

Message to students prior to Winter term 2021 Registration

The winter 2021 term course guide is now available online. There are a number of issues that Neuroscience majors should consider before they register for winter term 2021 classes.

- 1) Issues relevant only to students graduating in May 2021 or August 2021
 - a. If you do not yet have two upper level labs on your record, and prefer not to take an in-person lab in Winter term 2021, you should apply to substitute an extra upper level non-lab elective by the online [Lab Substitution Request Form](#)
 - b. If you do not already have a major release form on file (you can check on Wolverine access) you want to have this step completed before winter term classes start, as if you wait beyond then and we later discover you are missing a class, you may not be able to graduate on time.
 - i. The easiest way to do this is to wait until you have registered for winter term classes, and then use the [Request a major release](#) link. This will generate a message to Keith for him to check your file and do the release without the need for you to make an advising appointment
 - ii. You are also welcome to schedule an advising appointment with me or Keith to take care of this.
 - c. As of now we do not know whether it will possible to have an in-person Neuroscience graduation ceremony. If we are, it would be from 5:30-7 PM on Saturday May 1 at the Michigan Theater. If not, the UPiN office will solicit you for images to incorporate into a UPiN graduation video, so you might want to start thinking now about up to five pictures to submit.
- 2) Issues relevant to all majors
 - a. If you need to meet with an advisor before selecting winter term classes, and none of our posted slots can work for you, email me or Keith Wittkopp (gambit@umich.edu) to find an alternative time.
 - b. There will be no spring break, so students should carefully consider the total number of credits they can manage for the winter term.
 - c. As of Nov 3, undergraduates at all levels are allowed to do in-person research in labs if they have permission of the head of the lab and have appropriate training. It is possible that some researchers will take on new lab members in January 2021, so reaching out to prospective mentors now is appropriate. However, many researchers I have talked to plan to delay making any invitations to new undergraduates until May 2021, when they hope the pandemic will be much better controlled, so you may not be able to find a lab placement for January.
 - i. If you find a lab and are unfamiliar with policies for how to register for credit that will count in the major here is a [Link to undergraduate research policies](#)
 - d. Here is the link to the [Winter term 2021 class list](#) Please note the following:
 - i. Two Area B courses that are usually offered in the winter term (Psych 336 and Neuroscience 470) will not be offered due to unavailability of the person who normally teaches the course.
 - ii. There are a number of classes being offered in winter term 2020 that are not on the permanently approved list of upper level elective courses, but which will be

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approved by entering an exception into your file. If you enroll in any of these courses, please email Keith to request that he enter the exception for you.

- Area B
 - a. Psych 330 (section 001), 430 (sections 002, 003, 004), 433, 435
 - Area C
 - a. IHS 340 (approved for upper level writing)
 - b. MCDB 401 (section 001), 411
 - c. MIP 541
 - d. Psych 469
 - Upper level D1 lab
 - a. Psych 340 (section 001)
- e. We anticipate being able to make 2021 spring summer research fellowship appointments. An announcement will go out in January, with the application deadline near the end of February. Highest priority goes to members of the honors major, so if you plan to submit a senior thesis in academic year 2021-22, you should apply to declare into the honors major by the end of January 2021. Procedures for declaring the honors major are at this link. [Honors and senior thesis application form](#)
- f. The 2021 spring and summer course schedule will not be finalized until midway through the winter term, but as of now here is what we anticipate will be offered
- i. Required courses that will be offered in one or both half terms
 - Bio 225, Bio 305, MCDB 310 (Note that neither Bio 222 nor psych 230 is likely to be offered)
 - ii. Upper level electives
 - Area A- none
 - Area B – 1 each half term, most likely psych 430 in the spring and psych 240 in the summer
 - iii. Upper level labs
 - None except for independent research courses