Cognitive Science

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The mission of the Cognitive Science Program is to advance the study of minds and brains, real or artificial, in all their aspects, through research and teaching. This interdisciplinary field, encompassing the fields of psychology, linguistics, computer science, philosophy, anthropology, and neuroscience, provides excellent preparation for life in the age of information. The program aims to instill in students a solid grasp of the intellectual problems, frameworks, and methodologies currently available; to provide experience exploring these through guided research; and to foster the desire to create and disseminate new knowledge. With this foundation, students are well prepared for a wide variety of careers at the interfaces of technology, minds, brains, and behavior, and for graduate study in Cognitive Science or any of the contributing disciplines.

We offer undergraduate B.A. and B.S. degrees in Cognitive Science, an undergraduate minor, and a graduate certificate. A Cognitive Science major is easy to combine with a second major in the humanities, natural sciences, social sciences, or computer science.

B.A. IN COGNITIVE SCIENCE

The B.A. in Cognitive Science requires a minimum of 14 courses. All majors take COGS 007, an introduction to cognitive science, plus core courses in cognitive psychology, philosophy, artificial intelligence, and cognitive neuroscience, and colleagues in computer science. They also complete a course in research methods or tools. Students then pursue their individual interests by choosing at least five electives from among the three tracks. A capstone integration occurs in the required two-semester senior project (COGS 301 and COGS 302, or, for Honors, COGS 391 and COGS 392), in which students focus on a topic of their choice spanning at least two cognitive science sub-disciplines.

Additional coursework in affiliated disciplines is recommended, to be selected in consultation with the major adviser and dependent upon anticipated career path. These courses may fulfill college distribution requirements. Note: A number of major courses have pre-requisites. Students considering this major should check pre-requisites and plan accordingly. A preliminary meeting with the program director may be useful.

Collateral Requirements

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One course in research methods and tools from the following: PSYC 201 Research Methods and Data Analysis I; PSYC 202 Research Methods and Data Analysis II; ECO 045 Statistical Methods; SOAN 111 Research Methods and Data Analysis; CSE 160 Introduction to Data Science; BIOS 130 Biostatistics

Introductory Course

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<td>Survey of Artificial Intelligence or Artificial Intelligence Theory and Practice</td>
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<td>COGS/PSYC 176</td>
<td>Cognitive Neuroscience</td>
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<td>COGS/PHIL 250 or COGS/PHIL 251</td>
<td>Philosophy of Mind or Philosophical Foundations of Cognitive Science</td>
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Major Electives

Select a minimum of five electives, with at least one course from each of the three tracks.

Senior Project

6-8

COGS 301 & COGS 302
Senior Project in Cognitive Science: Proposal and Senior Project in Cognitive Science: Execution
Credits may be split between two advisors but must total 3 per semester.

or

COGS 391 & COGS 392
Credits may be split between two advisors but must total 4 per semester.

Total Credits

40-47

B.S. IN COGNITIVE SCIENCE

The B.S.in Cognitive Science entails additional courses beyond those in the B.A. to provide both additional breadth and depth. It requires a minimum of 20 courses. All majors take COGS 007, an introduction to cognitive science, plus core courses in cognitive psychology, philosophy, artificial intelligence, and cognitive neuroscience, and colleagues in computer science, math, and social science. They also complete two courses in research methods or tools and at least one semester of supervised research. Students then pursue their individual interests by choosing a concentration area from among three tracks and completing at least six electives with a minimum of four in the concentration area. A capstone integration occurs in the required two-semester senior project (COGS 301 and COGS 302, or, for Honors, COGS 391 and COGS 392), in which students focus on a topic of their choice spanning at least two cognitive science sub-disciplines.

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<td>Introduction to Psychology or Principles of Economics or Cultural Diversity and Human Nature</td>
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Two courses in research methods and tools.

For Artificial Intelligence and Formal Models Concentration:

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For all other concentrations:

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<td>PSYC 201 &amp; PSYC 202</td>
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Introductory Course

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COGS 007
Introduction to Cognitive Science

Disciplinary Core Course

16
COGS/PSYC 117  Cognitive Psychology
COGS/CSE 127  Survey of Artificial Intelligence
or COGS/CSE 327  Artificial Intelligence Theory and Practice
COGS/PSYC 176  Cognitive Neuroscience
COGS/PHIL 250  Philosophy of Mind
or COGS/PHIL 251  Philosophical Foundations of Cognitive Science
COGS 183  Cognitive Neuroscience Recitation
or COGS 184  Cognitive Neuroscience Recitation

**Concentrations**  18-24

Choose six electives from the concentration lists, at least four of them from within the same concentration. The lists are the same for the B.A. and the B.S. Requirements specific to each concentration for the B.S. are as follows:

**Artificial Intelligence and Formal Models**
CSE 017  Programming and Data Structures

**Cognition, Culture, and Meaning**
COGS 140  Introduction to Linguistics

**Cognitive Neuroscience**
BIOS 044  Introduction to Integrative and Comparative Biology

**Research Experience**  3  2-4
COGS 161  Supervised Research

**Senior Project**  6-8
COGS 301 & COGS 302  Senior Project in Cognitive Science: Proposal and Senior Project in Cognitive Science: Execution
Or

**Total Credits**  46-56

1 Collateral courses may count toward CAS distribution requirements where applicable.
2 BIOS 044 pre-reqs: any CHM course that fulfills the pre-requisite for BIOS 041, plus BIOS 041 Introduction to Cellular and Molecular Biology and BIOS 042 Introduction to Cellular and Molecular Biology Laboratory. These are not part of the major but can count toward CAS Natural Science distribution.
3 Students are encouraged to take the required research credits beginning in the second year or even earlier. At least two semesters of relevant research experience (minimum 4 credits) are required for B.S. students prior to enrolling in COGS 391 Honors Thesis in Cognitive Science: Proposal and COGS 392 Honors Thesis in Cognitive Science: Project Execution and Thesis for their senior project.
4 May be repeated for credit.
5 Credits may be split between two advisers but must total 3 per semester (301,302) or 4 per semester (391, 392).
6 Not available in the Artificial Intelligence concentration.
7 This option is not available in the Artificial Intelligence concentration.
The graduate certificate provides the opportunity to develop an interdisciplinary perspective on human and machine intelligence. It is available to both enrolled and external students. Students in Lehigh University graduate degree programs such as computer science, psychology, and instructional technology are encouraged to participate with the approval of an adviser in their major program. Non-degree, post-baccalaureate individuals with sufficient background to complete the coursework are also welcome to undertake the certificate. The certificate may be especially relevant to those working in technology-related fields. Interested individuals should contact the Director of the Cognitive Science Program. External candidates will also need to apply to the College of Arts and Sciences for non-degree graduate status.

The certificate will appear on the student’s transcript after submission of a signed completion form by the program director. The certificate will entail 12-16 credits.

**MINOR IN COGNITIVE SCIENCE**

The undergraduate minor in Cognitive Science requires five courses:

- **COGS 007 Introduction to Cognitive Science**
  - 4 credits

Four additional courses selected from among the major's core courses and major electives, with at least two of these being Disciplinary Core Courses

**Total Credits** 16-20

**PROGRAM HONORS**

Majors seeking to graduate with honors in cognitive science must have a 3.30 GPA in the major, a 3.30 GPA overall, and complete a high quality senior thesis with enrollment in COGS 391 Honors Thesis in Cognitive Science: Proposal and COGS 392 Honors Thesis in Cognitive Science: Project Execution and Thesis. Theses submitted for honors will be evaluated by a committee of at least three cognitive science faculty.

**GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN COGNITIVE SCIENCE**

The graduate certificate provides the opportunity to develop an interdisciplinary perspective on human and machine intelligence. It is available to both enrolled and external students.

Courses

**Psychology**

- PSYC 307 Higher Order Cognition
- PSYC 313 Person Perception
- PSYC 314 Social Cognition
- PSYC 316 The Talking World: Psychology and Neuroscience of Speaking

**Psychology/HMS 344**

- PSYC 347 Cognitive Neuroscience of Memory
- PSYC 351 Children’s Thinking
- PSYC 355 Seminar in Cognitive Neuroscience
- PSYC 358 Seminar in Cognitive Psychology
- PSYC 362 Cognitive in Practice & Policy
- PSYC 377 Attention and Attentional Failures
- PSYC 402 Developmental Psychology
- PSYC 403 Cognitive Psychology
- PSYC 406 Social Cognition
- PSYC 433 Cognitive Neuroscience Techniques
- PSYC 448 Seminar in Psychology of Language
- PSYC 464 Seminar in Cognition
- PSYC/COGS 478 Ontological Psychology
- PSYC 480 Seminar in Cognitive Development

**Philosophy**

- PHIL/COGS 250 Philosophy of Mind
- PHIL 260 Philosophy of Language

**Sociology and Anthropology**

**Total Credits** 0

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Note: These particular 200-level courses may be taken by graduate students.

**Courses**

**COGS 007 Introduction to Cognitive Science 4 Credits**

**Repeat Status**: Course may be repeated.

**Attribute/Distribution**: HU, SS

**COGS 098 1-4 Credits**

**Repeat Status**: Course may be repeated.

**COGS 117 (PSYC 117) Cognitive Psychology 4 Credits**

The architecture and dynamics of the human mind: How we acquire knowledge through perception, represent and activate it in memory, and use it to communicate, make decisions, solve problems, and reason creatively. May not be taken pass/fail.

**Prerequisites**: PSYC 001 or COGS 007

**Attribute/Distribution**: SS

**COGS 127 (CSE 127) Survey of Artificial Intelligence 3 Credits**

An introduction to artificial intelligence (AI) intended for non-majors. AI concepts, systems, and history. Credit will not be given for both CSE/COGS 127 and CSE/COGS 327.

**Prerequisites**: CSE 002 or CSE 004 or CSE 007
COGS 140 (ANTH 140, MLL 140) Introduction to Linguistics 4 Credits
Relationship between language and mind; formal properties of language; language and society; how languages change over time. May not be taken pass/fail.
Attribute/Distribution: SS

COGS 161 Supervised Research 1-3 Credits
Research under the direct supervision of a faculty member in the cognitive science program. Students must arrange the particular project with a faculty member before enrolling. Consent of program director required.
Repeat Status: Course may be repeated.
Attribute/Distribution: SS

COGS 176 (PSYC 176) Cognitive Neuroscience 4 Credits
Perception and cognitive neuroscience as the link between mental processes and their biological bases. Visual and auditory perception; the control of action; neuropsychological syndromes of perception, language, memory, and thought; neural network (connectionist) models of mental processes. May not be taken pass/fail.
Prerequisites: PSYC 001 or COGS 007
Attribute/Distribution: NS

COGS 183 (PSYC 183) Cognitive Psychology Recitation 1 Credit
Research, discussion, and analysis of topics in cognitive psychology.
Prerequisites: PSYC 117 or COGS 117
Can be taken Concurrently: PSYC 117, COGS 117

COGS 184 (PSYC 184) Cognitive Neuroscience Recitation 1 Credit
Research, discussion, and analysis of topics in cognitive neuroscience.
Prerequisites: PSYC 176 or COGS 176
Can be taken Concurrently: PSYC 176, COGS 176

COGS 191 Special Topics 1-4 Credits
Intensive study of a topic of special interest not covered in other courses.
Repeat Status: Course may be repeated.
Attribute/Distribution: HU, SS

COGS 250 (PHIL 250) Philosophy of Mind 4 Credits
An exploration of the mind-body problem. Are the body and mind distinct substances (dualism); or is there only body (materialism); or only mind (idealism)? Other views to be considered include behaviorism (the view that behavior can be explained without recourse to mental states), and the view that the mind is a complex computer. Student must have completed at least one Philosophy course at the 100-level.
Attribute/Distribution: HU

COGS 251 (PHIL 251) Philosophical Foundations of Cognitive Science 4 Credits
Cognitive Science is the study of aspects of natural and artificial minds: perception, cognition, reasoning, action, and language. Several fields intersect here: artificial intelligence, linguistics, cognitive psychology, philosophy, and neuroscience. Central issues include: the nature of representation, the boundaries of cognitive science, and consciousness. We will survey the foundational philosophical aspects of these issues within Cognitive Science. Student must have completed at least one Philosophy course at the 100-level, or major in Cognitive Science.
Attribute/Distribution: HU

COGS 291 Special Topics 1-4 Credits
Intensive study of a topic of special interest not covered in other courses.
Repeat Status: Course may be repeated.
Attribute/Distribution: HU, SS

COGS 300 Apprentice Teaching 1-4 Credits

COGS 301 Senior Project in Cognitive Science: Proposal 1-3 Credits
For students not intending to apply for program Honors. Background reading and preparation of a short written proposal are conducted in the first semester in consultation with a faculty adviser. Students must enroll for a total of three credits which may be split between the sections of a primary and secondary adviser. Consent of program director and project adviser required.
Repeat Status: Course may be repeated.
Prerequisites: COGS 301

COGS 327 (CSE 327) Artificial Intelligence Theory and Practice 3 Credits
Detailed analysis of a broad range of artificial intelligence (AI) algorithms and systems. Problem solving, knowledge representation, reasoning, planning, uncertainty and machine learning. Applications of AI to areas such as natural language processing, vision, and robotics. Credit will not be given for both CSE/COGS 127 and CSE/COGS 327.
Prerequisites: CSE 017 and CSE 140

COGS 361 Independent Research 2-4 Credits
Independent research in cognitive science with a faculty advisor. Students must arrange the particular project with a faculty advisor before enrolling. Consent of program director required.
Repeat Status: Course may be repeated.
Attribute/Distribution: ND

COGS 391 Honors Thesis in Cognitive Science: Proposal 1-4 Credits
For students not intending to apply for program Honors. Background reading and preparation of a written proposal are conducted in the first semester in consultation with a faculty adviser. An oral presentation will be given at end of the semester. Students must enroll for four credits which may be split between co-advisers. Consent of program director and project adviser required.
Repeat Status: Course may be repeated.

COGS 392 Honors Thesis in Cognitive Science: Project Execution and Thesis 1-4 Credits
For students with 3.3 or higher major and overall GPA by the spring of the junior year, who want to undertake a project with the potential for program Honors. Literature review and preparation of a written report is conducted in the second semester. An oral presentation will be given at end of the semester. Students must enroll for a total of four credits which may be split between co-advisers. Consent of program director and project adviser required.
Repeat Status: Course may be repeated.
Prerequisites: COGS 391

COGS 394 Special Topics in Cognitive Science 3-4 Credits
Topics vary from semester to semester. Topics are presented at an advanced level.
Repeat Status: Course may be repeated.

COGS 405 Individual Study in Cognitive Science 1-6 Credits
Study of a topic not covered in regular course offerings. By arrangement with a consulting faculty member. Consent of program director required.
Repeat Status: Course may be repeated.
COGS 423 (PSYC 423) Foundations of Cognitive Science 3 Credits
Survey of fundamental theory and methodologies from artificial intelligence, linguistics, cognitive psychology, philosophy, and neuroscience, as well as salient research problems such as knowledge acquisition and representation, natural language processing, skill acquisition, perception and action, and the philosophical question of intentionality.

COGS 478 (PSYC 478) Ontological Psychology 3 Credits
Principles and constraints for modeling psychological phenomena. Representation; perception; memory; knowing; learning; emotions; consciousness; language; rationality.