major work with any study abroad program. There are also some study abroad programs that are neuroscience-focused and these programs will allow you to take neuroscience courses abroad. Some of our faculty lead study abroad trips during January that have a strong neuroscience focus.

2. Is NSCI a good major if I’m interested in a pre-health pathway?
Yes, majoring in neuroscience allows you to easily get many of the pre-health requirements that you will need. About 45% of our students are pre-health.
3. What benefits does NSCI offer over majoring in biology or psychology? What would help me determine if NSCI is right for me over other majors?
The benefit of the neuroscience major is this interdisciplinary approach where you will be exposed to many courses within several scientific fields. If you are interested in both biology and psychology, neuroscience may be a good fit for you. The neuroscience faculty are from both the psychology and biology departments but have research interests within the field of neuroscience. The interdisciplinary nature of the neuroscience major allows you to focus your major more heavily on biology or psychology as you prefer based on your interests and goals.
4. What classes should I take my first year to be sure I can major in NSCI?
The answer to this question depends on your potential career goal(s). The pathway into the Neuroscience major is flexible. For those considering a pre-health career, we recommend two of the following three classes in their first semester: BIOL 207, CHEM 111, and MATH 108 or
113. For those unsure about their path or even unsure about Neuroscience, we recommend NSCI 201. This class gives a general introduction to the field of neuroscience, gives you access to upper-level Neuroscience classes, and serves as a Natural Sciences lab class. In addition to the courses above, consider completing PSYC 111 sometime in your first year.

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