

COGNITIVE SCIENCE AND LEADERSHIP

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Cognitive Science Fact Sheet URL (<https://www.sru.edu/documents/programs/factsheets/undergraduate/CognitiveScience-fs.pdf>)

Leadership Fact Sheet URL (<https://www.sru.edu/documents/programs/factsheets/undergraduate/LeadershipStudies-fs.pdf>)

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Programs

All first-year students who enter SRU in the Summer and Fall terms of 2019 and after will follow Rock Studies. Students who entered SRU before Spring 2019 will follow Liberal Studies. All new transfer students beginning Summer 2019 and after will follow Liberal Studies. We anticipate that transfer students will begin to enter under Rock Studies during the Summer/Fall term of 2021.

Minors

- Cognitive Science, Minor (<https://catalog.sru.edu/undergraduate/liberal-arts/cognitive-science-leadership/cognitive-science-minor/>)
- Leadership, Minor (<https://catalog.sru.edu/undergraduate/liberal-arts/cognitive-science-leadership/leadership-minor/>)

Courses

CSLD 139 - University Seminar

University Seminar serves as the entry point to the Slippery Rock University general education program. With its small seminar setting and strong faculty-student interaction, the course promotes intellectual inquiry, critical and creative thinking, and academic excellence. Through varied content, the course introduces students to academic discourse and information literacy while exploring topics such as diversity and inclusion and global awareness. This course will set students along the path to becoming engaged with issues and scholarship important to a 21st century education while they learn about themselves and their place in the world.

Credits: 3

Term(s) Typically Offered: Offered Fall Terms

Enrollment limited to students with a semester level of Freshman 1 or Freshman 2.

Enrollment limited to students with the ROCK STUDIES STUDENT attribute.

CSLD 144 - Introduction to Cognitive Studies

The goal of Cognitive Studies is to understand the mind using insights from a variety of fields including Psychology, Computer Science, Linguistics, Philosophy, Anthropology, Sociology, and Neuroscience. Cognitive Science is by definition an interdisciplinary field. The class will cover mental processes such as perception, reasoning, memory, attention, imagery, language, intelligence, thinking, decision-making, and consciousness using an interdisciplinary approach that fits within a liberal arts perspective.

Credits: 3

Term(s) Typically Offered: Offered Summer & Winter Terms

Thematic Thread(s): Mind & Brain, Transfer Thread Completion Course

CSLD 190 - Experimental

A unique and specifically focused course within the general purview of a department which intends to offer it on a "one time only" basis and not as a permanent part of the department's curriculum.

Credits: 1-3

Term(s) Typically Offered: Offered as Needed

CSLD 195 - Workshop

A workshop is a program which is usually of short duration, narrow in scope, often non-traditional in content and format, and on a timely topic.

Credits: 1-6

Term(s) Typically Offered: Offered as Needed

CSLD 198 - Selected Topics

A Selected Topics course is a normal, departmental offering which is directly related to the discipline, but because of its specialized nature, may not be able to be offered on a yearly basis by the department.

Credits: 1-3

Term(s) Typically Offered: Offered as Needed

CSLD 215 - Introduction to Consciousness

This class will survey theories of consciousness and self through the scope of a broad range of fields: Neurophysiology, Cognitive Psychology, Philosophy, Artificial Intelligence, Evolutionary Psychology and Physics. Consciousness and the sense of self will be explored and viewed from a number of different disciplines using an interdisciplinary approach.

Credits: 3

Term(s) Typically Offered: Offered Fall Terms

Thematic Thread(s): Mind & Brain, Transfer Thread Completion Course

CSLD 244 - Artificial Intelligence in Cognitive Studies and Film

Artificial intelligence (AI) is the study of how to realize human intelligence on a computer. Philosophically, it is concerned with replicating consciousness and self-recognition in machines. The goal of AI is to make a computer that can learn, plan, and solve problems. This course will cover fundamental knowledge for understanding AI. We will introduce the history of AI in Cognitive Science and how it has been explored in various popular films.

Credits: 3

Term(s) Typically Offered: Offered Spring Terms

Thematic Thread(s): The Future, Mind & Brain, Revolutions, Transfer Thread Completion Course, Who Do We Think We Are

CSLD 251 - Leadership Theory

A survey of the nature, purpose and leadership of human institutions: why and how people organize; organizational environments, forms, structures, processes, leadership, communication, ethical, and societal impacts.

Credits: 3

Term(s) Typically Offered: Offered Every Term

Thematic Thread(s): Leadership Development, Transfer Thread Completion Course

CSLD 252 - Leadership Practicum

Students will participate in leadership and campus student organization and/or sanctioned activities and will keep a journal relating their activities to leadership and organizational development theory studied in the Introduction to Leadership course. The course instructor will supervise the students and certify that they met the requirements in the following areas: leadership development, group service and field-work experience.

Prerequisites: INDP 251^D or PROF 250^D or CSLD 251^D
^D Requires minimum grade of D.

Credits: 3

Term(s) Typically Offered: Offered Fall Terms

CSLD 253 - Online Practical Research

Students will participate in a leadership workshop online where they will examine 10 leaders via case studies and keep a portfolio with a summation of their findings regarding the various leaders and their actions with respect to the organizational development theory studies in the Introduction to Leadership Course. The course instructor will supervise the students and certify that they met the requirements in the following areas: leadership development, group service, and field-work experience.

Prerequisites: INDP 251^C or CSLD 251^C
^C Requires minimum grade of C.

Credits: 3

Term(s) Typically Offered: Offered Spring Terms

Enrollment limited to students with a semester level of Freshman 1, Freshman 2, Sophomore 1 or Sophomore 2.

CSLD 290 - Experimental

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Credits: 1-3

Term(s) Typically Offered: Offered as Needed

CSLD 295 - Workshop

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Credits: 1-6

Term(s) Typically Offered: Offered as Needed

CSLD 298 - Selected Topics

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Credits: 1-3

Term(s) Typically Offered: Offered as Needed

CSLD 315 - Mindfulness and Brain

Cognitive Science is the interdisciplinary study of the mind, perception, and sense of self. Many practices in Mindfulness can impact both the mind and body. The several books and research projects on the topic reflect this connection. This class will explore how meditation, mindfulness, Tai Chi and Yoga can affect the brain using an interdisciplinary approach within a liberal arts perspective.

Credits: 3

Term(s) Typically Offered: Offered Fall Terms

Thematic Thread(s): Leadership Development, Transfer Thread Completion Course

Students with a semester level of Freshman 1, Freshman 2 or Sophomore 1 may **not** enroll.

CSLD 344 - Left and Right Brain: From Neuron to Culture

This class will explore the differences between the left and right sides of the brain. The class begins with differences in anatomy and physiology and will conclude with how these differences affect personality, culture, art, music, science, and politics. The emphasis will be an interdisciplinary approach within a Liberal Arts framework.

Credits: 3

Thematic Thread(s): Creating Art, Mind & Brain, Transfer Thread Completion Course

Students with a semester level of Freshman 1, Freshman 2 or Sophomore 1 may **not** enroll.

CSLD 350 - Multicultural Leadership

Multicultural Leadership compares leadership across cultures and countries, explores the relationship between culture and leadership styles, ideas of cultural diversity and globalization, and a variety of considerations with implications for leading within and across national borders and global regions. This course also explores the challenging but increasingly important task of working across cultures in teams composed of persons from different cultures, ethnicities, racial identifications, and religious and social backgrounds.

Credits: 3

Term(s) Typically Offered: Offered Every Term

Thematic Thread(s): Comparative Perspectives of Justice & Society, Leadership Development, Transfer Thread Completion Course
Students with a semester level of Freshman 1, Freshman 2 or Sophomore 1 may **not** enroll.

CSLD 352 - Self Leadership

Before an individual can lead other people or organizations, they must first be able to lead themselves effectively. Self Leadership is a course designed to introduce students to processes, tools and strategies to overcome obstacles and to achieve goals.

Credits: 3

Term(s) Typically Offered: Offered Fall Terms

Thematic Thread(s): Leadership Development, Transfer Thread Completion Course
Students with a semester level of Freshman 1, Freshman 2 or Sophomore 1 may **not** enroll.

CSLD 353 - Teambuilding for Leaders

Teambuilding for Leaders exposes students to the techniques, processes and tools to effectively build, lead and motivate multifaceted group of individuals and galvanize them into a functional and effective team oriented on achieving mutually supporting goals.

Credits: 3

Term(s) Typically Offered: Offered Spring Terms

Students with a semester level of Freshman 1, Freshman 2 or Sophomore 1 may **not** enroll.

CSLD 354 - Strategic Planning and Decision Making for Leaders

Strategic Planning and Decision Making for Leaders introduces students to a process of planning that helps leaders apply thoroughness, clarity, sound judgment, logic, and professional knowledge to understand situations, develop options to solve problems, and reach decisions. This process helps leaders, their staffs, and others think critically and creatively while planning.

Credits: 3

Students with a semester level of Freshman 1, Freshman 2 or Sophomore 1 may **not** enroll.

CSLD 355 - Leadership Development Course

Strategic Planning and Decision Making for Leaders introduces students to a process of planning that helps leaders apply thoroughness, clarity, sound judgment, logic, and professional knowledge to understand situations, develop options to solve problems, and reach decisions. This process helps leaders, their staffs, and others think critically and creatively while planning.

Credits: 3

Students with a semester level of Freshman 1, Freshman 2 or Sophomore 1 may **not** enroll.

CSLD 390 - Experimental

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Credits: 1-3

Term(s) Typically Offered: Offered Every Term

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CSLD 395 - Workshop

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Credits: 1-6

Term(s) Typically Offered: Offered as Needed

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CSLD 398 - Selected Topics

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Credits: 1-3

Term(s) Typically Offered: Offered as Needed

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CSLD 450 - Internship

Supervised placement in selected professional agencies.

Credits: 1-12

Term(s) Typically Offered: Offered Every Term

Students with a semester level of Freshman 1, Freshman 2 or Sophomore 1 may **not** enroll.

CSLD 456 - Research in Cognitive Science

The goal of Cognitive Science is to understand the mind using insights from a variety of fields including Psychology, Computer Science, Linguistics, Philosophy, Anthropology, Sociology, and Neuroscience. Cognitive Studies is by definition an interdisciplinary field. Interdisciplinary research comprises a major component to the field. In this course, students will gain experience by conducting a research project.

Prerequisites: (INDP 144^C or CSLD 144^C) and INDP 318^C
^C Requires minimum grade of C.

Credits: 3

Students with a semester level of Freshman 1, Freshman 2 or Sophomore 1 may **not** enroll.

CSLD 490 - Independent Study

Independent Study courses give students the opportunity to pursue research and/or studies that are not part of the university's traditional course offerings. Students work one on one or in small groups with faculty guidance and are typically required to submit a final paper or project as determined by the supervising professor.

Credits: 1-3

Term(s) Typically Offered: Offered as Needed

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CSLD 495 - Workshop

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Credits: 1-6

Term(s) Typically Offered: Offered as Needed

Students with a semester level of Freshman 1, Freshman 2 or Sophomore 1 may **not** enroll.

CSLD 498 - Selected Topics

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Credits: 1-3

Term(s) Typically Offered: Offered as Needed

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