

major in  
**PSYCHOLOGY**  
University of California, Irvine

## THE DEGREE

As a part of the Department of Cognitive Sciences, UCI's undergraduate psychology program provides students with a strong foundation in general psychology, covering areas such as development, perception, learning, memory and cognitive processes. Students in the department may become involved in research by working with faculty members in areas such as cognitive neuroscience, vision, hearing, attention, memory, language, development, and decision-making.

## CAREERS

The psychology major provides a suitable background for post-graduate training and careers in all branches of psychology. Alumni have gone on to pursue careers in some of the best research universities in the world, as well as in government and industry. The major also provides training in critical thinking, experimental design and data analysis - skills that are important in a wide range of other careers. Cognitive science skills are valued in applied settings including high-tech startups, research consultancy companies, and government science and technology laboratories.



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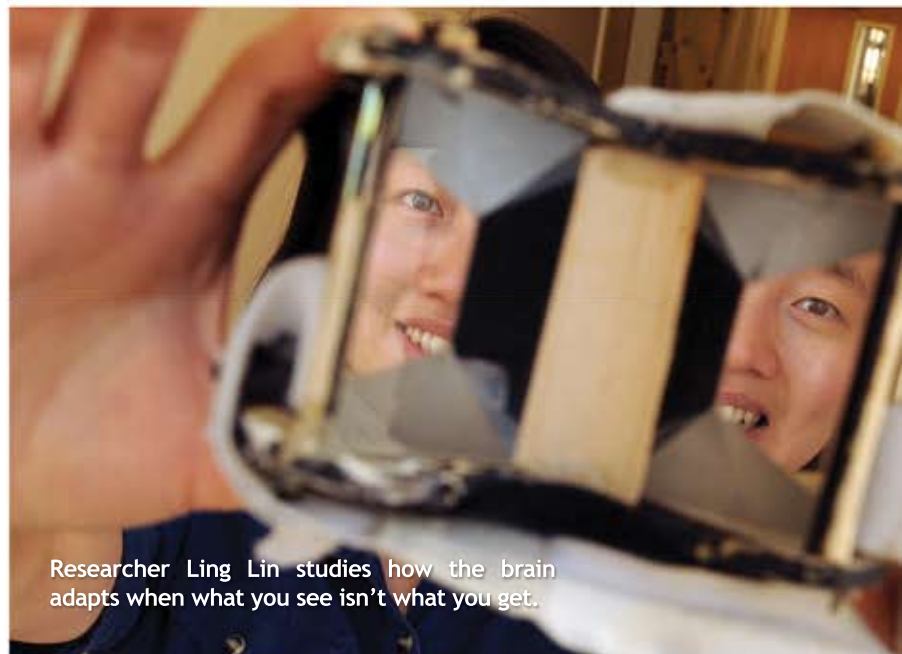
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*\*US News & World Report*



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## COGNITIVE SCIENTISTS ASK QUESTIONS LIKE ...

- How do people perceive, learn and solve problems?
- How does the human brain organize and store information?
- How do we create and use language?
- How and why do people work the way they do?



Researcher Ling Lin studies how the brain adapts when what you see isn't what you get.

## SUGGESTED CURRICULUM

### Freshman<sup>1</sup> (12 to 16 units per quarter)

- Lower Division Writing (two courses)
- Psychology 9A,B,C
- Social Sciences Intro Courses (two courses)
- ICS 31, Social Science 3A or Psychology 114M
- General Education VI<sup>2</sup>

### Sophomore (16 units per quarter)

- General Education II or IV (three courses)
- Psychology 10A-B-C or another series for school math requirement
- Psychology Upper Division Core (three courses)
- General Education VII
- General Education VIII

### Junior (16 units per quarter)

- Upper Division Writing (one course)
- Psychology Upper Division Core (one course)
- Psychology Module or Upper Division (three courses)
- Psychology Research and Lab
- Psychology upper division courses

### Senior (16 units per quarter)

- Psychology Upper Division Courses (three courses)
- Psychology 199 or 190 (two courses)
- Electives

<sup>1</sup>Students should move from a 12 to 16 unit work load in the second quarter of their first year.

## OPPORTUNITIES

In addition to the regular curriculum, psychology students have their choice of programs, clubs, and organizations to further their education, both within the department and outside of it. These opportunities include:

- HONORS PROGRAM
- MINOR PROGRAM
- PSYCHOLOGY STUDENT ASSOCIATION
- GLOBAL CONNECT\*
- DEAN'S AMBASSADORS COUNCIL\*

\*Open to all majors

## UNDERGRAD STUDENT AFFAIRS

The Social Sciences Undergraduate Student Affairs Office provides numerous services and special programs for undergraduate students including:

- Course planning
- Change of major requests
- Financial aid appeals
- Graduate and professional school information
- Information concerning honors
- Course substitutions
- Career and internship guidance

To set up an appointment, call 949.824.6803, or visit their website at [www.undergrad.socsci.uci.edu/offices/studentaffairs](http://www.undergrad.socsci.uci.edu/offices/studentaffairs).

## ACADEMIC RESOURCE CENTER

The School of Social Sciences Academic Resource Center (SSARC) is a great starting point for information regarding internships, graduate school, and prospective careers.

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