

# Pharmacology

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<b>Overview:</b>	<p>Subjects in a pharmacology major introduce students to the unified study of the interaction between chemical agents and living matter. A pharmacology major will teach you how drugs work, and how drugs are used as therapies and as experimental tools for investigation of important problems in biology. Pharmacology extends and complements a range of other biomedical disciplines as well as chemistry. Graduates will gain an in depth understanding of drug actions and a broad appreciation of the scientific process of knowledge acquisition and problem solving. Thus, a pharmacology major will provide the springboard for students entering careers in many areas of biomedical research and associated industries and regulatory authorities.</p>																				
<b>Objectives:</b>	<p>By the end of this major a student should have:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li># knowledge of the actions of important drugs used clinically and in research;</li> <li># an understanding of how the actions of new drugs are characterised and how drugs can be used to investigate questions of biological processes and signaling;</li> <li># an understanding of the process of drug discovery and development;</li> <li># used modern molecular approaches to solving pharmacological problems, and obtained an appreciation of their application to specific biological problems;</li> <li># applied laboratory techniques and analytical approaches in different areas of pharmacology including the analysis and interpretation of data derived from experiments;</li> <li># gained experience in the written and oral presentation of scientific data and developed an appreciation of the scientific literature.</li> </ul>																				
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