

STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF FLORIDA
BOARD OF GOVERNORS

March 29, 2018

SUBJECT: Limited Access Status Request for the Bachelor of Science in Neuroscience at Florida State University, CIP Code 26.1501

PROPOSED BOARD ACTION

Consider approval of limited access status for the B.S. in Neuroscience at Florida State University, CIP Code 26.1501.

AUTHORITY FOR BOARD OF GOVERNORS ACTION

Article IX, Section 7, Florida Constitution; Board of Governors Regulation 8.013

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Florida State University (FSU) is requesting limited access status for the Bachelor of Science in Neuroscience. Board of Governors' Regulation 8.013 provides that baccalaureate degree programs may be approved as limited access for the following reasons:

- the number of qualified applicants exceed the program's resources and capacity,
- special skills or talent is required to be successful in the program, and
- higher academic achievement is necessary to be successful in the program.

The limited access request is based on the requirement for higher academic achievement in order to be successful in the program. By establishing a minimum GPA of 2.8 over all courses attempted, with all pre-requisite coursework completed with a grade of C or higher in order to enter the program, students will be able to successfully complete the upper-division coursework. All pre-requisite coursework is offered through the Florida College System and transfer students will not be disadvantaged by the screening process. Additionally, students enrolling in the program are expected to pursue a graduate or professional degree program where undergraduate GPA is a primary consideration for admission. For neuroscience-related careers, an undergraduate GPA above 3.0 is needed to be competitive for admission to an advanced degree.

The FSU Board of Trustees approved limited access for the program on January 19, 2018. If approved by the Board of Governors, FSU will implement limited access status for the program effective Fall 2018.

Supporting Documentation Included: Information located in the Academic and Student Affairs Committee materials