

Dual (Joint) Ph.D. in Cognitive Science — How to Apply

Eligibility & timing

- You must already be admitted to your **originating/home Ph.D. program** at IU.
- Apply for the COGS dual major **before you take your qualifying exams** in your home program.

Overview of the process

1. Submit the online **Graduate Application** for “Cognitive Science Dual (Joint) Ph.D.”
 2. Request the **application fee waiver** (coupon code).
 3. Handle **recommendation letters** (no new letters needed).
 4. Email required **supporting documents** to the COGS office.
 5. **Initiate (draft but do not submit)** the Appointment of Advisory Committee eDoc.
 6. After COLL approves the dual major, **submit** the Advisory Committee eDoc.
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Step-by-step

1) Submit the graduate application

- Go to the IU graduate [application portal](#) and start a new application.
- In **Program Materials**, choose “**Cognitive Science Dual (Joint) Ph.D.**” (for current IU students).

2) [Waive the application fee](#)

- Email grdschl@iu.edu to request a **coupon code** to waive the \$70 fee. Include:
 - Your name
 - IU CAS ID
 - The program you’re applying to: “Cognitive Science Dual (Joint) Ph.D.”
 - A note that you’re a **current IU graduate student**, plus your **current/home program**

Template:

Subject: Coupon code request – Dual (Joint) Ph.D. application

Hello, I’m a current IU graduate student (Home program: [e.g., Informatics]).

I’m applying to the **Cognitive Science Dual (Joint) Ph.D.** and would like a coupon code to waive the application fee.

Name: [Your Name] • IU CAS ID: [Your ID]
Thank you!

3) Recommendation letters (no new letters required)

- In the application, **list the same recommenders** you used previously.
- **Do not** trigger new letter requests: instead of each recommender's email, enter **stowle@iu.edu** so the COGS office can attach your existing letters.

4) Email these supporting documents to COGS

Send to **stowle@iu.edu** (you can CC yourself):

1. **Ph.D. Combined/Ph.D. Minor Information Form**
 - Available at: <https://cogs.indiana.edu/student-portal/graduate/graduate-forms/index.html>
 - Return completed form to **stowle@iu.edu**.
2. **[Application to Change from a Single to a Double Major \(Ph.D.\)](#)**
 - Online form get signatures from **both** your home department and COGS.
 - Return completed form to **stowle@iu.edu**
3. **Goal statement (1–2 pages)** addressing both majors
 - Return this via email to stowle@iu.edu (this is required before COLL approval).
4. **Unofficial transcript** (only if your **home department is outside the College of Arts & Sciences**).

If any link is not working, contact **Susan Palmer (stowle@indiana.edu)** for the current form.

5) Appointment of Advisory Committee Form,

- **Initiate (draft)** the [Appointment of Advisory Committee](#) eDoc **but do not route/submit** it yet.
- We'll finalize and **submit** this **after** the College (COLL) formally approves your admission to the dual major.

6) After COLL approval

- We'll notify you when COLL approves.
- **Students may submit** the [Advisory Committee](#) form (using the link from the COLL website) to formalize the committee in both majors.

Questions?

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