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.
- be able to discuss their results in front of a group of other students. Students must be able to verbally communicate the ideas motivating their experiment. They must be able to make their experiment clear to those not familiar with the methods, and answer questions.