The School of Liberal Arts

Cognitive Studies

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The coordinate major in cognitive studies combines a regular major with a core curriculum in three tracks: formal disciplines, philosophical foundations and psychology. The program is designed to provide basic knowledge of current research on mind, cognition, and language.

The major consists of ten courses of which six are required and four elective. At least one elective must be in each of the three component tracks. With the director’s consent, work in a different but relevant discipline may be substituted for, at most, one elective course. It is suggested that students interested in philosophy take an introductory course, preferably Philosophy 104, Beginning with Minds.

REQUIRED COURSES (six courses, two in each track)

I. Formal Disciplines Track
PHIL 121 Elementary Symbolic Logic
PHIL 304 Mathematical Logic
Alternative: A computer science class

II. Philosophical Foundations Track
PHIL 326 Mind and Knowledge
PHIL 374 Consciousness
PHIL 376, PSYC 376 Interpreting Minds

III. Psychology Track
PSYC 100, 101, 102 Introduction to Psychology

and one of the following:
PSYC 367 Brain and Behavior
PSYC 657 Cognitive Neuroscience

ELECTIVES (four courses, a minimum of one in each track)

I. Formal Disciplines Track
Logic
PHIL 343 Semantics of Natural Languages
PHIL 662 Philosophical Logic

Linguistics
ANTH 359 Introduction to Syntax
NSCI/LING 411 Brain and Language

II. Philosophical Foundations Track
PHIL 380 Language and Thought
PHIL 387 Mind in Evolution
PHIL 617 Philosophy of Perception
PHIL 618 Mental Representation

III. Psychology Track
PSYC 321 Child Psychology
PSYC 326 Infancy
PSYC 345 Research Methods in Social Cognition