Major in Cognitive Science

Study the interdisciplinary field of the mind and brain

About the Program

The Rutgers Center for Cognitive Science (RuCCS) on Busch campus is the hub for over 30 faculty from a number of departments, including computer science, biomedical engineering, psychology, neuroscience, linguistics, and philosophy.

Dynamic Courses: RuCCS offers a cognitive science major and minor, with modest course-loads and a large degree of flexibility.

Interdisciplinary Research: Build close relationships with faculty by engaging in multidisciplinary research at the intersection of Arts & Sciences.

Study Flexibility: Students can choose one of five tracks:

Who Should Major In Cognitive Science?

The cognitive science major and minor are a great fit for anyone interested in work involving the brain and mind.

The programs are designed to help students develop an interdisciplinary approach to the study of cognition. Dual majoring is encouraged. Augmenting another field of study, with a minor or second major on cognitive science, can be especially attractive for students interested in...

- seeking a broader curriculum that includes relevant courses from other departments
- more exposure to various experimental methods of studying cognition
- working at the intersection of computers and brains
- studying cellular biology & neuroscience at a systems level

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Careers in Cognitive Science

Prepare for your future

What Can I do with a Degree in Cognitive Science?

1. Prepare for postgraduate studies.

Cognitive science students have a unique range of experiences that position them well for additional graduate training. Majoring in Cognitive Science offers great preparation for medical school, law school, or graduates studies in cognitive science or one of its constituent disciplines (e.g., computer science, biomedical engineering, psychology, neuroscience, linguistics, philosophy, and anthropology).

2. Prepare for postgraduate employment

A degree in cognitive science can prepare you for a variety of careers, which range from the more technical and analytic to social and humanities-driven. Some of these career tracks can involve: artificial intelligence, business, data science, education, public sector, healthcare, human-computer interactions, information processing, law, marketing, product design, psychology, human resources, research, and software engineering.

How do I get involved?

- Visit the website to learn more about our program: ruccs.rutgers.edu/academics/cognitivesciencemajor
- Become a member of the Cognitive Science Club: ruccs.rutgers.edu/academics/cogsci-club
- Reach the Undergraduate Advisor: undergrad@ruccs.rutgers.edu
- Follow us on Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/Rutgers.RuCCS/
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