.00 or higher. Meet with your adviser at least once per semester. Participate in study abroad, complete internship or research opportunities.		
<b>Fall Semester</b>		

PS 307	Introduction to Research Methods in Psychology with Lab	4
PS 233	Cognitive Psychology	3
PHY 110 & 110L	General Physics I and General Physics I Lab	4
University Curriculum course		3
<b>Spring Semester</b>		
PHY 111 & 111L	General Physics II and General Physics II Lab	4
CHE 315 & 315L	Biochemistry I and Biochemistry I Lab	4
University Curriculum course		3
University Curriculum course		3
<b>Fourth Year</b>		
Milestones: Earn 120 credits and a GPA of 2.00 or higher. Complete possible minor or double major and prepare for graduation.		
<b>Fall Semester</b>		
PS 353	Research Methods in Behavioral Neuroscience	3
PS 354	Sensation and Perception	3
BIO 346 & 346L	Cell Physiology and Cell Physiology Lab	4
DS 110	Introduction to Data Science	3
University Curriculum course		3
<b>Spring Semester</b>		
PS 357	Drugs, Brain and Behavior	3
PS 401	Integrative Capstone for Psychology and Behavioral Neuroscience Majors	3
BIO 329	Neurobiology	3
University Curriculum course		3
Open Electives		3-4
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>127-128</b>