Cognitive Science

This interdisciplinary major focuses on the mind and cognition from a variety of perspectives and approaches. The core and electives include courses from Anthropology, Computer Science, Linguistics, Mathematics, Philosophy, and Psychology. Students may focus their curriculum on one of three tracks: Language, Reasoning and Decision-Making, or The Computational Mind.

BACHELOR OF ARTS (BA) REQUIREMENTS OVERVIEW

Four Core Requirements
- Introduction to Psychology
- Statistics I
- Cognitive Processes
- Origins of the Mind

Choose Five Flexible Core Courses, Several examples are:
- Introduction to Linguistics
- Sensation and Perception
- Introduction to Artificial Intelligence
- Origins and Evolution of Human Behavior
- Child Language Acquisition
- Psycholinguistics
- Philosophy of Mind
- Evolutionary Psychology

Three Electives, see sample courses below:
- Introduction to Syntax and Semantics
- Human Judgment and Decision Making
- Introduction to Cognitive Neuroscience

EXPERIENTIAL OPPORTUNITIES

- Directed Research: Students work directly with a faculty member studying issues such as interventions with delinquent youth and gang members or how people recognize shapes, objects, and letters.
- Field Experience: Students obtain hands-on experience in mental health centers, schools, business settings, agencies serving the homeless, children’s court, and drug and alcohol abuse programs.
- Study Abroad: Immerse yourself in linguistics, psychology and other related fields while taking courses in universities on five continents.

For additional information, including all major requirements, please consult the USC Catalogue or https://dornsife.usc.edu/social-sciences-majors/