PSYCHOLOGY, AA-T

Program Description

The Associate in Arts in Psychology for Transfer degree will enable students to develop a strong foundation in research methods, statistics, and biological aspects of behavior, and will also offer a wide variety of elective courses in psychology and other related fields for students to develop a broad knowledge base of human behavior. In addition, students will develop strong critical thinking, communication, and problem-solving skills that will prepare them for the requirements of upper division course work.

The Associate in Arts in Psychology for Transfer degree is designed to prepare students to transfer to local California State Universities (CSUs). Students who complete the Associate in Arts in Psychology for Transfer degree will be ensured preferential transfer status to local CSUs as Psychology majors and majors in related disciplines. The Associate in Arts in Psychology for Transfer degree requirements will fulfill the lower division major requirements at many local CSUs. Students are advised, however, to meet with a counselor to assess the course requirements for specific local CSUs and to validate which CSUs are considered local.

Learn more about the program on the Psychology website.

Program Learning Outcomes

- Students will be able to recognize the diversity of behavior of various populations and be able to explain, interpret, apply, and evaluate a broad base of concepts in the different fields of psychology.
- Students will be able to apply critical thinking skills and psychological theories to real-world situations, and be able to apply research methodology and data analysis in the process of answering questions about human behavior.

Career Opportunities

Psychology graduates find positions in a wide range of work environments. Typical positions include personnel managers, industrial psychologists, psychiatric aides, probation officers, mental health workers, drug abuse counselors, employment counselors, and teachers. Advanced degrees, such as a Masters (MA), a Marriage and Family Therapy (MFT), a PsyD, and a PhD, can open opportunities for careers in research, counseling, and higher education. Psychologists also work as consultants in government and industry, as well as in human resources, marketing, business management, technology, software development, and education.

Units Required

- Major: 28-31

Associate Degree Requirements

Associate in Arts in Psychology for Transfer requires completion of a minimum of 90 units, including:

- Core and support courses for the major (28-31 units)[1]
- **Summer Session 2025 only**—CSU General Education Breadth (CSU GE Breadth) or Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum (IGETC)[2] (49-58 units) (full certification is required)
- **Beginning Fall Quarter 2025**—California General Education Transfer Curriculum (Cal-GETC)[3] (45 units) (full certification is required)

- Transferable electives necessary to meet the 90-unit minimum requirement

[1] Some units from the core and support courses may be used to satisfy the GE requirement. Please see a counselor for more information.

[2] Summer Session 2025 is the final term during which CSU GE Breadth and IGETC may be used. Please see a counselor for more information. Important Note: Although it is possible to fulfill the requirements for the Associate Degree for Transfer by completing the IGETC for UC pattern, admission to CSU requires completion of an Oral Communication course (IGETC Area 1C; CSU GE Area A-1); therefore, students who plan to transfer to CSU should complete this course as part of their GE or elective units.

[3] Cal-GETC begins in Fall Quarter 2025. Please see a counselor for more information.

Note: All courses pertaining to the major must be completed with a grade of "C" (or "P") or better. In addition, the student must obtain a minimum GPA of 2.0.

Core and Support Courses

Code	Title	Units
Core Courses		
PSYC 1	GENERAL PSYCHOLOGY	5
or PSYC 1H	HONORS GENERAL PSYCHOLOGY	
PSYC 7	STATISTICS FOR THE BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES	5
or SOC 7	STATISTICS FOR THE BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES	
or MATH 10	ELEMENTARY STATISTICS	
or MATH 17	INTEGRATED STATISTICS II	
PSYC 10	RESEARCH METHODS & DESIGNS	5
Support Courses		
List A		
Complete one course from List A:		5
BIOL 10	GENERAL BIOLOGY: BASIC PRINCIPLES	
BIOL 14	HUMAN BIOLOGY	
PSYC 4	INTRODUCTION TO BIOPSYCHOLOGY	
List B		
And complete one course from List B:		4-6
Any course not used in List A		
BIOL 1A	PRINCIPLES OF CELL BIOLOGY	
C S 2A	OBJECT-ORIENTED PROGRAMMING METHODOLOGIES IN C++	
C S 2B	INTERMEDIATE SOFTWARE DESIGN IN C++	
C S 2C	ADVANCED DATA STRUCTURES & ALGORITHMS IN C++	
ENGL 1B	COMPOSITION, CRITICAL READING & THINKING THROUGH LITERATURE	
or ENGL 1BH	HONORS COMPOSITION, CRITICAL READING & THINKING THROUGH LITERATURE	
MATH 1A	CALCULUS	
or MATH 1AH	HONORS CALCULUS I	
MATH 1B	CALCULUS	
or MATH 1BH	HONORS CALCULUS II	
PSYC 14	CHILD & ADOLESCENT DEVELOPMENT	
PSYC 25	PSYCHOLOGICAL DISORDERS & THEIR TREATMENTS	

PSYC 30	SOCIAL PSYCHOLOGY	
or SOC 30	SOCIAL PSYCHOLOGY	
PSYC 40	HUMAN DEVELOPMENT	
List C		
And complete one course from List C:		4-6
Any course not used in List A or List B		
ANTH 2A	CULTURAL ANTHROPOLOGY	
or ANTH 2AH	HONORS CULTURAL ANTHROPOLOGY	
COMM 3	INTRODUCTION TO COMMUNICATION STUDIES	
POLI 1	POLITICAL SCIENCE: INTRODUCTION TO AMERICAN GOVERNMENT & POLITICS	
PSYC 2	CULTURAL PSYCHOLOGY	
PSYC 9	POSITIVE PSYCHOLOGY	
PSYC 21	PSYCHOLOGY OF WOMEN: SEX & GENDER DIFFERENCES	
or WMN 21	PSYCHOLOGY OF WOMEN: SEX & GENDER DIFFERENCES	
PSYC 22	PSYCHOLOGY OF PREJUDICE & DISCRIMINATION	
PSYC 33	INTRODUCTION TO PERSONALITY PSYCHOLOGY	
PSYC 39	PSYCHOLOGY OF SPORTS	
PSYC 49	HUMAN SEXUALITY	
SOC 1	INTRODUCTION TO SOCIOLOGY	
or SOC 1H	HONORS INTRODUCTION TO SOCIOLOGY	
Total Units		**28-31**