Cognitive Science Concentration for Psychology Majors Worksheet

Starting with the graduating class of 2009, the Psychology Department offers a Concentration in Cognitive Science for Psychology Majors. This is an optional path through the major with requirements for the courses in the major plus additional coursework. The designation does not appear on your official transcript, but the department will keep a record of your completion of these requirements. You can include it on your resume or applications for graduate school as an indication of your training in research-based experimental psychology with an emphasis on human cognition. To become a Cognitive Science concentrator, apply using this form.

- **BREADTH COURSES AND 300-LEVEL COURSES**
  Breadth courses and electives must include at least four courses from among the following: Cognitive Psychology (Psyc 220), Sensation and Perception (Psyc 222), Cognitive Neuroscience (Psyc 225), Clinical Neuropsychology (Psyc 228), Developmental Psychology (Psyc 230), or Behavioral Neurobiology (Psyc 240), or any 300-level course in cognitive science (partial list on back; other courses subject to committee approval). At least one of the courses must be a 300-level course in cognitive science.

  Any substitutions to listed courses must be preapproved by the committee.

  1. _________________________  2. _________________________
  3. _________________________  4. (300 level course): _________________________

- **ADDITIONAL NON-PSYCHOLOGY COURSES**
  Students should take two courses outside the psychology department related to cognitive science. Please see the partial list on the back. Other courses may be accepted as well subject to committee approval.

  5. _________________________  6. _________________________

- **RESEARCH REQUIREMENT**
  Students must fulfill a research requirement in addition to the other course requirements, usually through a one semester research tutorial (Psyc 380 or above, see approved list on back, or Psyc 421/422/423/424). The research must be in the area of Cognitive Science. Students must receive prior approval in order for research tutorials to count toward this requirement. Cognitive Science research experiences from outside of Wesleyan must also be approved by the Cognitive Science Committee and require a note of support from your external research mentor. Note that the 300-level course cannot count to the research requirement if it is used in line 4 above. Please attach a typed description of your research experience.

  7. _________________________ (and typed description of research experience)

**IN THE SECOND SEMESTER OF THE SENIOR YEAR**

If you would like to be considered for the Cognitive Science Concentration in Psychology, please submit this completed form to Cathy Race by FEBRUARY 1st.

Please direct questions to a member of the Cognitive Science Committee (Hilary Barth, Barbara Juhasz, Andrea Patalano, Anna Shusterman, Psyche Loui, Kyungmi Kim)
Partial List of Additional Non-Psychology Courses (other courses subject to committee approval)

CGST 210 Language and Thought: Introduction to Linguistics
COMP 131 Can Machines Think? Logic and Computation
COMP 112 Introduction to Programming
COMP 134 Human and Machine Inference
ECON 211 Introduction to Behavioral and Experimental Economics
ECON 311 Behavioral Economics
NS&B 239 Brain Anatomy
NS&B 324 Neuropharmacology
NS&B 351 Neurobiology of Learning & Memory
NS&B 254 Comparative Animal Behavior
NS&B 345 Developmental Neurobiology
PHIL 219 Theories of Human Nature
PHIL 231 Reason and Paradox
PHIL 286 Philosophy of Mind
PHIL 287 Philosophy of Science
PHIL 289 Philosophy of Language
PHIL 290 Philosophical Logic
PHIL 293 Metaphysics
PHIL 357 Animal Minds
QAC 323 Bayesian Data Analysis: A Primer
QAC 385 Applications of Machine Learning in Data Analysis

300-level Psychology Courses Creditable to the Cognitive Science Concentration (other courses subject to committee approval)

Psyc 322 Psychology of Decision Making
Psyc 328 Current Research in Early Childhood
Psyc 329 Neural Costs of War
Psyc 337 Mathematic Cognition & Children’s Learning
Psyc 341 Psychology of Human Memory
Psyc 342 Music Perception and Cognition
Psyc 348 Origins of Knowledge
Psyc 355 Psychology of Reading
Psyc 357 Seminar on Language & Thought
Psyc 382 Advanced Research in Decision Making
Psyc 383 Advanced Research in Learning and Memory
Psyc 386 Research Practicum in Language & Conceptual Development
Psyc 390 Experimental Investigations into Reading
Psyc 392 Behavior Methods in Affective Neuroscience
Psyc 393 Advanced Research in Cognition & Neuropsychiatric Illness
Psyc 398 Advanced Research in Auditory Cognitive Neuroscience

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