



PROPOSAL FOR A COGNITIVE SCIENCE MAJOR

Research And Writing Of A Full Proposal For A New Interdisciplinary Cognitive Science Major

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We will develop a proposal for a Cognitive Science major, while concurrently developing and debuting a Philosophy of Science and Mind track in the Philosophy department. The track will teach science majors to engage with their subject matter from a philosophical perspective, and introduce Philosophy majors to important interdisciplinary questions. The major will enable students who aim to understand the mind to have an integrated learning experience combining courses in Philosophy, Psychology, Biological Sciences, Computer Science and English with an interdisciplinary capstone seminar.



ABOUT OUR TEAM

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Our project began with conversations with students. What we kept hearing is that while students interested in the mind can cobble together a curriculum for themselves with courses from different departments, their learning experience is not integrated. As philosophers and psychologists who value interdisciplinarity in our own work, we realized there is a need that could be met with minimal investment by leveraging extant resources in various departments under the banner of a new Philosophy of Science and Mind track within the Philosophy department and a new Cognitive Science major.

MILESTONES

1. **Fall 2015** – submit a proposal of Philosophy of Science and Mind track
2. **Spring 2015** – submit a proposal of Cognitive Science major
3. **Fall 2016** – launch Philosophy of Science and Mind track (pending approval)
4. **Fall 2017** – launch Cognitive Science Major (pending approval)

BEYOND BOUNDARIES Pursuit of Academic Excellence for Human Well-being

The university's strategic plan sets out ambitious goals for Marquette's future: to become a leading research institution that recruits and empowers faculty at the cutting-edge of their fields, and to become a first-choice school for the most promising students. Should Marquette choose to move forward with our proposal for a Cognitive Science major, it would contribute to these goals by becoming the first Jesuit university to offer such a program. This interdisciplinary major will teach students how to think and communicate in ways that transcend traditional disciplinary boundaries and how to bring the broadest range of insights to bear on the ongoing task of understanding the nature of the mind.



SCAN FOR MARQUETTE COGNITIVE SCIENCE MAJOR WEBPAGE

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