

Dear Students and Prospective Students,

I am happy to announce that the Cognitive Science Program within the Faculty of Arts and Science has received an update for the 2026-27 academic year. As of Winter 2027, students applying to any of the four streams of the Cognitive Science Program during the two request periods for limited enrolment programs, will now have the option to use the following pathway to get admitted into the program stream of their choice:

0.5 FCEs from COG100H1 and 1.0 FCEs from 2 different home disciplines, which are stream specific:

- **Cognitive Science Major - Arts (Language and Cognition Stream) (Arts Program):** COG100H1 and 0.5 credits in LIN (LIN102H1 recommended) and 0.5 credits in CSC, PHL or PSY.
- **Cognitive Science Major - Arts (Perception and Attention Stream) (Arts Program):** COG100H1 and 0.5 credits in PSY (PSY100H1 recommended) and 0.5 credits in LIN, PHL, or CSC.
- **Cognitive Science Major - Arts (Thinking and Reasoning Stream) (Arts Program):** COG100H1 and 0.5 credits in PHL and 0.5 credits in LIN, CSC or PSY.
- **Cognitive Science Major - Science (Cognition and the Brain Stream) (Science Program):** COG100H1 and 0.5 credits in PSY (PSY100H1 recommended) and 0.5 credits in LIN, PHL, or CSC.
- **Cognitive Science Major - Science (Computational Cognition Stream) (Science Program):** COG100H1 and 0.5 credits in CSC (CSC108H1 or CSC110Y1 recommended) and 0.5 credits in LIN, PHL, or PSY.

To ease into this transition, students will have the option to use the two previous pathways for their program request for the 2027 admission cycle: 1. COG250Y1 or 2. 1.5 FCEs (full course equivalents) from at least 2 different home disciplines (CSC, LIN, PHL or PSY) with no more than 1.0 FCEs from the same discipline. **However, both of these two pathways will be discontinued after the 2026-27 academic year.** Program admissions in Spring 2028 will follow the new set of rules, with exceptions for students who have taken COG250Y1 in previous years.

***For reasons of limited capacity, applicants with a final grade average lower than 70% in these required courses will not be considered for admission. Please note that obtaining this minimum final grade average does not guarantee admission to the program.***

Program requirements have been updated in the 2026-27 Academic Calendar and can also be viewed on the [Cognitive Science Program webpage](#). **Students whose programs are in-progress will have the opportunity to complete their studies under the old system or opt into the new system (an email is forthcoming)**. Any student entering the program in March- September 2026 as part of 2025-2026 program enrolment and following the 2025-2026 Calendar requirements who have not taken COG250Y1 and do not opt-in to the proposed revised program requirements, may use COG100H1 and COG200H1 in lieu of COG250Y1.

For question concerning these changes, please email the Cognitive Science Program at [cognitive.science@utoronto.ca](mailto:cognitive.science@utoronto.ca).

Best regards,

The Cognitive Science Program