

Dear Doctoral Students of the Sagol School of Neuroscience,

We would like to extend a warm welcome to those joining the Sagol School family this year. You have become part of an outstanding and distinguished community of doctoral researchers, and we are confident that, together with you, the School will continue to be represented by an exceptional cohort.

To our continuing doctoral students, we wish continued success and a productive collaboration in the years ahead. We would also like to extend our best wishes to all of you as you continue your academic journey within the School.

As we approach the opening of the 2026/2027 academic year, this message is intended to provide several important reminders regarding course registration.

We strongly recommend visiting the School's website, where you will find comprehensive information relevant to your doctoral studies (Menu: *Students* → *Doctoral Studies*).

[Sagol School of Neuroscience Website](#)

The information provided below does not replace the detailed academic guidelines and curriculum published in the official program website; rather, it is intended to highlight the most important points. Should you require any clarification, please contact the Doctoral Studies Office at sagolgr@tauex.tau.ac.il

"Imagination is more important than knowledge. Knowledge is limited. Imagination encircles the world."

Albert Einstein

Allow yourselves to imagine, and your imagination will take you to remarkable places



We would also like to take this opportunity to wish you all a happy, productive, and successful year ahead.

Prof. Einat Shetreet – head of the doctoral committee

Tal Bareket - Senior Ph.D. Student's Coordinator



Important Notice

In the event of any discrepancy between the information provided in this message and the official academic code, the code shall prevail.

Students in the Regular Doctoral Track

Students Commencing Their Studies in the 2026/2027 Academic Year

The doctoral curriculum requires the completion of:

- 8 credit hours of coursework;
- 2 credit hours Scientific Writing Course

for a **total of 10 credit hours**.

In accordance with the School's academic handbook, the required courses include Statistics (choice of one from two), Soft Skills, Neuroscience Seminar, Scientific Writing.

Any exemption granted for one of these required courses may be compensated, in consultation with the supervisor, by elective graduate-level courses offered by the Sagol School of Neuroscience and listed in the academic handbook. Undergraduate-level courses listed in these programs may not be counted toward doctoral degree requirements.

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[תוכנית לתואר שני במדעי המוח מסלול קליני במסלול מחקר](#)

Students who began their studies in previous academic years should consult the curriculum structure applicable to their cohort under the **"Previous Handbooks"** section on the School website (on the right side of the page).

For questions, please contact the Doctoral Studies Office by email sagolgr@tauex.tau.ac.il.



Students in the Direct Track from a Bachelor's or Master's Degree

The doctoral curriculum requires the completion of:

- 34 credit hours of coursework;
- 2 credit hours Scientific Writing Course

for a **total of 36 credit hours**.

This requirement includes coursework completed during the first year of the Master's program or during the first year of the direct doctoral track from a Bachelor's degree, as applicable, as required at least **20 credit hours** were completed with a minimum average grade of **90**.

The curriculum includes the same required courses as the regular doctoral track: Statistics, Soft Skills, Neuroscience Seminar, Scientific Writing.

The remaining credit requirements should be fulfilled, in consultation with the supervisor, through graduate-level courses listed in the [Master's program handbooks](#) of the Sagol School of Neuroscience. Students must ensure that all courses counted toward degree requirements are graduate-level courses and not undergraduate courses.

Requests to enroll in courses not included on the approved course lists must be submitted to the Unit Doctoral Committee through the Doctoral Studies Office sagolgr@tauex.tau.ac.il prior to registration. Such requests must include the supervisor's approval.

Useful Resources

- [Guidelines for Doctoral Students Throughout Their Doctoral Studies](#).
- Course Registration Form: Please return the completed form to the Doctoral Studies Office and indicate the following in the email subject line:
"Course Registration – Academic Year 2026/2027 – Student Name"

Important Reminders

- The duration of the doctoral program in the **regular track** is **four years**.
- The duration of the **direct-entry doctoral tracks** is **five years** (including the first year of the Master's program where applicable).



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- For students in the **direct track from a Bachelor's degree**, advancement to the second year is contingent upon:
 - Completion of 20 credit hours;
 - A minimum grade average of 90;
 - Successful completion of the qualifying examination;
 - Approval by the Unit Doctoral Committee.
 - In all doctoral tracks, the minimum passing grade for every course taken as part of the doctoral program is **80**.
 - Throughout the doctoral program, students are required to participate in the School Seminar and annual meetings, and to present their research within this forum, subject to the approval of the seminar coordinator.
 - The **Scientific Writing Course** is intended for students in **Stage B** of their doctoral studies. Students should register for the course around the time of submitting their research proposal and no later than one year after the proposal has been approved.
 - All academic requirements, including required and elective courses, must be completed within **one and a half years** following approval of the research proposal.

Suspension of Studies and/or Scholarship

The following circumstances may result in the suspension of studies and/or termination of scholarship support:

- Repeated absence from the PhD School Seminar.
- Unsatisfactory academic or research progress.
- Failure to submit required progress reports.
- Failure to submit a research proposal and convene the supervisory committee within two years from the beginning of studies as a **Stage A doctoral student**. In the case of students in the direct track from a Bachelor's degree, the two-year period is counted from the successful completion of the qualifying examination.



Useful information *

* Please regularly consult and make use of the School's website, which contains important information and updates relevant to your doctoral studies.

- Questions regarding scholarships please contact Mrs. Yulia Elgranat, Coordinator of budgets & scholarships, e-mail yuliaagr@tauex.tau.ac.il
- [Your Student ID is Going Digital](#) Student Card -
- MAIL
 - [Access your Inbox](#)
 - [Automatic Email Forwarding from MAIL](#)
 - [Backing up emails to private GMAIL](#)
- [Academic Calander](#)
- [Student personal zone](#)
- IT Services
 - [Helpdesk Tel Aviv University](http://www.tau.ac.il/cc/helpdesk) <http://www.tau.ac.il/cc/helpdesk>
 - 03-6408888Phone
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