

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

To research careers of interest you may want to visit these websites:

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)

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

<http://careers.ucsd.edu/login/aspnet/login.aspx?from=vault>

Wetfeet

www.wetfeet.com

Federation of Behavioral, Psychological and Cognitive Sciences

<http://www.thefederationonline.org>

<http://cognet.mit.edu/departments>