



A GUIDE TO STUDYING NEUROSCIENCE & BEHAVIOR ABROAD

It is no secret that the United States boasts some of the finest behavioral neuroscience programs in the world. Why bother going abroad then? How about exploring a new city, working with peers from around the world, and coming to gain a fuller appreciation of how the principles of biology transcend culture by immersing yourself in an entirely new social environment? Studying neuroscience and behavior abroad will take you far beyond the classroom, encompassing a much broader range of lessons by teaching you daily through living in a different culture.

LOCATIONS

There are a large amount of universities across the world that boasts respectable medical and scientific research departments. These are all highly prestigious institutions with track records, which boast multiple Nobel laureates and a thick resume of cutting edge scientific achievement.

There are Universities all over the world, which offer an intriguing blend of scientific study with enriching cultural immersion. It is important to keep in mind that when studying neuroscience and behavior abroad, especially if only for one semester, that location can often prove more rewarding than the prestige of any academic institution. If you want to study abroad in a developing country in South America or Southeast Asia for example, do not let the lack of internationally acclaimed educational institutions deter you. You will learn much more from daily life in these places than you ever could in a classroom.

COURSES & PROGRAMS

What neuroscience and behavior courses you take abroad will depend heavily on your area of concentration within the broad field of neuroscience and behavioral research, as well as available courses at your host university or program. Consider branching out and exploring new focuses while studying abroad. Neuroscience is a highly interdisciplinary field so you may be able to take courses in the areas of psychology, chemistry, biology, genetics, and physics. Also take advantage of your new cultural surroundings by enrolling in general education or extracurricular courses outside the field of neuroscience. For example if you are studying abroad in Japan, do not spend all of your time struggling with chemical principles which are universally applicable – try to enroll in a Japanese History or Eastern Philosophy class to supplement and enrich your unique academic experience living in that country!

BENEFITS

If you take the opportunity to study neuroscience and behavior abroad it will allow you to advance your knowledge in the field and apply lessons learned in the classroom in your everyday experiences as a stranger in a strange land. Learning how behavioral issues and neurological disorders are handled and viewed in the context of a different culture will widen your academic and cultural perspective on the subject, as well as personal development.

For students of any discipline, studying abroad is often the independent growth experience of a lifetime. By studying neuroscience and behavior abroad you will not only gain a wider perspective and cultural

context through which to more thoroughly understand your area of scientific focus, but you will also grow immensely as an individual who is capable of forming their own opinions of how the world works. Science is first and foremost a discipline that is centered around skepticism of the existing body of knowledge. In order to stay at the head of your field you must learn how to look forward, think outside the box, and never stop questioning the established status quo. Not only will studying neuroscience and behavior abroad be the definitive first step in this direction, but it'll be a whole lot of fun too.

SJU SEMSTER ABROAD PROGRAMS

Please note the list of programs and courses are only listed as a guide and does not guarantee automatic approval of courses counting for SJU academic credit. You will work with both your Academic Advisor and Study Abroad Advisor to determine the program and courses to best meet your needs. All courses **must be approved** by the appropriate SJU Department Chair or Associate Dean prior to studying abroad.

➤ **Lancaster University, England**

- *Sample Courses: Cognitive Psychology, Developmental Psychology, Research Methods, Advanced Development Psychology*

➤ **Danish Institute for Study Abroad, Denmark**

- *Sample Courses: Psychopharmacology, Psychology of Mental Health, Neuroscience of Human Consciousness, Developmental Disorders, The Ethical Brain: Philosophy and Neuroscience, Neuroscience of Religion, The Social Brain, Neuroscience of Fear, Neuroplasticity: From Neurons to Behavior*

➤ **Saint Louis University in Madrid, Spain**

- *Sample Courses: Developmental Psychology, Psychopharmacology, Abnormal Psychology*

➤ **National University of Ireland, Galway**

- *Sample Courses: Health Psychology, Behavioral Med, Biological Psychology, Health Psychology, Developmental Psychology*

➤ **IFSA-Butler: Argentine Universities Program**

- *Sample Courses: Clinical Psychology, Developmental Child Psychology, Psychopathologies*

In addition to Neuroscience Major/Minor courses, you may also be able to take some of SJU's GEP courses while abroad, including but not limited to: Art/Lit, Social Science, Religious Difference & Philosophical Anthropology.

Can't find a program or university on our approved list that appeals to you? You can always petition to attend another study abroad program of your choosing with more information can be found on our [website](#).

NEXT STEPS

- Meet with the Study Abroad Advisor** | Learn about your options
- Meet with your Academic Advisor** | Discuss course selection
- Apply for a passport** | <http://travel.state.gov/passport>
- Apply to study abroad!** | Applications are due to the CIP office by: March 1st for the Fall semester abroad, and October 1st for the Spring semester abroad