Researchers in this interdisciplinary field seek to understand such mental phenomena as perception, thought, memory, the acquisition and use of language, learning, concept formation, and consciousness. Some investigators focus on relations between brain structures and behavior, some work with computer simulation, some use experimental methodology, and others work at more abstract theoretical levels.

**Bachelor's Program**

- Bachelor of Arts (BA) Degree with a Major in Cognitive Sciences
  (ga.rice.edu/programs-study/departments-programs/social-sciences/cognitive-sciences/cognitive-sciences-ba)

Cognitive Sciences does not currently offer an academic program at the graduate level.

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**Cognitive Sciences (CSCI)**

CSCI 238 - SPECIAL TOPICS  
Short Title: SPECIAL TOPICS  
Department: Cognitive Sciences  
Grade Mode: Standard Letter  
Course Type: Laboratory, Lecture, Seminar, Internship/Practicum  
Credit Hours: 1-4  
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate, Undergraduate Professional or Visiting Undergraduate level students.  
Course Level: Undergraduate Lower-Level  
Description: Topics and credit hours vary each semester. Contact department for current semester’s topic(s). Repeatable for Credit.

CSCI 390 - SUPERVISED RESEARCH IN COGNITIVE SCIENCES  
Short Title: SUPERV RESRCH COGNITIVE SCI  
Department: Cognitive Sciences  
Grade Mode: Standard Letter  
Course Type: Research  
Credit Hours: 1-3  
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate, Undergraduate Professional or Visiting Undergraduate level students.  
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level  
Description: Supervised research on topics relevant to the cognitive sciences. Limited to majors in Cognitive Sciences. Instructor Permission Required. Repeatable for Credit.

CSCI 477 - SPECIAL TOPICS  
Short Title: SPECIAL TOPICS  
Department: Cognitive Sciences  
Grade Mode: Standard Letter  
Course Type: Internship/Practicum, Seminar, Lecture, Laboratory  
Credit Hours: 1-4  
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate, Undergraduate Professional or Visiting Undergraduate level students.  
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level  
Description: Topics and credit hours vary each semester. Contact department for current semester's topic(s). Repeatable for Credit.
CSCI 481 - HONORS PROJECT
Short Title: HONORS PROJECT
Department: Cognitive Sciences
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Research
Credit Hours: 1-3
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate, Undergraduate Professional or Visiting Undergraduate level students.
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level
Description: Independent directed research toward preparation of an undergraduate honors project or thesis. Instructor Permission Required. Repeatable for Credit.

Description and Code Legend
Note: Internally, the university uses the following descriptions, codes, and abbreviations for this academic program. The following is a quick reference:

Course Catalog/Schedule
- Course offerings/subject code: CSCI

Program Description and Code
- Cognitive Sciences: CSCI

Undergraduate Degree Description and Code
- Bachelor of Arts degree: BA

Undergraduate Major Description and Code
- Major in Cognitive Sciences: CSCI

Undergraduate Major Areas of Specialization Descriptions and Attribute Codes*
- Area of Specialization in Linguistics: CSLN
- Area of Specialization in Neuroscience: CSNR
- Area of Specialization in Philosophy: CSPH
- Area of Specialization in Psychology: CSPS

Please Note: Areas of Specialization are department/program-specific and are not formally recognized academic credentials. Unlike Major Concentrations, Areas of Specialization do not appear on the student's official academic transcript, etc.

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