Pharmacological Sciences

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Graduate Student Affairs: 949-824-7651 (Program administered by the Department of Pharmacology)

The Department of Pharmacology and Pharmaceutical Sciences join forces to offer an interdisciplinary program leading to the Ph.D. in Pharmacological Sciences with a concentration in Pharmacology or in Pharmaceutical Sciences. For complete program information, see the Interdisciplinary Studies section of the Catalogue.

The Department of Pharmacology also admits students through the following two gateway programs:

**Graduate Gateway Program in Medicinal Chemistry and Pharmacology (MCP).** The one-year graduate MCP Gateway Program is designed to function in concert with selected department programs, including the Ph.D. in Pharmacological Sciences. Upon successful completion of the MCP curriculum at the end of their first year, students choose a faculty advisor who is affiliated with one of the participating departments, and transition into their “home” department to complete the remaining degree requirements. They will receive their Ph.D. from the department of their chosen advisor. Detailed information is available at Department of Pharmacology (http://www.pharmacology.uci.edu) website (http://www.pharmacology.uci.edu).

The Department also participates in the Interdepartmental Neuroscience Gateway Program, described in the Francisco J. Ayala School of Biological Sciences section of the Catalogue. Students who select a focus in Neuroscience and a research advisor in the Department begin following the departmental requirements for the Ph.D. at the beginning of their second year and will receive their Ph.D. from the department of their chosen advisor. Detailed information is available at Interdepartmental Neuroscience Gateway Program website (http://www.inp.uci.edu).

**M.S. in Pharmacology**

The online M.S. in Pharmacology is designed to meet the needs of working professionals and traditional students by providing educational access and flexibility in an online format. It is well-suited to meet the goals of individuals who are seeking leadership positions within their organizations in a variety of fields.

The curriculum emphasizes both theoretical and practical applications and an interdisciplinary approach that serves not only as excellent pathways to career advancement, but also provides a solid foundation from which to pursue doctoral study in related fields.

The M.S. in Pharmacology prepares students for careers in academic research institutions, in the biotechnology and pharmaceutical industry, in federal and state agencies, and in private research institutions.

**Admission**

The online M.S. in Pharmacology is targeted to working professionals in the pharmaceutical industry and related fields, and is open to any non-traditional student who can benefit from the flexibility and convenience of online learning. Requirements include:

- A bachelor’s degree from a recognized academic institution with degree standards equivalent to UC
- A minimum cumulative undergraduate GPA of 3.0
- One official transcript
- Some coursework in biology is required, but applicants may be admitted with a variety of undergraduate disciplines, including biology, molecular biology, psychology, and chemistry
- Some research experience is required
- Personal statement
- Three letters of recommendation

Applications must be received by June 1.

**Requirements**

The program consists of 13 required courses (39 units) to be completed sequentially over two years of study (six quarters).

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PHARM 270
Concepts in Drug Discovery

PHARM 279
Special Topics in Pharmacology

PHARM 280
Master's Project in Pharmacology

PHARM 281
Neuropharmacology

PHARM 282
Behavioral Pharmacology

PHARM 283
Cardiovascular Pharmacology

PHARM 284
Endocrine, Respiratory, and Gastrointestinal Pharmacology

1 Students take PHARM 270 at the beginning of the first year; it is an accelerated five-day in-residence course offered on the UCI campus.

The capstone paper is written while the student is enrolled in PHARM 280. The student, in consultation with their faculty mentor, selects a topic of interest in pharmacology. The final product will be evaluated by the mentor and the course director for acceptability in meeting the capstone requirement.

Students submit an application for advancement to candidacy in the fifth quarter of study. The capstone research project and required courses for the fifth and sixth quarters must be completed before the degree will be conferred. The normative time to degree is two years.

Faculty

Geoffrey W. Abbott, Ph.D. University of London, Professor of Pharmacology; Physiology and Biophysics

Amal Alachkar, Ph.D. University of Manchester, Associate Adjunct Professor of Pharmacology

James D. Belluzzi, Ph.D. University of Chicago, Adjunct Professor of Pharmacology

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Catherine M. Cahill, Ph.D. Dalhousie University, Acting Associate Professor of Anesthesiology and Perioperative Care; Anesthesiology and Perioperative Care; Pharmacology

A. Richard Chamberlin, Ph.D. University of California, San Diego, Department Chair and Professor of Pharmaceutical Sciences; Chemistry; Pharmacology (chemical biology, organic and synthetic)

Olivier Civelli, Ph.D. Swiss Federal Institute of Technology in Zurich, Department Chair and Eric L. and Lila D. Nelson Chair in Neuropharmacology and Professor of Pharmacology; Developmental and Cell Biology; Pharmaceutical Sciences (novel neuroactive molecules)

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