Researchers in the interdisciplinary field of Cognitive Sciences 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**

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:** Internship/Practicum, Laboratory, Lecture, Seminar, Independent Study
- **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.
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 Computation: CSCS
- 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.

CIP Code and Description

- CSCI Major/Program: CIP Code/Title: 30.2501 - Cognitive Science

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