

Interdisciplinary Programs

The Philosophy Department at UC San Diego participates in two interdisciplinary programs, Cognitive Science and Science Studies.

Cognitive Science

Students may apply for admission to the interdisciplinary program after entering UC San Diego, preferably in the second or third year.

The interdisciplinary program in Cognitive Science has eight participating departments: Anthropology, Communication, Computer Science and Engineering, Linguistics, Neurosciences, Philosophy, Psychology, and Sociology. Students enroll in one of these departments as their "home department" and also enroll in the Interdisciplinary Program. The degree lists both the home department and Cognitive Science: for example, if the home department is Philosophy, the degree title is "Ph.d. in Philosophy and Cognitive Science." Some additional coursework is required. Please view the web page at <https://cogsci.ucsd.edu/graduates/interdisciplinary-program/index.html>.

Science Studies

Students may apply for admission to the interdisciplinary program at the same time that they apply to the Department of Philosophy, or at some point after entering UC San Diego.

The Science Studies Program at UCSD is committed to interdisciplinary investigations. Understanding, interpreting, and explaining the scientific enterprise demand a systematic integration of the perspectives developed within the history, sociology, and philosophy of science. The program offers students an opportunity to work towards such integration, while receiving a thorough training at the professional level in one of the component disciplines.

Students enrolled in the program choose one of the component disciplines for their major field of specialist studies, and are required to complete minor field requirements in the others. The core of the program, however, is a year-long seminar in Science Studies, led by faculty from all participating departments.

For additional details, see the SSP Handbook at <https://philosophy.ucsd.edu/graduate/interdisciplinary.html#Science-Studies-Program>.
