

WELCOME TO
COGNITIVE SCIENCE MSC



INTRODUCTION DAYS 2022

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INTRODUCTION

Dear Cognitive Science students,

As a start, we would like to congratulate you on having been accepted into the international master's program in Cognitive Science!



So, what happens now? **We would like to invite you to participate in the introduction week from the 29th of August to the 2nd of September 2022.**

On Monday the 29th of August at 9:00, you will meet up at Aarhus University in the Cog Sci room: 1485-240. You will start the day with the Head of Department followed by some fun name games and social activities with the tutors.

The two first introduction days will be a mix of social activities, practical matters and meeting your teachers, student counsellor and students from the programme from other cohorts.

The last three days of the introduction week will be a Python workshop in order for you to be as ready as possible for your first semester's courses.

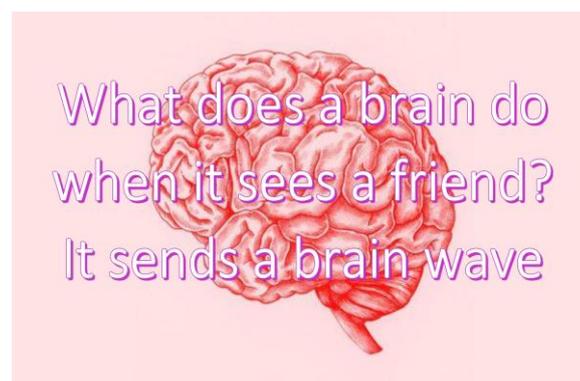
Please also join the [Facebook group for Cognitive Science MSc students 2022](#).

We look forward to meeting you!

Matilde Sterup, Tutor

Caroline Hummel, Tutor

Joshua Charles Skewes, Head of Department



PROGRAM FOR THE INTRODUCTION DAYS

Monday the 29th of August (Room: 1485-240)

09:00 - 09:30	Introduction by the Head of Department <i>What is Cognitive Science MSc?</i>
09:30 - 11:00	Name games with Matilde and Caroline
11:00 - 12:00	Introduction to the course <i>Decision Making</i> and introduction to the internship coordinator, Andreas Højlund
12:00 - 13:00	Lunch with Andreas and Joshua (sandwiches will be served)
13:00 - 15:00	Introduction to the structure and possibilities on the programme by the student counsellor, Josephine Brunsgaard

Tuesday the 30th of August (Room: 1485-226)

09:00 - 10:00	Introduction to the many student associations and societies at Cognitive Science by Matilde and Caroline
10:00 - 11:00	Tour around at AU (and practical matters)
11:00 - 12:00	Introduction to the course <i>Advanced Cognitive Neuroscience</i> by Mikkel Wallentin
12:00 - 13:00	Lunch (bring your own)
13:00 - 14:00	Introduction to the course <i>Natural Language Processing</i> by Ross Deans
14.00 - 15.00	Introduction to the <i>Center for Humanities Computing</i> and the <i>Python workshop</i> by Kristoffer Nielbo
16:00 - 20:00	Beach "hygge" with pizza and quizzes/games (<i>Den Permanente: Salonvejen 1, 8240 Risskov</i>)

Wednesday the 31st of August to Friday the 2nd of September

09:00 - 16:00 (see details of time and location at timetable.au.dk)	Python workshop
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FINDING YOUR WAY AROUND CAMPUS

If you do not know Aarhus University, you might find this link to a map of the campus handy:

[Map of Campus](#) 

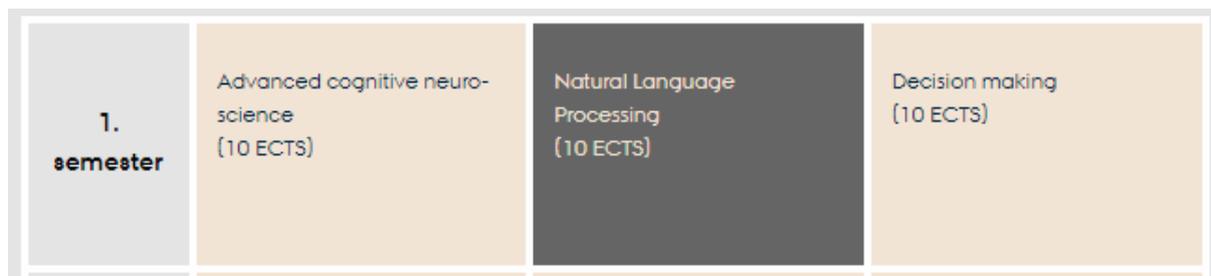
(Note that when looking at the map, the part of the AU campus where Cognitive Science is located happens not to be colored. It is the part called *Nobelparken* by Jens Chr. Skous Vej)

You can also download the AU Find app for Apple or Android with the following link: [AU Find](#) 

YOUR FIRST SEMESTER... ?

ECTS □

Soooo... You are about to spend two exciting years at Aarhus University and during each of these years you'll obtain 60 ECTS ("European Credit Transfer System"). These are points you'll receive for completing your courses, and you can learn more about the credit system on this [website](#). This means that during your first semester you'll obtain 30 ECTS from the three following courses:



You can learn more about the particular ECTS credits for your courses and about the program structure and general rules from the study regulations ([Study Regulations, Cognitive Science](#)). It is necessary to read the regulations as they also tell you about the content of the courses and how to pass exams. Furthermore, you can look up key competencies and descriptions for each of your courses.

BOOKS □

At the beginning of each semester you will have to buy (or borrow) books for the courses. There are several ways to get hold of them – and we will of course help you with it. Stakbogladden (<http://www.stakbogladden.dk/>) is an academic bookshop located only a few minutes' walk from Nobelparken. There you can find many books from various study areas and you can be assisted by some very helpful staff. You can pay with your credit card (Visa, Master Card, Dankort) and get a 10% discount as a student at Aarhus University.

You can also go online to look for used books. You might find the books on <http://www.dba.dk/> or <https://www.saxo.com/dk/>. You can also go to Amazon.co.uk and find your desired books there.

You might also get the chance to buy books from older students via this google sheet, where you will find contact information on those who are selling: <http://bit.ly/2pZJzs4>

You will hear more about which books to buy as soon as you start your education, so don't worry too much about it for now.

STUDY ENVIRONMENT [□](#)

Student life at Aarhus University is not only filled with lectures, seminars or group works, but also with many extracurricular activities! You can become a member of various kinds of student associations and societies (or you can start your own!), attend one of the many Friday bars at the university or join a swimming or knitting club. No matter what you decide for, getting involved is always a great idea! You will meet new students, establish friendly relationships with the university teachers and other employees and become a part of the university community.

FACULTIES, SCHOOLS AND DEPARTMENTS [▢](#)

Aarhus University is divided into faculties, schools and departments. The Cognitive Science Master is situated at the department called LICs (Linguistics, Cognitive Science and Semiotics) at the School of Communication and Culture at the faculty of Arts. At the department, there are two local boards called:

UN [▢](#) (UddannelsesNævn) where students, teachers and other university employees make proposals for decisions regarding their relevant studies. In other words, everything that has to do with examinations, lectures or regulations receives a great deal of attention here. Becoming a member, or communicating with already elected students, is a great way of obtaining knowledge about the state of matters and to share your ideas and contribute to important decisions. Furthermore, it is a great way to make contacts at the university - both with teachers and the management department.

STUDY BOARD [▢](#) (StudieNævn). The Master in Cognitive Science is one of the studies offered by the School of Communication and Culture (ICC or IKK). The formal body that makes decisions about the studies at the Institute level is the Study Board, where the UN is represented with two



seats, one student and one staff member. Student elections take place in the fall.

BROCA'S BODEGA This is the Friday Bar of Cognitive Science. It is a great place to be if you want to have some fun at the end of a tough long week! You can enjoy a cold cheap beer and have a party with fellow students. The Friday Bar is hosted about five or six times each semester, alongside themed parties and other events during the semester. The bar is located in building 1483, room number 134 at Nobelparken and we are often joined by students from the rest of Arts and other departments of AU. You can follow Broca's Bodega on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) where they announce future events!!! Fabulously, this room is used as a study room during the day where many CogSci students hangout and study!!



More information about various kinds of student associations will come during the introductory days.



ABOVE: COGNITIVE NEUROSCIENCE AT 4TH SEMESTER. AN fMRI STUDY CONDUCTED BY COGNITIVE SCIENCE STUDENTS!



ABOVE: EYE TRACKING WORKSHOP AT 3rd SEMESTER

GUIDANCE AND COUNSELLING

[STUDY COUNSELLOR](#) | Every study program has their own student counsellor. The student counsellor is a fellow student who is hired by the university to help and counsel other students. The student counsellor is obligated to maintain confidentiality, and you can use your student counsellor to talk about rules as well as formal stuff regarding your study program, doubts about your study, personal challenges, and lots of other stuff. You will meet your student counsellor during the intro week, and they will visit you during the first weeks of your study program to do presentations about different topics such as working in a study group.

[“SPECIALPÆDAGOGISK STØTTE” AKA SOCIAL AND PEDAGOGICAL SUPPORT \(SPS\)](#) | At SPS, you can find information and guidance regarding support if you have a disability. It could for instance be due to dyslexia, mental disorders, visual or auditory impairment, etc. You can contact SPS already now - also if you are in doubt about whether you are eligible for support.

[STUDENT CHAPLAINS](#) | The student chaplains in Aarhus offer talks and discussion groups for students regardless of faith or religious beliefs. They also have a quiet room at Aarhus University where you can pray, meditate, or just find peace. The student priests also arrange various lectures and debate events.

[THE STUDENT COUNSELLING SERVICE \(“STUDENTERRÅDGIVNINGEN”\)](#) | This is not the same as your study counsellor. The Student Counselling Service are experts in short term therapy for students at further education level. They can for instance help you if you struggle with exam anxiety, perfectionism, stress, etc.

[THE STUDENT HELP LINE \(“STUDENTERLINJEN”\)](#) | Anonymous telephone hotline for students in Aarhus

[SU-OFFICE](#) | This is the place to seek help regarding your personal SU-circumstances.

[ARTS CAREER](#) | Your career centre as a student at the Faculty of Arts. They offer individual career counselling and possibility for participating in various events all year around.

[AU ELITE SPORT](#) | Can help you if you practice sport on an elite level while studying

[AU ENTREPRENEURS](#) | An opportunity for those students at Aarhus University who are entrepreneurs alongside their studies

ZERO TOLERANCE

At AU, we place a high priority on treating each other with decency and respect, and we have zero tolerance for any form of harassment, bullying, violence or discrimination. No one should have to experience this - the university must be a good place to study, work and play for all students and employees. We have a shared responsibility to create a positive and well-functioning academic environment and work environment.

If someone behaves unacceptably to you, AU encourages you to seek help and support. You have several options, all of which you can read about at AU's ["Zero Tolerance"-page](#).

TIPS AND TRICKS

It is normal to be a bit confused about the introduction week since so many new things are happening. Maybe you just moved to Aarhus and have to get used to living away from your family and friends. Moreover, you have to meet your new study colleagues and get to know the university. Therefore, we put together a little list of tips, tricks and practical information to help you get the best start possible.

BEFORE THE INTRODUCTION DAYS

1. Download the AU Find-app if you have a smartphone. This will help you to find the right buildings.
2. If you have to use public transport, Rejseplanen (app or webpage) is a really good help to plan your travels by bus and train.
3. Did you remember to apply for SU and boligstøtte? Otherwise, do it!
4. Remember to not make any other plans during the week. It is highly recommended to participate in the full schedule of the introduction week, as this is a perfect chance to get to know your new classmates and make memories for life. Therefore, your work, family and friends will have to wait for another week – you won't have the time or the energy during the week.
5. Be excited! We have an amazing program planned for you, and we are looking forward to meeting you

DURING THE INTRODUCTION WEEK

1. Come as you are and be yourself. The week is very relaxed, so just wear something comfortable. There will be plenty of opportunities to dress up for the parties!
2. Remember to check the weather forecast and be prepared – we will probably still go through with the fun outside activities even though it is windy and a little rainy.
3. Be open minded. Remember that everyone else is in the same boat as you, so do not be afraid to talk to many new people. You never know who might become your future best friend.
4. Participate in as many activities as possible. We are well aware that there are many things happening and that it might be a bit overwhelming – but we are here to help you and hope to see you for all the activities.

IT SYSTEMS AND AU LINKS

AU STUDYPEDIA

[AU Studypedia](#) is an academic study tool which you can use throughout your time at university. On this website, you can find lots of great tips and tricks on what it means to be a university student. This includes tips about study habits, how to take notes and learning about the formal requirements of your exams. AU Studypedia also has a whole section for new students where there are tips and good advice to help you get started as a university student.

[Course Catalogue](#) | The Course Catalogue (*Kursus Katalog*) is a place to go if you want to learn more about your current or future courses. All you need is to type the name of a particular course into the search field.

All about IT!

We will go through IT with you on Monday, so there is no need to stress too much about it! You can find an overview of ALL things related to AU IT here: [CogSci IT Life Hacks](#). This document includes info on how to order a student card, how to access your student mail, syncing your calendar with your university schedule, accessing WIFI and more!! The most important links and information are also down below:

1. [mitstudie.au.dk \(MyStudiesAU\)](#) | Collection of websites and other useful self-access systems. Includes things such as your weekly schedule, AU mail, links to other important sites and much more! In fact, you only ever need to log onto Mystudies.au.dk as you can access everything you need as a student from this platform!
2. [Brightspace](#) | An e-learning platform where your teachers upload materials (e.g., course syllabus, readings, assignments etc.) and other relevant information about your courses.
3. [Student Self-Service \(STADS\)](#) | The place where you can access exam results, order grade transcripts and more! This is also the place to go if you need to register for courses or exams at some point during your time at university. For more info, see the [guide to STADS](#)
4. [Studyportal Arts](#) | Faculty-specific site with all relevant information about courses, exams, rules and regulations (and much more!).
5. [Eduroam](#) | You can use AU's wifi, eduroam, for free. Simply log onto the network by choosing "Eduroam" from your list of wifi networks and log in with your AU ID **au<AUID>@uni.au.dk** (e.g., au123456@uni.au.dk).

6. [Zoom on AU](#) | The primary tech-solution which AU uses for online teaching and digital exams. You should always use the official AU zoom and not the free version.
7. [Software for Students](#) | As a student on AU you can get a bunch of free software or software with a discount!
8. [IT-support](#) | If you experience technical problems, you can go to Arts IT-support for help. They may be busy during the first few weeks of the semester, so please be patient <3

OTHER HELPFUL LINKS

[Cogsci.dk](#) | Website made by Cognitive Science students at Aarhus University. Has lots of resources on interesting books, podcasts, and videos related to Cognitive Science. Also contains a social calendar, overview of cogsci clubs and past exam projects by students!!

[DMI Aarhus](#) | Even though our introduction days take place at the end of summer, the sun in Denmark should not be taken for granted! We will spend a great deal of our afternoon activities outside in the University Park. Remember to check the weather forecast before you leave in the morning.

NEW IN AARHUS?

[Discover City](#) | Discover City is a page where you can find tips and information about great places in Aarhus. Are you in doubt about what to do during the weekend? Would you like to explore Aarhus? Would you like to discover a new café or bar? Then use Discover City as your inspiration.

[International Center](#) | The International Center provides services to all international students and staff. They can help you with housing issues, give you support for your visa or provide you with information about free Danish language education.

[Lær Dansk!](#) | LærDansk is the biggest Danish language network with language centers located in 20 municipalities. You have a wonderful opportunity to learn Danish, make new friends, and establish important connections.

[International Community Aarhus](#) | The International Community is an expat organization that provides a wide range of events, seminars and online activities.

[Jobindex](#) | Finding a job in Denmark is not easy, especially if you don't speak Danish. However, it is not impossible! You can use the JobIndex webpage to get yourself familiar

with the Danish job market and explore current offers of student jobs or calls for internships. Remember however that your study is a full-time activity.

LIBRARIES

[AU Library](#) | The university library and its resources are accessible via this link. You will get an introduction tour with one of the library employees as part of the introduction program.

[Nobelparken - AU Library](#) | The library at Nobelparken, which you will visit in the introduction week.

[Det Kongelige Bibliotek](#) | Another library we will show you.

[Search, find, and borrow materials from Danish libraries](#) | You can also borrow books from various libraries all over Denmark. You can use their services after you obtain your Danish CPR number.

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