

PhD Program Requirements

Sample Course Plan

Year	Fall	Units	Winter	Units	Spring	Units
1	Cogs 201, 202, or 203	4	Cogs 201, 202, or 203	4	Cogs 201, 202, or 203	4
	Cogs 290	2	Cogs 290	2	Cogs 290	2
	Cogs 260 (Bootcamp)	2	Cogs 500	4	Cogs 500	4
	Elective	4	Methods - Programming	4	Methods - Statistics	4
	Total Units:	12	Total Units:	14	Total Units:	14
2	Cog 210A	4	Cogs 210B	4	Cogs 210C	4
	Cogs 211A	2	Cogs 211B	2	Cogs 211C	2
	Cogs 290 (Optional)	2	Cogs Elective	4	Cogs Elective	4
	Cogs 500	4	Cogs 500	4	Cogs 500	4
	Total Units:	12	Total Units:	14	Total Units:	14
3	Cogs 298	4	Cogs 205	4	Cogs 205	4
	Cogs 500	4	Cogs 500	4	Cogs 500	4
	Elective	4	Cogs 298	4	Cogs 298	4
	Total Units:	12	Total Units:	12	Total Units:	12
4	Cogs 298 or 299	8	Cogs 298 or 299	8	Cogs 298 or 299	8
	Cogs 500	4	Cogs 500	4	Cogs 500	4
	Total Units:	12	Total Units:	12	Total Units:	12
5 and Beyond	Cogs 299	8	Cogs 299	8	Cogs 299	8
	Cogs 500	4	Cogs 500	4	Cogs 500	4
	Total Units:	12	Total Units:	12	Total Units:	12

Notes

- Total projected CogSci program units: 188
- Students must enroll in at least 12 units each quarter to maintain full-time status and funding eligibility.
- COGS 210A/B/C is taken with a faculty mentor alongside the COGS 211A/B/C series to fulfill the second-year research project and presentation requirement.
- COGS 211A/B/C: The second-year research project is presented at the end of the spring quarter.
- COGS 205: Third-year talks are presented at the end of the spring quarter.
- The Cognitive Science General Catalog is available here: <https://catalog.ucsd.edu/courses/COGS.html>