



UNIVERSITY OF  
MARYLAND

## Application for NACS Certificate

**In order to apply to join the NACS Certificate Program, you should:**

- 1. Complete this application on a computer**
- 2. Create a PDF copy of your unofficial UM transcript (e.g., from Testudo)**
- 3. Obtain a letter from your primary advisor endorsing your application to the NACS Certificate program. The letter should minimally confirm the following:**
  - a) that the advisor endorses your participation in the NACS Certificate Program,**
  - b) that you are a Ph.D. student in good standing in your home department, and**
  - c) the anticipated dates for your completion of the requirements for the Ph.D. and the NACS Certificate.**
  - d) The advisor should also endorse your proposed courses (courses should be listed), and should explain how the courses meet the goals of the Certificate Program by broadening your training beyond your regular Ph.D. requirements.**
- 4. All files should be submitted electronically, with a strong preference for PDF files. Please use transparent file names that start with your name, i.e., smith\_application.pdf, smith\_transcript.pdf, smith\_endorsement.pdf. Send files together in ONE email message to Josiland Chambers, NACS Assistant Director, at [jchamb@umd.edu](mailto:jchamb@umd.edu).**

Name	
Ph.D. Program	
Student ID Number	
Local Address	
City, State, Zip Code	
Phone Number	
E-mail Address	

**Name, department, email address, and phone number of NACS faculty member who will serve as your certificate advisor (may be your regular advisor, if a NACS faculty member):**

Name:

Department:

Email:

Phone:

**Date you expect to complete the NACS certificate requirements:**

**Date you expect to graduate from the University of Maryland:**

**Certificate Requirements:**

The objective of the NACS Certificate Program is to recognize training in neuroscience and cognitive science that students gain in addition to the requirements of their home Ph.D. program. Students must complete a minimum of 16 credits through completing the following courses with a grade of B (3.0) or better in each class.

1. Students must complete a core of 10 credits, comprising:
  - a. At least two of the following courses within the NACS core curriculum.  
NACS641 Introduction to Neuroscience (4 credits)  
NACS642 Cognitive Neuroscience (4 credits)  
NACS643 Computational Neuroscience (4 credits)  
NACS644 Cellular and Molecular Neuroscience (4 credits)  
NACS645 Cognitive Science (4 credits)
  - b. Two semesters of NACS608, Neuroscience and Cognitive Science Seminar, one credit per semester. This course requires attendance at the weekly NACS Colloquium.
2. Students must complete at least 6 additional credits from graduate courses approved by the NACS program. A (non-exhaustive) sample list of courses is published by the NACS program each semester. The student's NACS advisor and the NACS Graduate Director must approve the courses taken to fulfill these credits. Courses taken at the 400-level require approval of the NACS Graduate Director.

Eligible courses taken prior to admission to the NACS Certificate Program may count towards the certificate, with the permission of the NACS Graduate Director.

**Plan of Study:**

**Core Curriculum**

Course Number	Semester	Course Title
1)		
2)		
1) NACS608		Neuroscience and Cognitive Science Seminar
2) NACS608		Neuroscience and Cognitive Science Seminar

**Supplemental Curriculum**

Course Number	Semester	Course Title
1)		
2)		

**Please explain how your proposed courses meet the goals of the NACS Certificate Program by broadening your training beyond the regular requirements of your home Ph.D. program. (This is a request for factual information that will allow the NACS Graduate Director to determine the suitability of your proposed course of study.):**

*Thank you for applying to the NACS Certificate Program.*