

The core course competence policy for the Program in Neuroscience (PIN) ensures that students master the material presented in the core course sequence of the G1 and G2 years. This sequence includes NSCI 702 (Cellular and Molecular Neuroscience), NSCI 703 (Neurophysiology), NSCI 704 (Developmental Neuroscience), NSCI 705 (Systems and Behavioral Neuroscience), NSCI 706 (CNS Pharmacology) and ANAT 615/715 (Medical Neurobiology). In addition, this policy ensures that all PIN students have formal credentials indicating competence in neuroscience theory for review by funding agencies and/or potential employers.

Students in the Program in Neuroscience must achieve a minimum final grade of 80% or above in each of the six PIN core cores in order to sit for the Qualifying Examination.

Failure to do so will necessitate repetition of the course with achievement of the minimum grade before the Qualifying Examination may be taken. Successful passage of the Qualifying Examination is needed for admission to formal doctoral candidacy. If a student needs to repeat core coursework during the G3 year (for example, to repeat a class taken in the G2 year with a final grade less than 80%) she/he will not be able to declare a dissertation mentor or project until the course and Qualifying Examination are successfully passed. Stipend support from the Program in Neuroscience is normally offered only for the G1 and G2 years. Stipend support during the G3 year is at the discretion of the PIN Director and the Dean of the School of Graduate Studies in the Health Sciences.