

## **Can I combine a second major with my Cog Sci major?**

Yes, but as with two majors in any pair of disciplines, it takes some careful planning.

If you are doing the B.A. in Cognitive Science, combining with another B.A. is usually feasible. Note that you can overlap no more than 3 courses between the two majors.

However, if you are going abroad for a semester, or if you are planning on a minor as well, fitting everything in can be tricky. Be sure to calculate how many courses you need for each program and whether you can fit everything into a 16-18 credit load per semester. If you entered with AP credits or can take some summer classes, that makes things easier.

If you are doing the B.S. in Cognitive Science, then a second major - whether a B.A. or a B.S. - puts you into Lehigh's Dual Degree situation. A Dual Degree requires extra credits to graduate. Usually it requires some combination of AP credits, summer classes, and/or an extra semester or two at Lehigh for completion. Read about the Dual Degree [here](#).

The Dual Degree situation also applies to any student in RCEAS who wants to complete either a B.A. or B.S. in Cognitive Science. In this case, the student must also satisfy the distribution requirements of both colleges.

Remember that you can do a minor in almost any discipline instead of a second major, and you can always take more courses in that discipline than the minimum required. Employers and graduate schools will be able to see the coursework on your transcript, even if you don't do the full major.

It is better to keep your grades up than to spread yourself too thin.