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MEMORANDUM

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ATTENTION Senate  
FROM Jeff Derksen,  
Chair of Senate Graduate Studies  
Committee (SGSC)  
RE: New Course Proposals

DATE March 14, 2019

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**For information:**

Acting under delegated authority at its meeting of March 5, 2019, SGSC approved the following curriculum items, effective **Fall 2019:**

**Faculty of Science**

Biomedical Physiology and Kinesiology

- 1) Creation of new acronym: NEUR
- 2) New courses: NEUR 800 Foundations of Cellular and Molecular Neuroscience  
NEUR 801 Foundations of Systems Neuroscience  
NEUR 802 Translational and Integrative Neuroscience Workshop



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**MEMORANDUM**

ATTENTION Senate Graduate Studies Committee      DATE February 13, 2019  
FROM Michael Silverman, Associate Dean of Research      PAGES 1  
and Graduate Studies  
RE: Calendar Entry for Translational and Integrative Neuroscience Specialization

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The following curriculum items have been approved by the Faculty of Science and are forwarded to the Senate Graduate Studies Committee for approval. These curriculum items should be effective for **Fall 2019**. Please include them on the next SGSC agenda.

Faculty of Science

**Department of Biomedical Physiology and Kinesiology**

- 1) Motion to create a new acronym: NEUR
- 2) New courses: NEUR 800 – Foundations of Cellular and Molecular Neuroscience  
NEUR 801 – Foundations of Systems Neuroscience  
NEUR 802- Translational and Integrative Neuroscience Workshop
- ~~3) Calendar Entry (standalone): Translational and Integrative Neuroscience Specialization~~
- ~~4) Calendar revisions: Biomedical Physiology and Kinesiology MSc and PhD~~
- ~~5) Course changes (deletion): BPK 825  
BPK 861  
BPK 865~~

~~Department of Biological Sciences~~

- ~~1) Calendar revisions: Biological Sciences MSc and PhD~~

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Faculty Graduate Chair

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| <b>FROM</b>      | Michael Silverman, Associate Dean of Research<br>and Graduate Studies | <b>PAGES</b> | 1                 |
| <b>RE:</b>       | New Acronym - NEUR                                                    |              |                   |

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This submission includes the proposal for the Translational and Integrative Neuroscience (TRAIN) specialization being offered jointly by the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences and the Faculty of Science. TRAIN is not specific to BPK. The goal is to establish a neuroscience graduate specialization for all of SFU. This is a standalone specialization and it is important that it has its own acronym.

**Motion:**

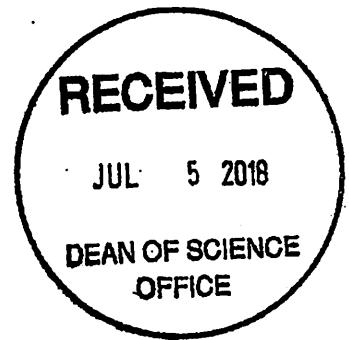
That SGSC approve the creation of the new acronym NEUR effective **Fall 2019**.

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Michael Silverman, Ph.D.  
Faculty Graduate Chair

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Cover Memo to FSGC

To: Faculty of Science Graduate Studies Committee  
From: Tom Claydon, Graduate Program Committee Chair BPK  
Re: new TRAIN graduate specialization  
Date: June 27<sup>th</sup>, 2018

The following new Translational and Integrative (TRAIN) graduate specialization with associated new courses and course deletions have been approved by the Department of Biomedical Physiology and Kinesiology and are forwarded to the Senate Graduate Studies Committee for approval. These curriculum items should be effective for Fall 2019. Please include them on the next SGSC agenda.

*Department of Biomedical Physiology and Kinesiology*

~~New calendar entry to create the TRAIN specialization.~~

*New courses: NEUR 800 (3), NEUR 801 (3), NEUR 802 (0)*

~~Course deletions: BPK 861 (3), BPK 865 (3), BPK 825 (3)~~

The proposal includes the generation of a new specialization (TRAIN), which is similar in structure to the current existing Interdisciplinary Oncology Graduate Specialization (IOGS). The new specialization will be taught by instructors from multiple departments and faculties at SFU and offers courses to graduate students in different units. It is expected that the specialization will be attractive to students working in multiple areas within the neuroscience field and will provide a rich and stimulating graduate education experience. Interested students will be admitted to a home department and will then register in the specialization, which will be overseen by a steering committee. Listing the specialization in the calendar as a separate entry, outside of departmental entries, allows the description to appear (and be managed) in a single place in the calendar. The attached proposed new calendar entry describing the TRAIN specialization and new courses have been approved by the Department of Biological Sciences and the Department of Psychology, both of whom see enrollment interest from graduate students in their own programs.

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Tom Claydon  
Graduate Program Committee Chair, BPK

## New Graduate Course Proposal

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| Course title (max. 100 characters)<br><b>Foundations of Cellular and Molecular Neuroscience</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                                                          |                                                                                             |
| Short title (for enrollment/transcript - max. 30 characters) <b>Cell &amp; Molecular Neuroscience</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                                                                                          |                                                                                             |
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| <p>Rationale for introduction of this course</p> <p>This course will be part of the curriculum for a new proposed multi-department, graduate specialization in translational and integrative neuroscience. It will also serve to provide education on cellular and molecular neuroscience for graduate students outside of this program, as needed.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                                                                                          |                                                                                             |
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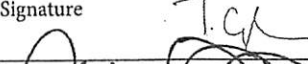
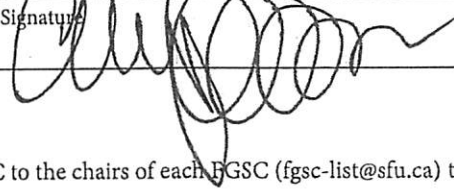
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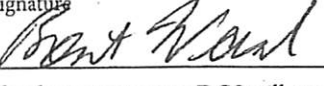
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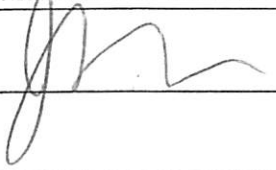
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## SENATE GRADUATE STUDIES COMMITTEE APPROVAL

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## **NEUR 800 – Foundations of Cellular and Molecular Neuroscience**

### **Course Description:**

Covers fundamental concepts related to the basic cellular neurobiology of neurons and other nervous system cells, neuronal pathfinding, electrophysiology, dendritic organization, axonal transport, plasticity, and signal transduction, as well as the integration of neurons into neural circuits and diseases of the nervous system. This course can only be taken once, either during a Masters or Doctoral program.

### **Instructors:**

Core = Drs. Charles Krieger, Michael Silverman, and Harald Hutter

Additional = depends on year and availability (will draw from multiple departments)

### **Format and Contact hours:**

- Lecture and seminar style; 4 hrs/week for 13 weeks

### **Recommended Textbook(s):**

Kandel ER, Schwartz JH, Jessell TM, Siegelbaum SA, Hudspeth AJ (eds). Principles of Neural Science, 5th Edition. McGraw-Hill Companies, Inc, 2013.

### **Course Learning Outcomes:**

By the end of the course, students should be able to:

1. Understand, communicate, critically evaluate, and design experiments for hypothesis testing across a broad range of cellular and molecular neuroscience topics.
2. Integrate and synthesize material to generate new perspectives, hypotheses, and translational applications in cellular and molecular neuroscience.
3. Understand principles of cell-cell communication and how to apply neuroimaging, neurophysiological, and neurochemical methods for their investigation.
4. Integrate information regarding different parts of the nervous system to explain how cells and circuits have specific properties.
5. Understand how brain circuitry is organized, measured, and how these properties determine nervous system function.

### **Topics/content:**

Principles of neuronal organization

- Course introduction
- Ligand-gated and ion channels of nervous system cells, neuron and synaptic structure, axon transport, motor proteins, axonal pathfinding, establishment of synaptic connections, structure of the synapse, neurotransmission, growth factors, asymmetric cell division, and stem cells

*Core Modules (3, 3-week blocks; 9 weeks total):*

Ion channels and cellular neurophysiology

- Action potential generation, repetitive firing

Axon transport and axonal function

- Pathfinding, myelination, axon organization

Neural stem cells, development, maintenance and death

- Neural development and plasticity

*Secondary Modules (1- or 2-week blocks; 3 weeks total):*

- \*Mental health, addiction, and neuromodulation: Psychopharmacology (dopamine and dopamine-mediated reward)
- \*Memory from a cellular/molecular perspective
- \*Sleep and circadian rhythms from a cellular/molecular perspective
- \*Other cellular/molecular-level neuroscience content

\*These will depend on the year and instructor availability.

**Grading:**

25% for each of 3 core modules (total = 75%) + 25% for combined secondary modules = 100 %

*Module breakdown:*

- Written module exam = 10%
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**Research proposal executive summary:**

- Students will propose an experiment based on the content and concepts in the module and write a 1 – 2 page summary that includes a rationale, objective(s), specific aim(s), hypotheses, methods, and significance
- This assignment enables students to practice grant writing

**Student presentation:**

- Students will give a presentation based on a journal article related to the module
- This component emphasizes the importance of communication and allows students to practice their presentation skills

**Translational/dissemination strategy assignment:**

- Students will propose (in 1 – 2 pages) how the concepts related to the module can be translated into clinical practice or a technology
- This assignment emphasizes the importance of translation and dissemination in science and will require students to formulate a strategy to ensure it is achieved



## New Graduate Course Proposal

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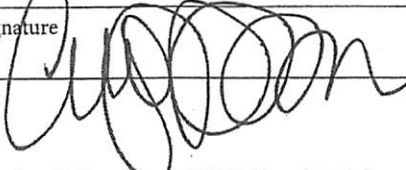
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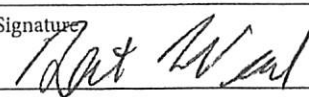
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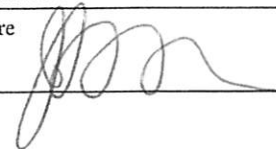
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## **NEUR 801 – Foundations of Systems Neuroscience**

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4. Integrate information regarding different parts of the nervous system to explain how we perform specific movements.
5. Understand how brain organization is measured, affects perception and behaviour, and changes with experience.

### **Topics/content:**

Principles of neuronal organization and encoding (1 lecture)

- Course introduction
- Receptive fields, tuning curves, lateral inhibition, hierarchical organization, reference frame encoding, and gain field modulation

*Core Modules (3, 3-week blocks; 9 weeks total):*

Neural communication and neuroimaging

- Action potential propagation
- Synchronization and dynamics
- Network neuroscience
- Neuroimaging (MEG, EEG, MRI)

Control of movement

- Neural control of walking

- Neural control of reaching
- Gaze behaviour
- Theories of movement control

#### Sensory processing and plasticity

- Sensory systems (e.g., somatosensory, auditory, visual)
- Multi-sensory integration
- Cortical mapping
- Neural development and plasticity

#### *Secondary Modules (1- or 2-week blocks; 3 weeks total):*

- \*Mental health, addiction, and neuromodulation from a systems perspective
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- This assignment emphasizes the importance of science communication

#### Research proposal executive summary:

- Students will propose an experiment based on the content and concepts in the module and write a 1 – 2 page summary that includes a rationale, objective(s), specific aim(s), hypotheses, methods, and significance
- This assignment enables students to practice grant writing

#### Student presentation:

- Students will give a presentation based on a journal article related to the module
- This component emphasizes the importance of communication and allows students to practice their presentation skills

#### Translational/dissemination strategy assignment:

- Students will propose (in 1 – 2 pages) how the concepts related to the module can be translated into clinical practice or a technology
- This assignment emphasizes the importance of translation and dissemination in science and will require students to formulate a strategy to ensure it is achieved

## New Graduate Course Proposal

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| Course Subject (eg. PSYC) <b>NEUR</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Number (eg. 810) <b>802</b>                                                              | Units (eg. 4) <b>0</b>                                                                      |
| Course title (max. 100 characters)<br><b>Translational and Integrative Neuroscience Workshop</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                                                                          |                                                                                             |
| Short title (for enrollment/transcript - max. 30 characters) <b>TRAIN workshop</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                                                          |                                                                                             |
| <p>Course description for SFU Calendar (course descriptions should be brief and should never begin with phrases such as "This course will..." or "The purpose of this course is..." If the grading basis is satisfactory/unsatisfactory include this in the description)</p> <p>Workshops focus on providing students with skills to facilitate the translation of neuroscience, broadly defined, for the benefit of society. Faculty members at SFU as well as relevant clinicians and company representatives will run these workshops. Topics may include: how to translate fundamental questions into clinical-oriented questions; how to perform clinical research; how to start a spin-off company; how to pitch ideas for commercialization; how to work with industry; how drug-discovery works; and how to communicate to different audiences. All topics will relate specifically to neuroscience.</p> |                                                                                          |                                                                                             |
| <p>Rationale for introduction of this course</p> <p>These workshops will be part of the curriculum for a new proposed multi-department, graduate specialization in translational and integrative neuroscience (TRAIN). Through these workshops, students will gain valuable tips, resources, and understanding to start careers within and outside of academia.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                                                                          |                                                                                             |
| Term of initial offering (eg. Fall 2019) <b>Fall 2019</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Course delivery (eg. 3 hrs/week for 13 weeks)<br><b>1, 3 hr workshop</b>                 |                                                                                             |
| Frequency of offerings/year <b>2 - 4x / year</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Estimated enrollment per offering <b>6 - 10</b>                                          |                                                                                             |
| Equivalent courses (courses that replicates the content of this course to such an extent that students should not receive credit for both courses)<br><b>None</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                                                                                          |                                                                                             |
| Prerequisite and/or Corequisite<br>Enrolment in translational and integrative neuroscience graduate specialization or permission from lead workshop organizer.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                                                                          |                                                                                             |
| Criminal record check required? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes if yes is selected, add this as prerequisite                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                          | Additional course fees? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No |
| Campus where course will be taught <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Burnaby <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Surrey <input type="checkbox"/> Vancouver <input type="checkbox"/> Great Northern Way <input type="checkbox"/> Off campus                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                                                                                          |                                                                                             |
| Course Components * <input type="checkbox"/> Lecture <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Seminar <input type="checkbox"/> Lab <input type="checkbox"/> Independent <input type="checkbox"/> Capstone <input type="checkbox"/>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                                                                          |                                                                                             |
| Grading Basis <input type="checkbox"/> Letter grades <input type="checkbox"/> Satisfactory/ Unsatisfactory <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> In Progress / Complete                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                                                                                          |                                                                                             |
| Repeat for credit? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Total repeats allowed? <b>24</b>                                                         | Repeat within a term? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No   |
| Required course? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Final exam required? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | Capstone course? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No        |
| Combined with a undergrad course? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No If yes, identify which undergraduate course and the additional course requirements for graduate students:                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                          |                                                                                             |

\* See important definitions on the curriculum website.

## RESOURCES

If additional resources are required to offer this course, provide information on the source(s) of those additional resources.

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| Faculty member(s) who will normally teach this course                                                  |
| Depends on workshop. Can include Daniel Marigold, Dylan Cooke, Sam Doesburg, other faculty at SFU.     |
| Additional faculty members, space, and/or specialized equipment required in order to offer this course |
| Classroom, projector and projection screen.                                                            |

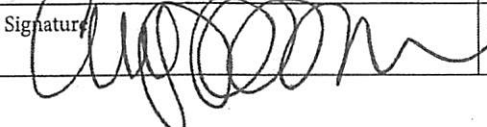
## CONTACT PERSON

|                         |                                          |                        |
|-------------------------|------------------------------------------|------------------------|
| Academic Unit / Program | Name (typically, Graduate Program Chair) | Email                  |
| BPK                     | Daniel Marigold                          | daniel_marigold@sfu.ca |

## ACADEMIC UNIT APPROVAL

A course outline must be included.

Non-departmentalized faculties need not sign

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|-------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------|
| Graduate Program Committee<br>Tom Claydon | Signature<br>   | Date<br>June 27th 2018 |
| Department Chair<br>Angela Brooks-Wilson  | Signature<br> | Date<br>June 28, 2018  |

## FACULTY APPROVAL

The course form and outline must be sent by FGSC to the chairs of each FGSC (fgsc-list@sfu.ca) to check for an overlap in content

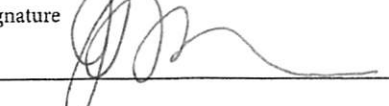
Overlap check done? ☒ YES

This approval indicates that all the necessary course content and overlap concerns have been resolved. The Faculty/Academic Unit commits to providing the necessary resources.

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| Faculty Graduate Studies Committee<br>Brent Ward for Claire Cyples | Signature<br> | Date<br>JUL 05 2018 |
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A library review will be conducted. If additional funds are necessary, DGS will contact the academic unit prior to SGSC.

## SENATE GRADUATE STUDIES COMMITTEE APPROVAL

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| Senate Graduate Studies Committee<br>Jeff Derksen | Signature<br> | Date<br>MAR 14 2019 |
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### ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION (for DGS office only)

Library Check: DEC 14 2018  
 Course Attribute: \_\_\_\_\_  
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If different from regular units:  
 Academic Progress Units: 0  
 Financial Aid Progress Units: 0

## **NEUR 802 – Translation and Integrative Neuroscience Workshop**

### **Course Description:**

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### **Instructors:**

Will vary based on the workshop.

### **Format and Contact hours:**

3-hour workshop. Will be offered at different times throughout the year.

### **Recommended Textbook(s):**

None.

### **Learning Outcome(s):**

Students should be able to understand and suggest ways to translate neuroscience for clinical, industry, and/or communication purposes.

### **Topics/content:**

Will vary based on the workshop. Examples include:

- How to translate fundamental questions into clinical-oriented questions
- How to perform clinical research
- How to start a spin-off company
- How to pitch ideas for commercialization
- How to work with industry
- How drug-discovery works
- How to communicate neuroscience to different audiences

### **Grading:**

Completed/not completed.