

### COURSES

#### **Cognitive Science (CGSCI)**

##### **CGSCI 100. Foundations of Cognitive Science (4)**

Overview of cognitive science, an interdisciplinary area of study focusing on cognition: how we perceive the world and how we can model the ways we think or perceive. Brings together the key fields of linguistics, psychology, philosophy, and computer science.

##### **CGSCI 101. Cognitive Science Seminar (3; max total 9)**

Introduces students to the discipline of cognitive science through a series of lectures given by local and visiting cognitive scientists. The structure and content will vary from term to term. May be taken three times for credit. (Formerly LING 140T)

### **Global Awareness Certificate**

The global awareness certificate is a Certificate of Special Study. These certificates are awarded for successfully completing a structured program of educational experiences of at least 12 semester units, determined in advance by a department or college/school, and consisting of upper-division (100-199) courses, professional (300-399) courses, and related activities.

The global awareness certificate is tailored to a particular area of study as determined by programs, departments, or colleges/schools. The certificate documents completion of a defined set of coursework and certifies that a student has achieved a set of outcomes denoting some level of competency in the international arena.

The following broad parameters are proposed for a global awareness certificate:

1. Must be a minimum of 12 units.
2. Must include an introduction to global issues course (3 units). Such courses could be designed by faculty from across the university.
3. Must include the equivalent of at least one year of foreign language.
4. Must include at least one study abroad experience.
5. Must include at least one course (3 unit minimum) in the student's major (or closely related field) dealing with international aspects of the major. These courses

are identified by departments/colleges and will not include courses in G.E. MI.

### **International Programs**

There are several types of programs offered by the university under this heading.

- The **campus program** is designed for students whose native language is not English and for those whose education has been in a language other than English. All such students are required to participate in post-admission English language tests, such as the University English Exam (UEE). As a result of such testing, any student may be required to register for up to two ESL writing classes (LING 6 or 110W).
- The **overseas program** features study abroad through the CSU system-wide programs: the campus semester programs to London, Greece, and Armenia; **short-term travel study programs** led by campus faculty; and the University Studies Abroad Consortium (USAC).
- The **National Student Exchange** program offers off-campus study in another state.

For more information about travel study, contact Family and Food Sciences Building, Room 111, 559.278.6452. For information on study abroad options throughout the CSU system, see [www.gateway.calstate.edu](http://www.gateway.calstate.edu).

### **Campus**

The campus program provides courses to help international students gain adequate skill in the use of the English language and sufficient familiarity with American customs and tradition to obtain maximum benefit from their experience at an American university. The following courses, taught through the Linguistics Department, are required of all entering international students, unless excused from part or all of it by the English as a Second Language (ESL)/International Studies Courses (ISC) Petitions Committee on the advice of the persons concerned with the instruction and administration of the program. This decision is based on a consideration of test scores and other data supplied by the student with his or her application. (See *International Student Services and Programs*.)

**First Semester Courses.** Most undergraduate students are required to enroll in LING 6 and ISC 93 the first semester of residence.

In addition, students with less skill in English may be required to take ESL 20. With permission of their international counselor, students may enroll in other regular courses. The Department of Linguistics also offers several sections of English 10 for resident and international English learners.

**Other Undergraduate Courses.** LING 110W is often required of transfer students who have completed ENGL 5B or 10 or its equivalent and 60 units of coursework.

**Courses Taken in Graduate Standing.** An entering graduate student whose previous education has been in a language other than English is held to similar standards of English proficiency as are undergraduate students and may be required to enroll in the following undergraduate courses (such as LING 110W). English proficiency is based on performance on the UEE.

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#### **English as a Second Language (ESL)**

*Newly arrived international students are placed into or exempted from ESL classes based on their University English Exam (UEE) scores.*

##### **ESL 20. Intermediate English as a Second Language (3)**

Emphasizes the development of reading skills and multi-paragraph essays, beginning with personal writing then moving toward the more objective nature of academic prose. Relevant areas of grammar are selected based on student errors and the nature of the written essay.

##### **ESL 21. Advanced Oral Practice in American English (3)**

Advanced work on stress, rhythm, and intonation. Practice in listening comprehension. Speech styles: formal vs. informal. Speech organization and delivery.

#### **International Studies Course (ISC)**

##### **ISC 93. Contemporary American Society (1)**

Introduction to contemporary American society to familiarize the student with political and social issues and ideological conflicts. (2 seminar hours)

### **Overseas**

#### **CSU International Programs**

Developing intercultural communication skills and international understanding among its students is a vital mission of the California State University (CSU). Since its