What can I do with a major in Cognitive Science?

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 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 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
- Advertising
- Anthropologist
- Archaeologist
- Archivist
- Biographer
- Computer Programmer
- Copywriter
- Corrections Officer
- Counselor
- Creative Director
- Educator/Professor
- Foreign Affairs Officer
- Hospice Coordinator
- Hotel Management
- Human Resources Specialist
- Health Science Administrator
- Independent Consultant
- Industrial Psychologist
- Intelligence Specialist
- International Business
- Labor Relations Specialist
- Lawyer
- Mental Health Clinician
- Police Officer
- Probation Officer
- Program Developer
- Public Surveyor
- Psychiatric Nurse
- Psychiatrist
- Psychologist
- Psychometric
- PR Specialist
- Research Associate
- Sales Manager
- Urban Developer

To research careers of interest you may want to visit these websites:
O*NET [http://online.onetcenter.org](http://online.onetcenter.org) (click on Find Occupations)
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Possible Employers Who Might Hire Cognitive Science Graduates
- Business/Corporations
- Human Service Agencies
- Mental health associations
- Colleges/Universities
- Social Service Agencies
- Boys and Girls clubs
- Federal-State Government
- Religious organizations
- Veteran’s Administration

Skill Sets and Interests Associated with Cognitive Science Majors
- Skilled at explaining complex scientific research
- Effective writer
- Skilled at working with computers
- Effective decision-making
- Talented at evaluating and interpreting ideas
- Propensity assist others
- Understanding of environmental human needs
- Desire to impact humanity
- Yearning to develop and complete research
- Skilled in reading comprehension

Additional Resources/Contacts for Cognitive Science Majors

Cognitive Science Society
www.cognitivesciencesociety.org

The Vault Online Career Library

Wetfeet
www.wetfeet.com

Federation of Behavioral, Psychological and Cognitive Sciences
http://www.thefederationonline.org
http://cognet.mit.edu/departments