

Combined PhD Programs

PhD students in the Department of Psychology and Neuroscience often complete combined PhD programs in Neuroscience, Cognitive Science, or Cognitive Neuroscience. PhD students in any subplan (or program; e.g., BN, BPSG, Clinical, Cognitive, or Social) are eligible to pursue any of these combined programs. More details are available here:

- [Neuroscience Combined PhD](#)
- [Cognitive Science Combined PhD](#)
- [Cognitive Neuroscience Combined PhD](#)

There can be confusion about the results of completing these programs on your official records. In each case, you will receive only one PhD (one diploma), which lists your Psychology major along with the combined additional majors. A Neuroscience combined PhD diploma will say PhD in Psychology and Neuroscience. A Cognitive Science combined PhD diploma will say PhD in Psychology and Cognitive Science. A Cognitive Neuroscience (triple) combined PhD diploma will say PhD in Psychology, Cognitive Science, and Neuroscience. These combined degrees are not the same as what the graduate school calls "[dual degrees](#)".

Your transcript will list each "Additional Major", and your PhD subplan (or program) within Psychology is listed as an "Option". Below are four examples, of recent combined PhD transcript entries, including one with a "GRAD Certificate Program". Common [GRAD certificates](#) for Psychology PhDs include [Behavioral Genetics](#), [Cognitive Science](#), and [Quantitative Methods for Behavioral Sciences](#).

Degrees, Certificates and Licensure

Master of Arts
CU Boulder
College Arts & Sciences GRAD
Major : Psychology

Doctor of Philosophy
CU Boulder
College Arts & Sciences GRAD
Major : Psychology
Option : Clinical
Additional Major : Neuroscience

Degrees, Certificates and Licensure

Master of Arts
CU Boulder
College Arts & Sciences GRAD
Major : Psychology

Doctor of Philosophy
CU Boulder
College Arts & Sciences GRAD
Major : Psychology
Option : Social Psychology
Additional Major : Neuroscience

Degrees, Certificates and Licensure

Master of Arts
CU Boulder
College Arts & Sciences GRAD
Major : Psychology

Doctor of Philosophy
CU Boulder
College Arts & Sciences GRAD
Major : Psychology
Option : Cognitive
Additional Major : Neuroscience
Additional Major : Cognitive Science

Master of Arts
CU Boulder
College Arts & Sciences GRAD
Major : Psychology

Certificate
CU Boulder
GRAD Certificate Programs-A&S
Certificate : Quantitat Method for Behav Sci

Doctor of Philosophy
CU Boulder
College Arts & Sciences GRAD
Major : Psychology
Option : Cognitive
Additional Major : Cognitive Science