Neuroscience and Pharmacology

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Courses

Neuroscience and Pharmacology Courses

PCOL:2220 Drug Use and Abuse 3 s.h.
Principles of drug action, toxicity, sedatives, stimulants, hallucinogens, narcotics, over-the-counter agents, antibiotics, and oral contraceptives. Offered spring semesters. Requirements: closed to students enrolled in the Pharm.D. program. GE: Natural Sciences without Lab.

PCOL:3101 Pharmacology I: A Drug's Fantastic Journey 2-3 s.h.
Introduction to basic pharmacological principles by following a drug's journey from its site of administration to its site of elimination; common mechanisms by which drugs affect the body and mechanisms underlying drug actions on two primary body systems—nervous and cardiovascular; structured learning environment bolstered by highly interactive application sessions where students apply course material via collaborative work on problem sets/activities; for students interested in medicine, pharmacy, research, and industry. Prerequisites: (CBE:3205 or BIOL:1411) and CHEM:1110. Recommendations: additional higher-level biology and chemistry courses helpful.

PCOL:3102 Pharmacology II: Mechanisms of Drug Action 3 s.h.
Expansion of basic pharmacological concepts and further exploration of how they are applied to define a drug's actions on the body; students continue their exploration of the body by discussing various disorders including neuropsychiatric and immune disorders, cancer, diabetes, and microbial infections in conjunction with current treatments; structured learning environment bolstered by highly interactive discussion sessions where students learn to apply course material via collaborative work on problem sets/activities; for students interested in medicine, pharmacy, research, and industry. Prerequisites: PCOL:3101. Recommendations: additional higher-level courses in biology and chemistry helpful.

PCOL:4130 Drug Mechanisms and Actions 3 s.h.
Introduction to principles of pharmacology, pharmacologic actions of drugs. Offered spring semesters. Requirements: undergraduate biochemistry and physiology courses.

PCOL:4199 Undergraduate Research in Neuroscience and Pharmacology arr.
Experimental research under faculty supervision in department laboratories.

PCOL:5130 Fundamentals of Pharmacology 3 s.h.
Basic pharmacological principles underlying drug absorption, distribution, and metabolism; how these processes determine drug dosing; drug receptor interactions and their quantitation; impact of genetic variation on the actions and metabolism of drugs; mechanisms of neurotransmission focusing on synthesis, release, actions, and degradation; central nervous system (CNS) pathways for major neurotransmitters; disease states involving various abnormal neurotransmitter function. Offered spring semesters.

PCOL:5135 Principles of Pharmacology 1 s.h.
Basic pharmacological principles underlying drug absorption, drug distribution throughout the body, drug metabolism, and drug elimination; how these processes determine drug dosing and the means by which dosing parameters are characterized; drug receptor interactions and their quantitation. Offered spring semesters.

PCOL:5136 Pharmacogenetics and Pharmacogenomics 1 s.h.
Impact of genetic variation on the actions and metabolism of drugs; database search techniques to identify variants. Offered spring semesters. Prerequisites: PCOL:5135. Recommendations: undergraduate or graduate biochemistry and/or genetics.

PCOL:5137 Neurotransmitters 1 s.h.
Mechanisms of neurotransmission focusing on mechanisms of synthesis, regulation of release, mechanisms of action, means of degradation, and CNS pathways for major neurotransmitters; disease states involving various neurotransmitter systems. Offered spring semesters.

PCOL:5204 Basic Biostatistics and Experimental Design 1 s.h.
Overview of theory of experimental design and data analysis in biological sciences; types of analyses available for common types of data generated in biomedical sciences; review of statistical methods used in published studies; cursory coverage of mathematical computations involved in various analytical tests. Offered fall semesters.

PCOL:6015 Topics in Pharmacology and Neuroscience 1 s.h.
Recent advances in pharmacology, neuropharmacology, developmental neurobiology, neuroendocrinology, and related neurosciences.

PCOL:6020 Topics in Pharmacogenomics 1 s.h.
Recent advances in pharmacogenomics, pharmacogenetics, and related genetic fields. Offered fall semesters.

PCOL:6025 Topics in Cell Signaling and Cancer 1 s.h.
Recent advances in cell signaling mechanisms, mechanisms of cancer, cancer biology, and related sciences. Offered spring semesters.

PCOL:6030 Topics in Cardiovascular Pharmacology 1 s.h.
Recent advances in cardiovascular pharmacology, metabolic pharmacology, and related sciences. Offered spring semesters.

PCOL:6080 Pharmacology Seminar 1 s.h.

PCOL:6090 Graduate Research in Pharmacology arr.

PCOL:6099 Special Topics in Pharmacology arr.
PCOL:6203 Pharmacology for Graduate Students  6 s.h.
Pharmacology of all major drugs in use today; discussion
of basic principles underlying drug actions and disposition;
physiology, biochemistry, and pathophysiology of specific
organ systems; how various drugs impact these systems;
how drugs are used to treat disorders of each system; major
adverse effects of drugs and how those occur; differences
among drugs within each drug group. Offered fall semesters.
Prerequisites: BIOC:5243 and MPB:5153.

PCOL:6204 Pharmacology for Health Sciences: Nurse
Anesthetist  5 s.h.
Pharmacology of all major drugs in use today; discussion
of basic principles underlying drug actions and disposition;
physiology, biochemistry, and pathophysiology of specific
organ systems; how various drugs impact these systems;
how drugs are used to treat disorders of each system; major
adverse effects of drugs and how those occur; differences
among drugs within each drug group. Offered fall semesters.
Prerequisites: ACB:6000 or NURS:6000. Requirements:
enrollment in Anesthesia Nursing Program.

PCOL:6207 Ion Channel Pharmacology  1 s.h.
Heuristic, semiquantitative approach to concepts in ion
channel physiology and pharmacology; up-to-date physical
principles, classification, and structure/function relationships
for major voltage-gated ion channels that facilitate application
of abstract concepts to physiological, pharmacological, and
general biological problems. Offered spring semesters.

PCOL:6208 G Proteins and G Protein-Coupled
Receptors  1 s.h.
Structure and function of small molecular weight and G
proteins; heteromeric G proteins and G protein-coupled
receptors. Offered spring semesters of even years.
Prerequisites: BIOC:5243. Recommendations: MMED:6225.

PCOL:6209 Steroid Receptor Signaling  1 s.h.
Structure-function relationship and genomic and nongenomic
actions of the steroid hormone receptor family; basis for
actions of novel new ligands on these receptors. Offered
spring semesters of even years. Same as MPB:6209,
NSCI:6209.

PCOL:6210 Receptors and Cell Signaling  3 s.h.
Mechanisms of signaling by growth factors, cytokines and
related molecules; principles of ion channel physiology and
pharmacology; structure-function relationships of small
molecular weight and heteromeric G proteins; G protein-
coupled receptors; genomic and nongenomic actions of
intracellular receptors; basis for actions of novel new ligands
on intracellular receptors. Offered spring semesters.

PCOL:6225 Growth Factor Receptor Signaling  1 s.h.
Mechanisms of signaling by growth factors; cytokines
and related molecules that regulate cell proliferation,
development, differentiation, and survival; emphasis on
molecular mechanisms of signaling, relevance of these
signaling processes to various human diseases. Same as
ACB:6225, MMED:6225, MPB:6225.

PCOL:6250 Advanced Problem Solving in
Pharmacological Sciences  1 s.h.
Discussion of methodologies, strategies, and approaches
commonly used to solve pharmacological sciences problems;
use of interpersonal problem-solving skills to develop
experimental study plans for solving contemporary scientific
problems in pharmacology. Offered fall and spring semesters.