COMBINED PROGRAM MD AND PHD (NEUROSCIENCE OPTION)

Undergraduate Medical Education (MD Program)

The program leading to the Doctor of Medicine degree includes 147 weeks of instruction (72 weeks of which are devoted to clinical work) scheduled over four calendar years.

Preclerkship is devoted to the teaching and learning of biomedical sciences, whereas Clerkship is devoted to clinical work. During medical studies, students should demonstrate the intelligence, the integrity, and the personal and emotional characteristics deemed necessary for competent physicians. Their behaviour must be consistent with an acceptable code of professional ethics, such as stated in the Faculty’s Standards of Ethical and Professional Behaviour.

This program is offered in English and in French.

Program Contact Information

Undergraduate Medical Education (https://med.uottawa.ca/undergraduate/)

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Doctorate in Philosophy Neuroscience

The Department of Cellular and Molecular Medicine is located in the Faculty of Medicine and offers graduate programs leading to the degrees of Master of Science (MSc) and Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Neuroscience.

The programs help students develop their theoretical knowledge as well as their capacity for critical analysis. This is achieved through reading and critiquing the scientific literature, conducting experiments in the laboratory, analyzing the data and results generated, and presenting their results in the form of research seminars or posters. The programs prepare candidates for a variety of careers in teaching and research both within and outside of academia.

Graduates of the program will acquire autonomy in conducting research and in preparing scholarly publications and grant applications. A comprehensive set of courses, state-of-the-art research facilities and outstanding research opportunities ensure a career in neuroscience.

The Department is a participating unit in the collaborative program in Human and Molecular Genetics and in Pathology and Experimental Medicine at the master’s and doctoral levels.

Program Contact Information

Graduate Studies Office, Faculty of Medicine (https://med.uottawa.ca/graduate-postdoctoral/)

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The Department may require students to take additional courses depending on their backgrounds.

Students must meet the following requirements:

**Compulsory Courses:**

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3 elective course units in neuroscience (NSC) at the graduate level

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Note(s)

1. The seminar course involves the presentation of a seminar and regular attendance at the departmental seminars.
2. Successful completion of a comprehensive examination in the form of a research proposal on their own thesis project.
3. Successful presentation and defense of a thesis based on original research carried out under the direct supervision of a research faculty member in the Department.
4. Students are responsible for ensuring they have met all of the thesis requirements (http://www.uottawa.ca/graduate-studies/students/theses/).

**Minimum Requirements (Doctorate)**

The passing grade in all courses is C+.

Students who fail two courses (equivalent to 6 units), the thesis proposal, or the comprehensive exam or whose research progress is deemed unsatisfactory are required to withdraw.