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Behavioral Neuroscience Infosheet

**New student admissions for
Summer 2025 are open.**



Program Highlights

- Learn about neurons and neuropathways
- Gain an understanding of brain biology
- Discuss how applications of neuroscience impact teaching and learning
- Consider controversies and ethical implications of behavioral neuroscience research



2025 Dates

Session 1: July 20 - Aug 1



Academic Program Overview

Have you ever wondered why people behave and act the way they do? Does the nature vs nurture conversation intrigue you? Are you fascinated by a person who can be highly detailed and organized in work but struggles to clean their personal space? Or perhaps wonder why some excel at test taking without trying or others lack discipline despite their best efforts? Are you curious about a physical reaction you have to a smell or taste?

Welcome to the world of behavioral neuroscience, or biological psychology; the study of the various ways the brain and neural pathways impact behavior as well as how behavior impacts the brain.



Excursions

TBA. One tentative excursion is a trip to the brain lab at UCSB.

Instructors

Laurel Johnston

Laurel has been teaching Psychology for fifteen years at the community college and university levels in Santa Barbara as well as study abroad programs in Rome, Italy. She often shares with students that she has the best job in the world. Laurel is a social constructivist and believes knowledge is best gained as part of a collaborative, social experience. Her passion for psychology stems from the explanations it provides for why people and groups behave the way that they do; which ultimately leads to an increased understanding of ourselves and our lives, an open mind, and less judgement. She is also passionate about the intersection between mental health and the justice system. Laurel's research focuses on the environments and social conditions which shape the very structure of our brains in search of the optimal settings for human development.

Tuition Information:

Residential Students:

- **Includes:** all meals, lodging, excursions, academic course, weekend excursions
- **Excludes:** optional airport pickup and drop off service (available for an additional fee)
- **Price:** \$5,698

Commuter Students:

- **Includes:** lunch, academic course, excursions, programming from 9am to 5pm, Monday-Friday
- **Excludes:** lodging, breakfast, dinner, weekend excursions
 - Weekend excursions can be added on for \$125 per day
- **Price:** \$3,298



Course Structure

There are nine 3-hour class sessions over the two-week course. During week one, students have class from 9am-12pm, Monday - Friday. During week two students have class from 9am-12pm Monday through Thursday. Wednesday afternoons are dedicated to additional academic time (excursions, speakers).



Typical Schedule



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Supplements:

- **Application fee:** starting at \$99 (mandatory, non-refundable)
- **Tuition Protection Plan:** Allows for cancellation for any reason up until the day of the program. Click [here](#) for more info.

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