

# **Contract Instructor Opportunities**

## **Spring/Summer 2026**

### **Cognitive Science**

Pursuant to Article 16 of the CUPE 4600 Unit 2 Collective Agreement outlining the hiring process, in particular with respect to Incumbency and Seniority, the following courses may be available for Contract Instructors during the Spring and Summer 2026 terms. Expressions of interest are invited from members of the CUPE 4600 bargaining unit and other interested persons to teach the aforementioned Cognitive Science courses. Offers of employment and replies to these offers are subject to Articles 15.4 and 15.5 respectively.

#### **Spring Term** May 6 – June 18, 2026

##### **CGSC 1001 [0.5 credit]**

##### **Mysteries of the Mind**

Challenges faced in understanding the mind, and some of the approaches cognitive science has brought to bear on them. Topics may include the nature of knowledge, how we learn, the extent to which human thinking is rational, biases in thinking, and evolutionary influences on cognition. Lectures six hours per week.

Designated Modality	ONLINE SCHEDULED
Anticipated TA Support*	Yes
Anticipated Enrollment	120

#### **Summer Term** July 2 – August 14, 2026

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**Summer Term** July 2 – August 14, 2026

**CGSC 2001 [0.5 credit]**

**Theories in Cognitive Science**

An integrated background of the discipline of Cognitive Science, with an historical overview (1940's onward) and examination of the extent to which the discipline has assimilated the collective knowledge of contributing disciplines (e.g., psychology, philosophy, linguistics, artificial intelligence and neuroscience).

Lectures six hours per week.

Designated Modality	ONLINE SCHEDULED
Anticipated TA Support*	Yes
Anticipated Enrollment	120

*\*Anticipated TA support is based on anticipated enrollment and may change based upon actual enrollment.*

*We reserve the right to cancel any course for which there is insufficient registration.*

**Application Procedures and Deadlines:**

Applicants are asked to submit a Curriculum Vita that includes a listing of all courses taught within the CUPE 4600 Unit 2 bargaining unit at Carleton University and a contract instructor application form (see link below). Applicants who are not incumbents should also submit a brief teaching dossier, highlighting information that is relevant to the course, and teaching evaluations, if available, from other courses taught. Please send application by January 9, 2026 electronically to:

Mark MacLeod, Chair  
Department of Cognitive Science  
c/o Donna Malone, Department Administrator  
[Donna.Malone@carleton.ca](mailto:Donna.Malone@carleton.ca)

The contract instructor application form is available [here](#)

Review of applications will commence no earlier than 21 calendar days after the date posted and continue until the position is filled. All positions are subject to budgetary approval.

**Pre-Posting Hiring Decisions:**

The following course has been assigned to a graduate student, post-doctoral fellow, or visiting scholar and is not open to external applicants. The Department will contact the most senior incumbent to review their rights under Article 17.6 of the CUPE 4600-2 Collective Agreement:

N/A

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November 24, 2025