Cognitive Science (COGS)
Cognitive science is the study of cognition from an interdisciplinary perspective. The core component disciplines of cognitive science are philosophy, psychology, neuroscience, linguistics, and computer science. Cognitive scientists may focus on particular cognitive faculties, such as language or memory, on specific cognitive phenomena, such as empathy, or on understanding the fundamentals of cognition quite broadly, for example in information-theoretic terms. What sets cognitive science apart from its core areas is its commitment to cross-disciplinary methodology. Students wishing to pursue work in cognitive science take a defined group of core courses and then a series of electives selected from courses taught in a variety of departments.

The following courses are recommended for first-year students (COGS):
- COGS 1. Introduction to Cognitive Science (S)
- COSC 01. Introduction to Programming and Computation (F, W, S)
- LING 01. Introductory Linguistics (F, W, S)
- PSYC 01. Introductory Psychology (F, S)
- PSYC 40. Introduction to Computational Neuroscience (F)

SELECTED FALL TERM COURSES (COGS)

COSC 01. Introduction to Programming and Computation (F, W, S)
CS 1 will teach you to design, write, and analyze code to solve computational problems from a range of disciplines. You'll also learn to think about problems the way a computer scientist thinks—a skill that is valuable in any field. The course is suitable for students with no previous background in Computer Science, and no knowledge of mathematics beyond high-school algebra. DIST: TLA.

PSYC 01. Introductory Psychology (F, S)
A course designed to serve as a general introduction to the science of human behavior. Emphasis will be placed upon the basic psychological processes of perception, learning, and motivation as they relate to personality, individual differences, social behavior and the behavior disorders. DIST: SOC.

PSYC 40. Introduction to Computational Neuroscience (F)
The mind is what the brain does, and the brain is becoming understood computationally. Computational neuroscience has as its twin goals the scientific and engineering tasks of understanding of how brain computes mind and using that understanding to characterize and reconstrue these computations. Scientific understanding of the brain will confer the ability not only to describe and characterize the mind, but to modify it, enhance it, diagnose and treat its illnesses, and, eventually, to imitate its operation. Note prerequisite: PSYC 1, PSYC 6, COSC 1, or ENGS 20. DIST: SCI.