Areas of Specialization

The Department of Cognitive Science has instituted optional "areas of specialization" within the Cognitive Science major for the BS degree only.

The areas of specialization are intended to provide majors with guidance in choosing elective courses and to make the specific interests and training of a major clear to prospective employers and graduate schools. Specifying an area of specialization is optional; however, students should take into consideration that approved courses are not necessarily offered every year, when planning for their specialization.

To major in Cognitive Science with an area of specialization, students must fulfill the requirements for the BS degree and must choose 4 of the required 6 electives from the list of approved electives for that area of specialization. In addition, a Cognitive Science 199 may be allowed for elective credit within the specialization if approved courses were not necessary offered every year, when planning for their specialization.

**NEUROSCIENCE SPECIALIZATION**

Major code: CG29

This area of specialization is intended for majors interested in neuroscience research or medicine. Allowed electives include courses in cognitive neuroscience, organic chemistry, biochemistry, and physiology.

**Cognitive Science**

COGS 119: Programming/Experimental Res.
COGS 143: Animal Cognition
COGS 154: Comm. Disorders Child/Adults
COGS 160: Sem. Special Topics (if topic applies)
COGS 163: Metabolic Disorders of the Brain
COGS 164: Neurobiology of Motivation
COGS 170: Nat./Art Synp. Exp. Systems
COGS 171: Mirror neuron System
COGS 172: Brain Disorders and Cognition
COGS 174: Drugs: Brain, Mind, and Culture
COGS 175: Neuroscience: States of Consciousness
COGS 176: From Sleep to Attention
COGS 177: Space and Time in the Brain
COGS 179: Electrophysiology of Cognition
COGS 180: Neural Coding/Sensory Systems
COGS 184: Modeling the Evolution of Cognition

*Plus any COGS 107 not used for core sequence*

**Biology-Animal Physiology and Neuroscience**

BIPN 100: Mammalian Physiology I
BIPN 105: Animal Physiology Lab
BIPN 144: Developmental Neurobiology
BIPN 146: Computational Neurobiology
BIPN 148: Cellular Basis of Learning and Memory

**Chemistry**

CHEM 140A: Organic Chemistry
CHEM 140B: Organic Chemistry
CHEM 140C: Organic Chemistry
CHEM 141A: Organic Chemistry
CHEM 141B: Organic Chemistry
CHEM 143A: Organic Chemistry Laboratory
CHEM 143B: Organic Chemistry Laboratory
CHEM 143C: Organic Laboratory

**Linguistics**

LIGN 172: Language and the Brain

**Psychology**

PSYC 168: Psych. Disorders of Childhood
PSYC 169: Brain Imaging, and Ment. Func.
PSYC 179: Drugs, Addts., & Ment. Discr.
PSYC 181: Drugs and Behavior
PSYC 182: Illusions and the Brain

**MACHINE LEARNING AND NEURAL COMPUTATION SPECIALIZATION**

Major code: CG27

This area of specialization is intended for majors interested in computational and mathematical approaches to modeling cognition or building cognitive systems, theoretical neuroscience, as well as software engineering and data science. Allowed electives include advanced courses in neural networks, artificial intelligence, and computer science.

**Cognitive Science**

COGS 102C: Cognitive Engineering
COGS 119A: Natural Computation I
COGS 119B: Natural Computation II
COGS 121: HCI Programming
COGS 160: Sem. Special Topics (if topic applies)
COGS 171: Mirror neuron System
COGS 180: Neural Coding/Sensory Systems
COGS 185: Adv. Machine Learning Methods
COGS 187A: Multimedia Design I
COGS 187B: Multimedia Design II
COGS 188: AI Algorithm and Social Language
COGS 189: Brain Computer Interfaces

**Biology-Animal Physiology and Neuroscience**

BIPN 146: Computational Neurobiology

**Computer Science and Engineering**

CSE 100: Advanced Data Structures
CSE 101: Design and Analysis of Algorithms
CSE 105: Theory of Computability
CSE 102: Storage System Architectures
CSE 130: Program Lang. Prin. and Paradigms
CSE 131: Compiler Construction
CSE 190: Intro to AI: Search and Reasoning
CSE 151: Intro to AI: Statistical Approaches
CSE 160: Parallel Computation

**Math**

MATH 170A: Numerical/Linear Algebra
MATH 170B: Numerical/Approx + Nonlinear
MATH 170C: Numerical/Differential Equations
MATH 180A: Intro. to Stochastic Processes I
MATH 180B: Intro. to Stochastic Processes II
MATH 189: Exploratory Data Analysis/Inference

*We cannot guarantee these courses forCog Sci majors as many CSE courses are very impacted. So, CSE 102, and 160 may not be offered on a regular basis.*

**LANGUAGE AND CULTURE SPECIALIZATION**

Major code: CG28

This area of specialization is intended for majors whose primary interests include human psychology and applications of cognitive science in design and engineering. Allowed electives include courses in cognitive development, language, laboratory research of cognition, anthropology and sociology.

**Cognitive Science**

COGS 119: Programming/Experimental Res.
COGS 143: Animal Cognition
COGS 151: Analog and Conceptual Systems
COGS 152: Cognitive Foundations of Math
COGS 153: Language Comprehension
COGS 154: Comm. Disorders Child/Adults
COGS 155: Gesture and Cognition
COGS 156: Language Development
COGS 157: Music and the Mind
COGS 160: Sem. Special Topics (if topic applies)
COGS 171: Mirror neuron System

**Linguistics**

LIGN 155: Evolution of Language
LIGN 170: Psycholinguistics
LIGN 171: Child Language Acquisition
LIGN 174: Gender and Language in Society*
LIGN 175: Sociolinguistics
LIGN 182: Language Representation in the Brain
LIGN 181: Language Processing in the Brain

**Psychology**

PSYC 115: Lab in Cognitive Psychology
PSYC 199: Psycholinguistics/Cognition Lab

**Sociology**

SOCI 116: Gender and Language in Society*
SOCI 118E: Sociology of Language*

*Student can take either LIGN 174 or SOCI 116 but not both
### CLINICAL ASPECTS of COGNITION SPECIALIZATION  
**Major Code: CG31**  
This area of specialization is intended for majors interested in cognitive neuropsychology, psychiatry, cognitive disorders, and the effects of drugs and brain damage on cognitive functions. Allowed electives include courses in those topics, as well as organic chemistry, biochemistry and physiology.

#### Cognitive Science  
- COGS 154: Communication Disorders in Children + Adults  
- COGS 163: Metabolic Disorders of the Brain  
- COGS 171: Mirror neuron System  
- COGS 172: Brain Disorders and Cognition  
- COGS 174: Drugs: Brain, Mind and Culture  
- COGS 175: The Neuropsychological Basis of Alternate States of Consciousness  
- COGS 176: From Sleep to Attention

#### Biochemistry  
- BIBC 100: Structural Biochemistry  
- BIBC 102: Metabolic Biochemistry

#### Biology-Animal Physiology and Neuroscience  
- BIPN 100: Mammalian Physiology I  
- BIPN 105: Animal Physiology Lab

#### Chemistry  
- CHEM 140A: Organic Chemistry I  
- CHEM 140B: Organic Chemistry II  
- CHEM 141A: Organic Chemistry  
- CHEM 141B: Organic Chemistry

#### Psychology  
- PSYC 120: Learning and Motivation  
- PSYC 125: Clinical Neuropsychology Assessment  
- PSYC 124: Introduction to Clinical Psychology  
- PSYC 140: Lab/Human Behavior  
- PSYC 163: Abnormal Psychology  
- PSYC 168: Psych, Disorders of Childhood  
- PSYC 169: Brain Damage and Mental Functions  
- PSYC 179: Drugs, Addiction, Mental Disorders  
- PSYC 181: Drugs and Behavior  
- PSYC 188: Impulse Control Disorders

### DESIGN AND INTERACTION SPECIALIZATION  
**Major Code: CG30**  
This area of specialization is intended for majors interested in human computer interaction, web, visualization, and applications of cognitive science in design and engineering. Additional electives may be petitioned from communication, computer science, computer engineering and visual arts. Please note: We cannot guarantee enrollment in non-COGS courses (i.e., CSE, ECE, ICAM) for HCI students since many of these majors are very impacted and priority is given to students in those majors.

#### Cognitive Science  
- COGS 119: Programming/Experimental Res.  
- COGS 120: Human Computer Interaction  
- COGS 121: HCI Programming  
- COGS 160: Seminar in Contemporary Computer Topics

#### Computer Science  
- CSE 100: Advanced Data Structures  
- CSE 101: Design and Analysis of Algorithms  
- CSE 111: Object Oriented Software Design  
- CSE 118: Ubiquitous Computing  
- CSE 130: Programming Lang: Principles and Paradigms  
- CSE 132A: Database System Principles  
- CSE 132B: Database Systems Applications  
- CSE 133: Information Retrieval  
- CSE 134A: Web Server Languages  
- CSE 134B: Web Client Languages  
- CSE 135: Server-side Web Applications  
- CSE 150: Introduction to Artificial Intelligence: Search and Reasoning  
- CSE 151: Introduction to Artificial Intelligence: Statistical Approaches  
- CSE 152: Intro Computer Vision  
- CSE 167: Computer Graphics  
- CSE 171: User Interface Design

#### Electrical and Computer Engineering  
- ECE 161A: Introduction to Digital Signal Processing  
- ECE 161B: Digital Signal Processing I  
- ECE 161C: Applications of Digital Signal Processing  
- ECE 172A: Introduction to Intelligent Systems: Robotics and Machine Intelligence  
- ECE 187: Introduction to Biomedical Imaging and Sensing

#### Engineering  
- ENG 100D: Design for Development

#### Philosophy  
- PHIL 164: Technology and Human Values

#### Psychology  
- PSYC 161: Introduction to Engineering Psychology

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