

**THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG****CREDIT UNIT STATEMENT****Bachelor of Social Sciences - Cognitive Science (major and minor)**

Courses for the Cognitive Science programme are taught across multiple Departments within the Faculties of Arts and Social Sciences, and so will vary greatly. Most courses in the programme will consist of a mix of lectures (2 hours per week) and tutorials (4-12 per semester). Contact hours ranging from 28 to 39. Lectures will generally have 50-200 students per class (though some senior-level classes may have class sizes of 15); tutorials will have 8-15 students per class. Each 6-credit course requires about 150 hours of total work.

The types of classes in the major are as follows:

1. *Introductory courses (6 credits)*

Students must take introductory courses in two of three disciplinary areas (Psychology, Philosophy, Linguistics), which generally have a large enrolment (50-300 students). Students receive a survey of major areas, to gain an orientation to the relevant field. Assessment is a mix of essay writing (1,500-2,500 words), performance in tutorials, in-class quizzes and a final exam (50-100% coursework, 0-50% exam).

2. *Advanced courses (6 credits)*

Across all areas of Cognitive Science students will take classes in which the predominant pedagogical mode is lecturing. Classes have 50-180 students. Students in each course cover a mixture of historically significant findings along with cutting-edge reports. Assessment includes laboratory reports and essays (1,500-2,500 words), as well as tutorial performance, personal reflections, in-class quizzes and final exams (50-100% coursework, 0-50% exam).

3. *Seminar courses (6 credits)*

In these courses, students read primary source research articles, present seminars to the class, and conduct research projects or write research proposals. In addition, students are expected to actively participate in class discussions. Enrolment is generally about 25-30 students. Assessment is achieved through performance in class discussion, written reports/proposals (1,500-2,500 words), seminar performance, and final exams (50-100% coursework, 0-50% exam).

4. *Research project (6 credits)*

All students will complete a research project, under supervision of an instructor. Students must design a research study in one area of Cognitive Science, collect and analyse data if appropriate, and submit a written paper describing the research study (5,000-10,000 words) (100% coursework).