



What can I do with a major in Cognitive Science?

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The information below describes typical occupations and employers associated with this major. Understand that some of the options listed below may require additional training. Moreover, you are not limited to these options alone when choosing a possible career path.

Description of Cognitive Science

Cognitive science is an emerging new science of mind and intelligent processes involving humans, animals, computers, and the abstract. The field spans a wide variety of standard disciplines including psychology, computer science, anthropology, linguistics, biology, and education. Cognitive science is expected to play a large role in the development of the technologies, training, and intervention programs of the twenty-first century. The curriculum of this interdisciplinary major includes courses in artificial intelligence, psychological foundations, language and cultural foundations, and philosophical foundations.

A cognitive science major is perfect preparation for students who plan to go on to graduate programs in cognitive science, educational technology, artificial intelligence, instructional psychology, cognitive psychology, philosophy, or cognitive anthropology. Typical employment for a cognitive science undergraduate might be in a technology-related position demanding excellent technical, writing, and speaking skills.

Possible Job Titles of Cognitive Science Graduates

Admissions Counselor	Foreign Affairs Officer	Police Officer
Advertising	Hospice Coordinator	Probation / Parole Officer
Anthropologist	Hotel Management	Program Developer
Archaeologist	Human Resource Specialist	Public Opinion Surveyor
Archivist	Health Science Administrator	Psychiatric Nurse
Biographer	Independent Consultant	Psychiatrist
Computer Programmer	Industrial Psychologist	Psychologist
Copywriter	Intelligence Specialist	Psychometrist
Corrections Officer	International Business	Public Relations Specialist
Counselor	Labor Relations Specialist	Research Associate
Creative Director	Lawyer	Sales Manager
Customer Service Rep.	Librarian	School Guidance Counselor
Customs/Immigration Officer	Linguist	Software Programmer
Community Planner	Journalist	Speech Pathologist
Curator	Market Analyst	Social Scientist
Employment Counselor	Media Planner	Social Worker
Employment Recruiter	Media Research	Technical Support
Ergonomist	Museum Worker	Technical Writer
Educator / Professor	Mental Health Clinician	Urban Developer
Employment Researcher	Motivational Researcher	Counselor
Ethnologist	Personnel Assistant	

To research careers of interest, you may want to visit these web sites:

Georgia Career Information Center <http://www.gcic.peachnet.edu> (accessible only on campus computers)

O*NET <http://online.onetcenter.org> (click on Find Occupations)

Occupational Outlook Handbook <http://www.bls.gov/oco> (type in general term for career of interest)

Alberta Occupational Profiles <http://www.alis.gov.ab.ca/occinfo/frameset.asp> (click on Occupational Title Search)

***Please visit the Career Center Library or your Career Consultant for additional information or assistance.**

Possible Employers Who Might Hire Cognitive Science Graduates

Businesses / Corporations	Human Service Agencies	Mental health associations
Colleges / Universities	Social Service Agencies	Boys and Girls clubs
Federal / State Government	Religious organizations	Veteran's Administration
Adoption / child-care agencies	Public opinion companies	Court Systems
Civil Rights Commission	Consumer Affairs	Correctional institutions
Advertising departments	Labor Departments	Personnel Departments

Skill Sets and Interests Associated with Cognitive Science Majors

Skilled at explaining complex scientific research concisely	Effective writer and speaker
Skilled at working with computers	Capacity for effective decision-making
Talented at evaluating and interpreting events, information, and ideas	Competent at maintaining interpersonal contact
Understanding of environmental and human needs	P propensity assist others
Desire to positively impact humanity	Awareness of variations in individual behavior
Yearning to develop and complete research	Aspiration to continue learning over their lifetime
Skilled in reading comprehension	Interested in finding answers to unexplainable behavior

UGA Career Center Resources for Cognitive Science Majors

College Majors Handbook by JIST Publishing
Great Jobs for Liberal Arts Majors by Blythe Camenson
Liberal Arts Jobs by Burt Nadler
The Liberal Arts Advantage by Gregory Giangrande

UGA Campus Contacts Associated with Cognitive Science

Career Center

Clark Howell Hall
Athens, GA 30606
(706) 542-3376
Web: www.uga.edu/career

UGA Department of Cognitive Science

Artificial Intelligence Center

111 Boyd Hall
University of Georgia
Athens, GA 30602-7415
(706) 542-0358
<http://www.ai.uga.edu/>

Additional Resources/Contacts for Cognitive Science Majors

Cognitive Science Society

www.cognitivesciencesociety.org

Federation of Behavioral, Psychological, and Cognitive Sciences

<http://www.thefederationonline.org/>

The Vault, Online Career Library*

www.vault.com

Wetfeet, Online Career Library*

www.wetfeet.com

** these resources are accessible through DawgTrak*