

B.S. with Distinction in Neuroscience

Students majoring in Neuroscience who wish to participate in significant research activity in their major field under the supervision of a faculty mentor may apply to the B.S. with Distinction in Neuroscience.

To be admitted to the B.S. with Distinction, students will have to:

- Have a minimum GPA of 3.50 in the major and 3.50 cumulative at the time of application
- Submit a written application at least 8 months before their anticipated degree completion (e.g., by end of August for Spring graduation, specific deadlines will be announced each semester) that outlines the project the student intends to undertake.
- Obtain a written sponsorship agreement from a faculty mentor affiliated with the Neuroscience Program who is willing to serve as the primary mentor for the project and at least one additional tenure-track or research faculty member at the University of South Carolina who will serve as a secondary mentor or second reader for the thesis.
- All necessary forms will be available on the Neuroscience website in 2022

To be awarded the B.S. with Distinction in Neuroscience, students must:

- Complete all major requirements, plus 9 additional credit hours including:
 - A minimum of 3 credit hours of independent research (in addition to any hours taken as part of the major requirements)
 - A minimum of 3 upper-level credits from the list of approved neuroscience electives (can include additional credits of independent research, up to a degree maximum of 9 credit hours)
 - NSCI 499 – Senior Thesis or SCHC 499 – Senior Thesis
- Produce a written thesis demonstrating significant original work and approved by the thesis committee.
- Publicly present the Senior Thesis research (may be fulfilled through a thesis defense or other public presentation that is evaluated by the thesis committee)
- Maintain a minimum major and cumulative GPA of 3.50.

Students may use their senior thesis to simultaneously fulfil other requirements as well (e.g., Honors College Thesis), at the discretion of the thesis advisor. South Carolina Honors College students satisfying the above requirements will graduate with “Honors from the South Carolina Honors College” and with “Distinction in Neuroscience”