

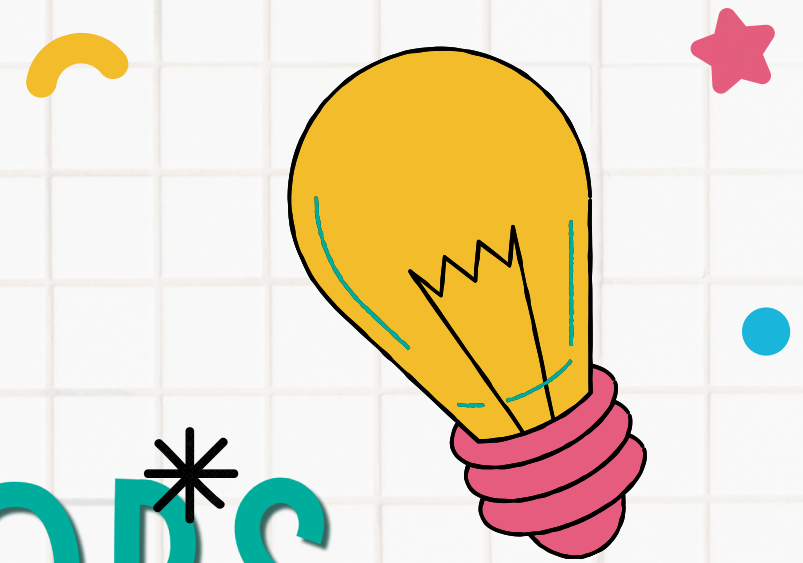
# DEPARTMENTAL HONORS INFO SESSION

**UNDERGRADUATE NEUROSCIENCE  
IDP**





# BENEFITS OF ★ DEPARTMENTAL HONORS \*



## RIGOR

Enables students to "dig beneath the surface", to individually explore particular areas of interest and points of view, and to design and execute special projects

## PREPARATION

Provides relevant experience for graduate/professional school or future career pathway

## LEGACY

Receive notation of your accomplishment on your transcript and diploma



# HOW TO GET STARTED

## WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

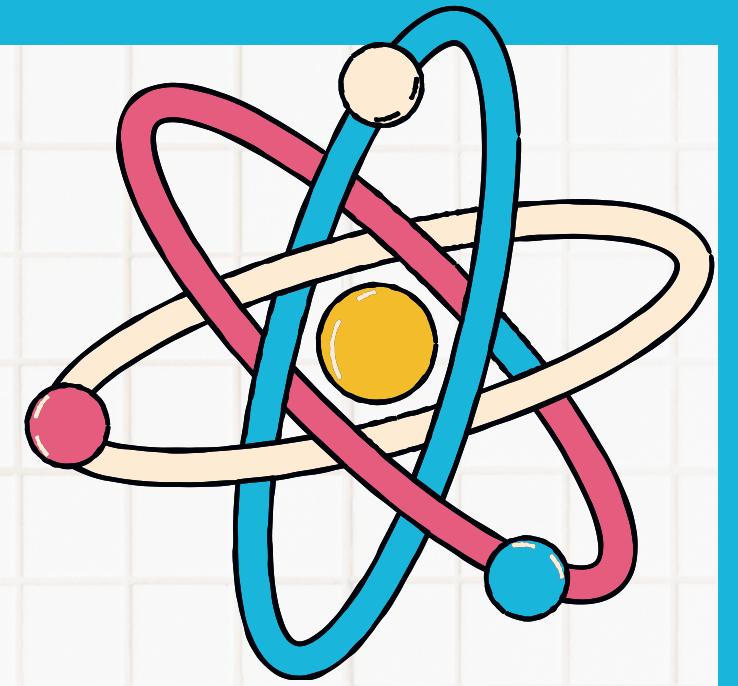
Upperclassmen who have a 3.0 GPA in the major prep courses & a 3.2 overall GPA.

## HOW TO PLAN OUT MY COURSEWORK?

Submit an (optional) departmental honors application to lay out your requirements and how/when you plan to complete them

## WHAT IF I NEED EXTRA HELP?

Make an appointment or attend drop-in advising with a Neuroscience advisor (<https://www.neurosci.ucla.edu/advising/>)

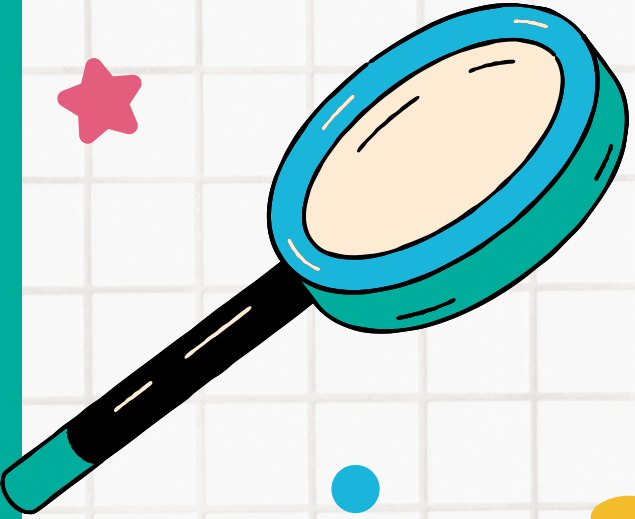
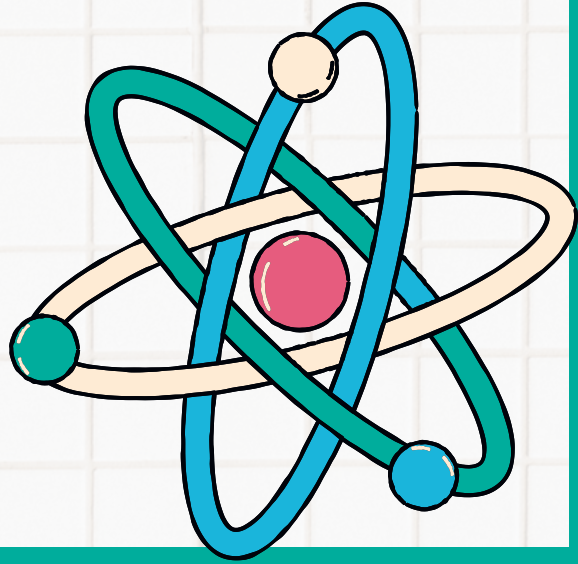






# COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Students need to take two courses with honors content:

- At least one course needs to be a core class (NEUROSC M101A/B/C or NEUROSC 102).
  - The second can be another core class or upper division major elective.
  - These courses must be completed with a grade of "B" or better to receive honors credit.
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# HOW TO CREATE AN HONORS CONTRACT

**Neuroscience Course Honors Contract**  
(Use this contract if you are **not** a College Honors Student)

\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_ has contracted to  
(Student's name) (UID) (E-mail Address)

earn honors credit in \_\_\_\_\_ during \_\_\_\_\_.  
(Department and Course #) (Quarter/Year)

**For honors credit to be granted, the student must complete the course with a grade of "B" or better and complete the following additional honors work (provide specific, detailed information). The additional work is not to be the basis of raising the student's grade in the course.**

The terms of the contract are listed below:

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature of Student)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Date)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature of Professor)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Date)

A Departmental Honors Contract must be completed and submitted to the Bruin Learn website by Friday of the 2nd week of classes at 4 p.m.

- Winter 2024 contracts are due Friday, January 19th

Form is located on the website:  
<https://www.neurosci.ucla.edu/program/departamental-honors/>





# DEPARTMENTAL & COLLEGE HONORS

If you are using a 189HC contract to receive Honors credit for both the College of Letters and Science College Honors Program and Neuroscience departmental honors, please contact the department your elective is housed under (i.e. PhySci, Psych, etc.) to ensure your contract is approved and you are enrolled by Friday of Week 2.

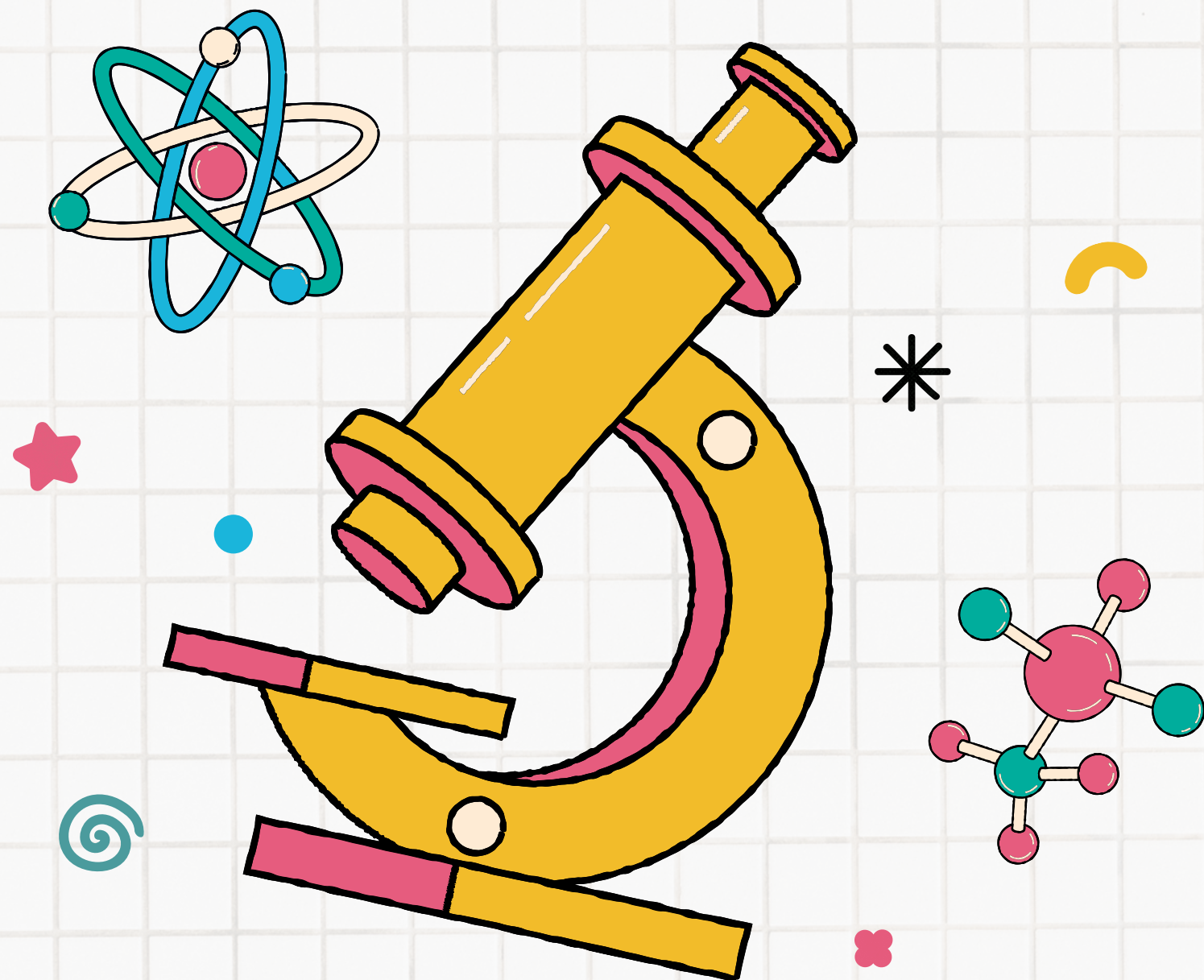
All Neuroscience 189HC contracts are created in MyUCLA and due by Noon of Wednesday (January 17th) of Week 2. Contracts should be submitted to the Bruin Learn website for Neuroscience courses or to the department offering the course if not a Neuroscience course. All contracts must be reviewed and approved prior to enrollment.



# HONORS CONTRACT OPTIONS

In consultation with the instructor of the course, consider one of the following ideas for your contract:

- Supplementation of coursework with independent study, research, surveys, field work, and on-the-scene experience.
- Presentation of the student's work in class or a part of the class by preparation of a lecture on one of the topics in the course (i.e. TED talk style) or the preparation of audio-visual supportive materials.
- Students could test new experiments, develop working models or demonstrations, and present them to the class.
- Form a group which meets regularly to explore current literature and new trends in the field.
- Attend research meetings or department colloquia or regional or national scholarly meetings or other meetings pertinent to the course.
- Participate in the Neuroscience Undergraduate Society Journal Club (required for NEUROSC M101A-C)







# NUS JOURNAL CLUB

- The Neuroscience Undergraduate Society (NUS) provides departmental honors students the opportunity to participate in Journal Club for their NEUROSC M101A, M101B or M101C honors contract.
- Meetings typically begin during week 2, with two meetings being offered each week to accommodate students with scheduling conflicts.
- Students must attend at least three meetings and complete the weekly assignments to fulfill the contract.



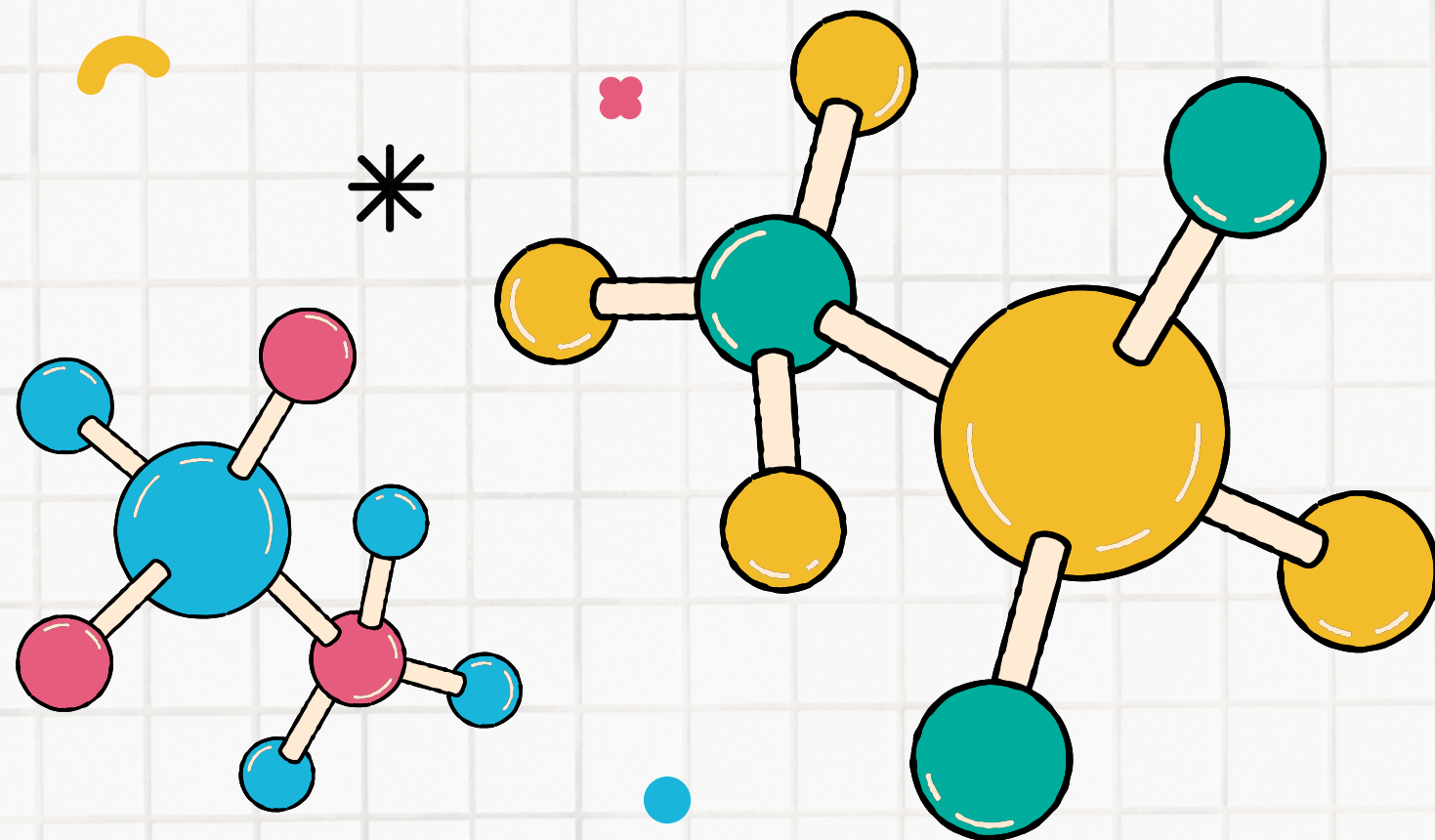
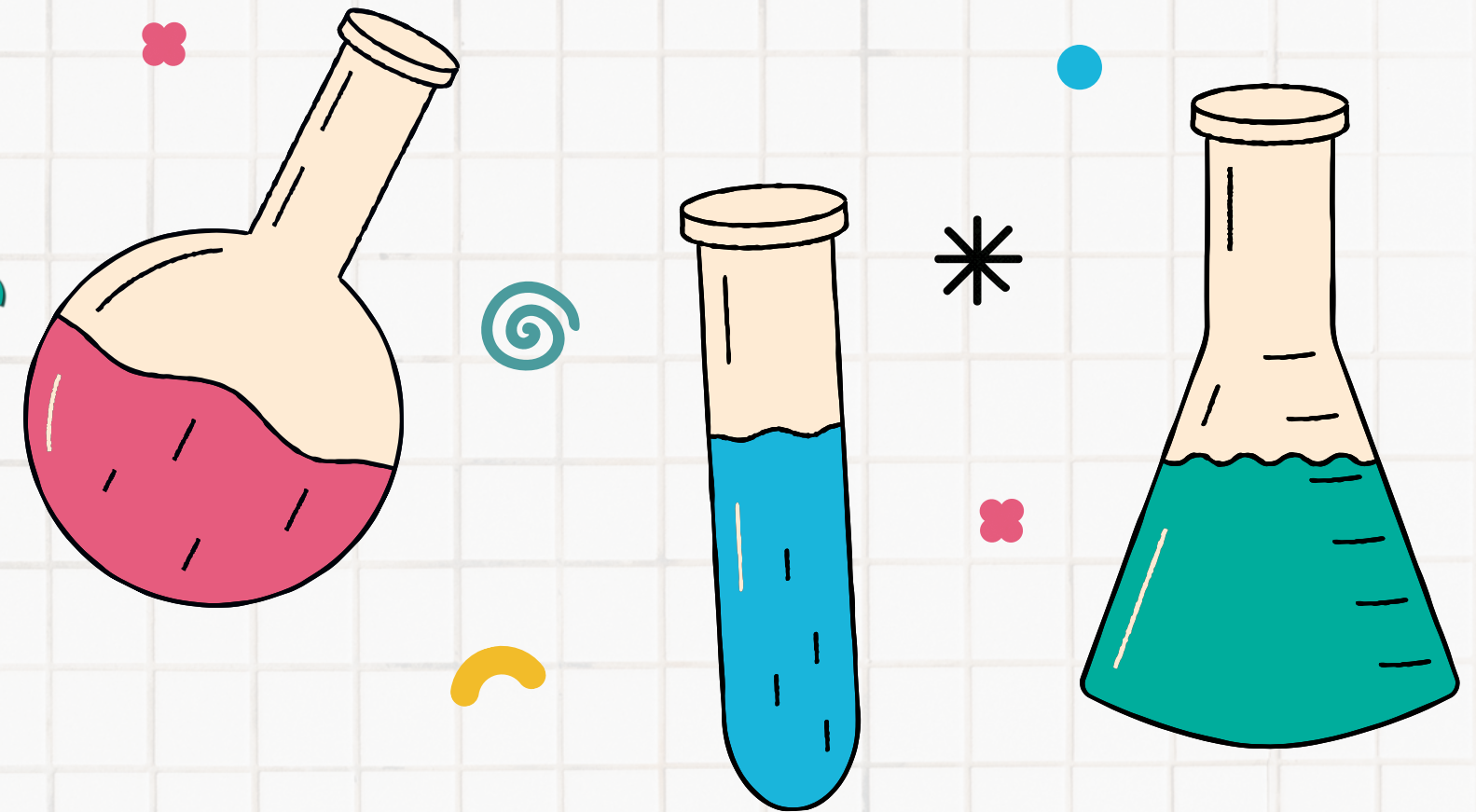
Questions? Contact [presidentnus@gmail.com](mailto:presidentnus@gmail.com) or [lisettevalen@g.ucla.edu](mailto:lisettevalen@g.ucla.edu)



# 01 CAPSTONE CONTRACTS

Students must enroll in a contract research course NEUROSC 198A & NEUROSC 198B for two consecutive quarters.

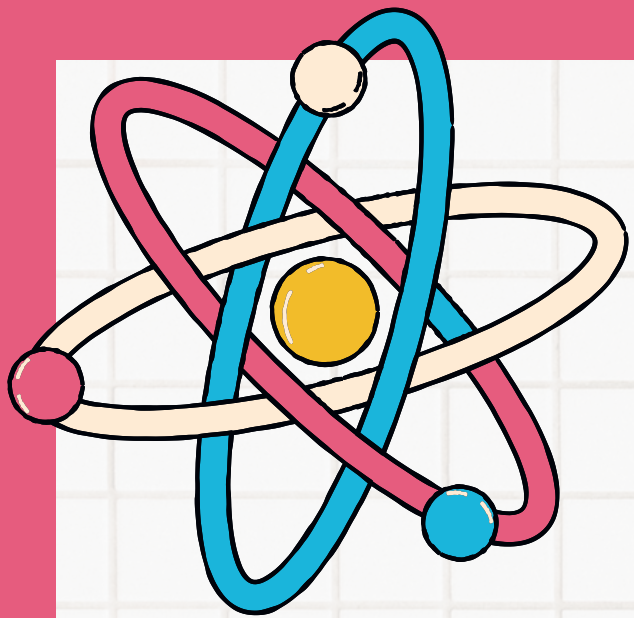
- Prerequisite: NEUROSC M101A & an SRP-99 or 199 in the same lab.
- Find all of the details on how to enroll here:  
<https://www.neurosci.ucla.edu/program/major-capstone/>



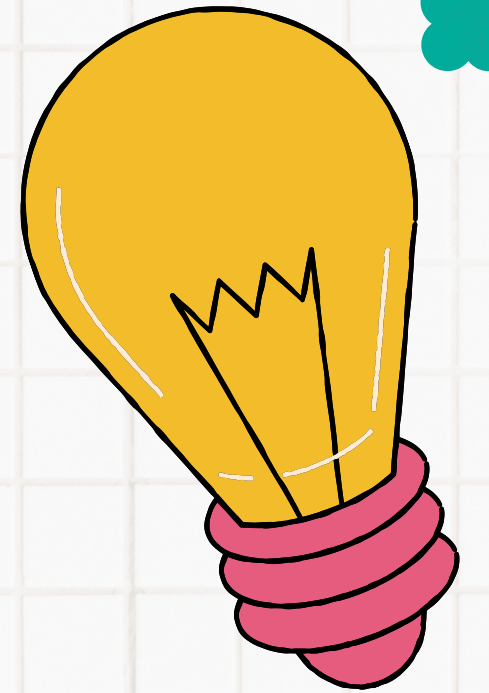
# 02 THESIS & POSTER

- All departmental honors capstone students present a research poster at Neuroscience Poster Day in May
- 10+ page honors thesis due at end of NEUROSC 198B
- Rated by the student's faculty sponsor and another academic senate faculty member.
  - No Honors, Honors, Highest Honors





# HONORS SEMINAR



## NEUROSC 191H

4-unit letter graded seminar course that students are required to enroll in during the winter quarter they are completing NEUROSC 198A or 198B contract

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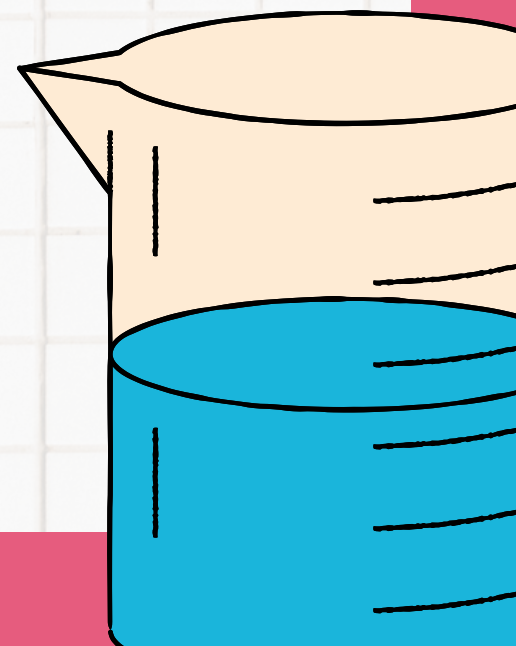
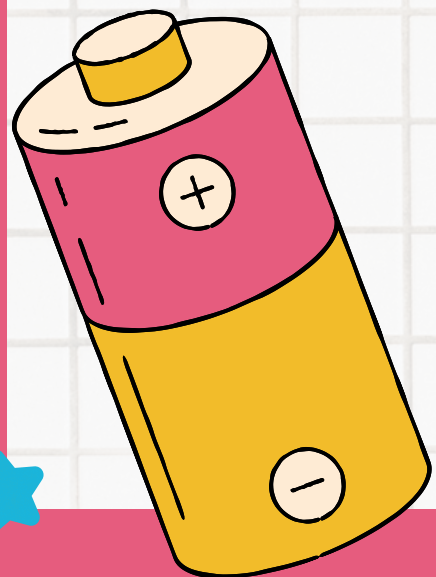
This is a seminar class meant to bring the cohort of honors students together.

## WHY?

Assists students in preparing for the thesis and Neuroscience Poster Day.

## HOW?

A neuroscience advisor will help you enroll after your second enrollment pass for winter quarter begins.





# GPA REQUIREMENT

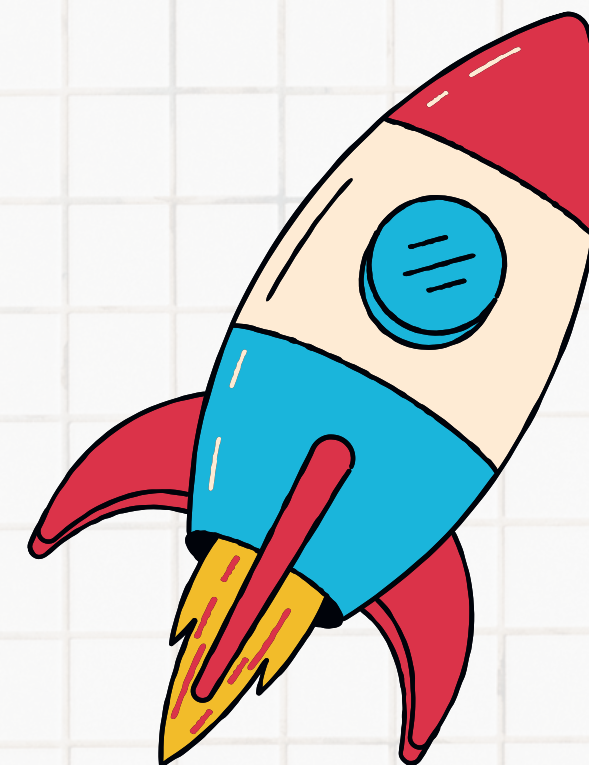
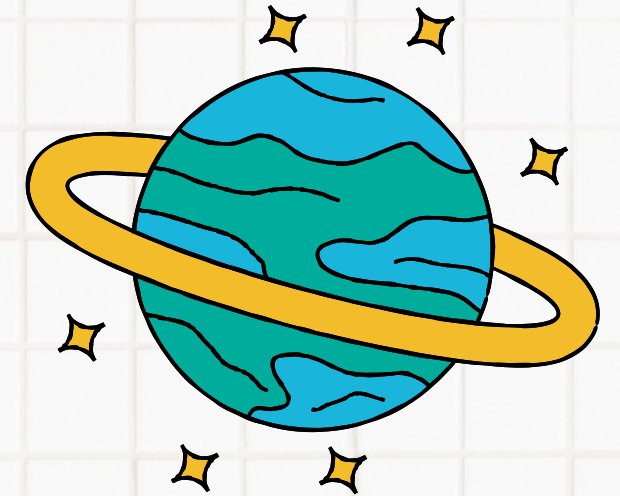
## DEPARTMENTAL HONORS

- Overall GPA of 3.2
- Major GPA of 3.4 (not including major prep)
- Rating of at least honors by both readers of the thesis

## HIGHEST HONORS

- Overall GPA of 3.5
- Major GPA of 3.8 (not including major prep)
- Rating of highest honors by both readers of the thesis.

Please note: departmental honors status will not be determined until after ALL major and degree requirements are completed. Neuroscience advisors will contact you and the Registrar's Office with your status after you graduate.





# COMMON QUESTIONS

- When should I start departmental honors?
- Where do I submit my honors contracts?
- What happens if I do not complete an honors contract?
- Can I fulfill more than two honors contracts?
- When does departmental honors show up on my transcript?
- Can I decide to drop departmental honors?





# THANK YOU!

Any questions? Don't hesitate to  
ask for our help

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