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.

Opportunities for Students

- **Undergraduate Honors Program**: Designed to provide advanced research training in preparation for graduate study, the honors program lets students design and carry out their own independent research projects and graduate with Honors.

- **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.

Notable Courses

- **HBIO 308: Origins and Evolution of Human Behavior** — Examination of the evidence for and against evolutionary bases of a range of human behaviors. Topics include sex differences, human reproductive strategies, race, IQ, human ecology.

- **LING 407: Atypical Language** — Analysis of atypical language and language pathologies throughout the lifespan and their relevance to current linguistic and cognitive science theory.

- **PHIL 262: Mind and Self — Modern Conceptions** — Philosophical problems about the nature of mind associated with the rise of modern science; topics include the mind/body relation, personal identity, rationality, and freedom.

- **PSYC 425: Functional Imaging of the Human Brain** — Introduction to the physical and physiological bases of Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) and principles of functional MRI, safety, design, and analysis of experiments, and operation.
Bachelor of Arts (BA) Requirements

Core Requirements*
- PSYC 100: Introduction to Psychology
- PSYC 274: Statistics I
- PSYC 301: Cognitive Processes
- PSYC 339: Origins of the Mind

Flexible Core Requirements (select two)**
- CSCI 455: Introduction to Programming Systems Design
- LING 210: Introduction to Linguistics
- PHIL 262: Mind and Self — Modern Conceptions
- PSYC 304: Sensation and Perception

Additional Flexible Core Requirements (select three)**
- CSCI 460: Introduction to Artificial Intelligence
- HBIO 308: Origins and Evolution of Human Behavior
- LING 405: Child Language Acquisition
- LING 406: Psycholinguistics
- PHIL 462: Philosophy of Mind
- PSYC 401: Evolutionary Psychology
- PSYC 420: Animal Behavior

Elective Requirements (select three)**
- CSCI 101: Fundamentals of Computer Programming
- HBIO 200: The Human Animal
- LING 302: Introduction to Syntax and Semantics
- PHIL 423: The Critical Philosophy of Kant
- PSYC 422: Human Judgment and Decision Making
- PSYC 425: Functional Imaging of the Human Brain
- PSYC 440: Introduction to Cognitive Neuroscience
- PSYC 454: Social Cognition

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