

NATS 6001 INTRODUCTION TO NEUROSCIENCE

Credit Points 10

Legacy Code 401471

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Description This subject is an introduction to the nervous system with a focus on its role and the function. It provides a strong foundation in modern neuroscience for those wishing to apply the principles of sensory and motor system function with the aim of mimicking human biology via neuromorphic implementations. Students will have access to expertise from a multidisciplinary team, guiding their learning in the areas of cellular, computational, behavioural and biomedical neuroscience. Topics covered in the subject will include introductory biology, structure and function of the nervous system, computational modelling, bio-signal acquisition and signal processing. This subject will be undertaken at Parramatta City - Hassall St campus.

School Medicine

Discipline Medical Science

Student Contribution Band HECS Band 2 10cp

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Level Postgraduate Coursework Level 6 subject

Restrictions

Students must be enrolled in 8124 Master of Applied Neuromorphic Engineering

Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of this subject, students should be able to:

1. Examine key concepts underlying the basic systems and functions of the nervous system
2. Appraise the basic structure of neurons and synapses
3. Interpret the basis of the resting membrane potential, Nernst and Goldman equations
4. Simulate and explain the dynamics of the action potential, neural excitability, synaptic plasticity, integration and facilitation
5. Critically analyse the operation of various elements of the nervous systems at a functional level and in the context of their evolutionary history

Subject Content

- Functional Anatomy of central Nervous system
- ionic basis of resting membrane potential
- action potential & neuronal excitability, The cable theory
- mechanisms of plasticity
- The evolutionary origin of The Nervous systems
- The Visual system
- The auditory system
- The somatosensory system
- Behavioural neuroscience & neurodegeneration
- Bioamplifiers and filters

Assessment

The following table summarises the standard assessment tasks for this subject. Please note this is a guide only. Assessment tasks are regularly updated, where there is a difference your Learning Guide takes precedence.

Type	Length	Percent	Threshold	Individual/ Group Task	Mandatory
Quiz	1-hour x 2 (15% each)	30	N	Individual	Y
Essay	1000 Words	30	N	Individual	Y
Report	1500 Words	40	N	Individual	Y

Teaching Periods

Autumn (2025)

Parramatta City - Macquarie St

On-site

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