The Cognitive Science major is a designated capstone major. Students are required to produce a paper based on each quarter of their experience in a research lab or approved fieldwork site. Through completing the capstone experience, students must:

- be able to identify a research topic and hypothesis that will be tested or a fieldwork project and goals.
- demonstrate that they can organize and integrate information related to the topic or project in a clear manner in their own words.
- demonstrate the ability to find and utilize supporting literature relevant to their project or topic.
- successfully relate their paper to their experience in the lab or fieldwork setting.