CERTIFICATE PROGRAM SYNOPSIS:

The certificate in Mind, Brain, and Culture provides an opportunity for students to engage in a cross-disciplinary training experience to broaden their knowledge of and experience with concepts, theories, and methods pertaining to the study of mind, brain, and culture from fields outside their own. Students from any doctoral program interested in issues associated with mind, brain, culture or their intersections are eligible to pursue this certificate.

The goals of this certificate program are to (1) facilitate doctoral students’ appreciation of multi-disciplinary approaches to research in their areas of interest, (2) provide a formal means for pursuing the cross-disciplinary training experiences that many students are otherwise compelled to seek and attain in an ad hoc fashion and (3) provide a formal credential in multi-disciplinary study that will increase student marketability in an environment that increasingly values interdisciplinarity.

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What is a graduate certificate program?
A graduate certificate program is the graduate school version of a “minor” or secondary area of specialization. Students undertake additional focused coursework beyond their primary course of study in their home program. Designation that they have completed this certificate appears on their diplomas and transcripts, as a formal mark of credentials in this additional area.

What are the goals of the Certificate Program in Mind, Brain, and Culture?
The Graduate Certificate in Mind, Brain, and Culture provides a formal means for doctoral students interested in multiple disciplinary perspectives on the study of mind, brain, and culture to pursue these interests. The goal is to provide students with interests in the study of mind, brain, culture, and their intersections with a greater understanding of multidisciplinary approaches to these topics, and to develop tailored plans of study that augment their own research endeavors.

Who can participate?
Any student enrolled in any doctoral program in the Laney Graduate School at Emory University (including the professional schools) can participate. The certificate program is not a terminal degree and cannot be completed by those not already actively enrolled at Emory University.

What are the requirements of the program?
The Certificate involves completing eighteen hours of course work (4 courses plus two semesters attending a research group meeting). These requirements include:

- **MBC 501** (Core Course in Multidisciplinary Approaches to Mind, Brain, and Culture)
- Two semesters of participation in a one-credit hour (monthly) research group seminar, **MBC 600**, in which students will have opportunities to discuss topics and readings, guest lectures, and presentations from across the various disciplines
- Three approved **elective** courses. Many times the electives will also count towards completion of requirements in your home program.

How can I find out more?
We have detailed information about the Certificate Program posted on our website at: [http://cmbc.emory.edu/graduate/certificate_program.html](http://cmbc.emory.edu/graduate/certificate_program.html).

You may also contact the Certificate Program Director, Dr. Lynne Nygaard ([lnygaard@emory.edu](mailto:lnygaard@emory.edu)) with questions or to discuss this opportunity.

How do I sign up to participate?
To enroll in the Certificate Program, you will need to complete a training plan, in consultation with the Certificate Program Director, Dr. Lynne Nygaard ([lnygaard@emory.edu](mailto:lnygaard@emory.edu)) and your primary academic advisor in your home program. The training plan form is available on the web at [http://cmbc.emory.edu/graduate/certificate_program.html](http://cmbc.emory.edu/graduate/certificate_program.html).

We encourage you to meet with Dr. Nygaard (or, at minimum, correspond by email) about your interest in the program prior to preparing a draft of your training plan.