

Neuroscience Joint Concentrator Thesis Plan

STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES:

- **A joint thesis must consist of an integrated project where both concentrations' approaches are brought to bear on the same overarching question or research goal.** You should plan to submit one cohesive document (not separate chapters for each field).
 - Each joint concentrator is responsible for developing a project that integrates their two disciplines. Part of your evaluation will reflect how well you have accomplished this objective.
- **Students are responsible for identifying and following both departments' thesis policies, timeline, and evaluation practices.**
 - If any deadlines differ, you should adhere to the earlier deadline.
 - Your overall thesis evaluation and grade will be informed by both departments' assessment of the work.
- **Any alterations to the thesis format or deadlines need to be approved in advance by both departments.**

Contact information	
Student Name:	Email:
Joint concentration (primary or allied?):	
Main advising contact from the joint concentration (typically the DUS or aDUS):	
Thesis advisor from the joint concentration (if different than your lab PI):	
Thesis deadlines (Remember that if deadlines differ, students must adhere to the earlier deadline)	
Thesis proposal deadline (primary concentration):	Thesis proposal deadline (allied concentration):
Additional deadlines (primary concentration):	Additional deadlines (allied concentration):
Thesis due date (primary concentration):	Thesis due date (allied concentration):

Thesis format	
What format is expected by the primary concentration (e.g., chapters, scientific paper, etc.)?	What format is expected by the allied concentration (e.g., chapters, scientific paper, etc.)?
Page limit (primary concentration)?	Page limit (allied concentration)?
Additional considerations	
How are thesis readers assigned by the primary concentration?	How are thesis readers assigned by the allied concentration?
Does the primary concentration hold an oral exam? (if so, when):	Does the allied concentration hold an oral exam? (if so, when):
Does the primary concentration require enrollment in a thesis tutorial (99r)? How many semesters?	Does the allied concentration require enrollment in a thesis tutorial (99r)? How many semesters?
I agree to abide by the guidelines listed above in submitting a joint thesis:	
Student signature:	Date:

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Please submit this signed form by May 5th, 2026 to the Neuroscience advising office
 (undergraduate_neuroscience@fas.harvard.edu)

If you have any questions, contact the Neuroscience Concentration Advisors, Dr. Laura Magnotti (magnotti@fas.harvard.edu), Dr. Ryan Draft (draft@fas.harvard.edu), or Dr. Kristina Penikis (kpenikis@fas.harvard.edu)

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