Cognitive science studies the nature of consciousness, the interaction of mind and matter, and the relationship between thought and language. Drawing on the fields of mathematics, philosophy, psychology, neurobiology, computer science and linguistics, the field addresses long-standing questions about the nature of thought, intelligence, perception, emotion, and other aspects of our mental life.

WHAT IS THE STUDY OF COGNITIVE SCIENCE?

MAJOR: COGNITIVE SCIENCE

WHAT ARE SOME ALUMNI DOING NOW?

Senior Manager, Social Media and Community Strategy
Software Engineer
Manager of Private Banking Client Services
Marketing Manager
Public Health Investigator
Interaction Designer
Studio Production Coordinator
Senior Project Engineer, Attorney & Consultant
Commanding Officer at US Navy
Professor of Psychology

WHAT ELSE CAN YOU DO WITH THIS MAJOR?

Educator
Health Educator
Physician
Linguist
Statistician
Computer-Aided Designer
Forensic Scientist
Computer Scientist
Intelligence Agent
Mental Health Worker
Advising Executive
Database Analyst
Occupational
Medical Researcher
Physician
Social Worker
Associate Attorney
Technical Writer
Medical Specialist
Human Resources

WHO Hires COGNITIVE SCIENCE MAJORS?

ADVERTISING AGENCIES
CONSULTING FIRMS
NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS
CONSULTING FIRMS
INTERNATIONAL FIRMS
MERCHANDISING & MARKETING
LAW FIRMS
HOSPITALS
GOVERNMENT AGENCIES
COLLEGES/UNIVERSITIES
RESEARCH INSTITUTES
LIBRARIES
MARKET RESEARCH FIRMS
PUBLIC/PRIVATE SCHOOLS

COGNITIVE SCIENCE IN ACTION

WHAT YOU CAN DO TO BE THE BEST COGNITIVE SCIENCE MAJOR

• Consider founding, or joining one of Oxy’s 100+ clubs.
• If interested in the computer science field, take extra computer courses off-campus.
• Consider applying for graduate programs either in Cognitive Science or in a related discipline.
• Apply for independent study through the Richter Fellowship or Study Abroad.
• Develop presentation skills by applying to the Summer Research Program.
• Shadow a professional on the job.

• Develop a strong programming background, especially in C, Lisp and Pascal.
• For students with a strong background in cognitive neuroscience, consider bio-technology companies.
• Supplement your program with relevant courses in neurophysiology and biochemistry.
• Look for summer research opportunities off or on-campus.
• Conduct research with faculty members and submit an abstract to present your findings at national meetings/conferences.