

Psychology

Degree Type

Associate of Arts

Program Description

Psychology is the science of mental processes and behavior. Within the program, students will learn fundamental principles of psychology, theories of development, learning, cognition, behavior, and more. This program is designed for those who plan to transfer to a four-year institution for a bachelor's degree in psychology or a related field.

Students with advanced degrees in psychology can become Clinical Psychologists who provide psychotherapy and provide psychological testing; Counseling Psychologists helping people with everyday issues and may provide career counseling and vocational testing; Academic Psychologists may teach classes and conduct research; Applied Psychologists solve problems in practical areas like developmental, human factors, industrial/organizational, personality, social, sport, and school.

The Psychology program offers maximum transferability. The 30-credit general education core offers courses that transfer to Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education (PASSHE) universities and other local colleges and universities. Students completing the A.A. degree in Psychology will be able to transfer the equivalent of the first two years of a bachelor's degree to any one of the fourteen four-year universities in the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education and complete the remainder of their degree program in just two more years of full-time study.

You can read more about this opportunity and view the agreement at:

<https://patrac.org/Administrators/StatewideProgramtoProgramProcess/tabid/1967/Default.aspx>

Program Objectives

Upon completion of the program, the student will be able to:

1. Demonstrate a basic knowledge of the theories in psychology.
2. Demonstrate a basic knowledge of psychological research geared towards being an informed consumer of social science research.
3. Use critical thinking skills to make psychological arguments.
4. Apply psychological principles to personal, social, and organizational issues.
5. Recognize basic ethical issues in psychological research settings and applied psychological settings.
6. Demonstrate professional communication skills through written, oral and electronic methods according to APA standards.

Obtaining the Degree

To earn the Associate of Arts Degree, the student must:

- Matriculate into the program.
- Satisfactorily complete all degree requirements, including General Education and Major Requirements of the degree.

General Education Requirements

Course Code	Title	Credits
FYE 101	First Year Experience	1
BIO 104	Principles of Biology I Lecture	3
BIO 106	Principles of Biology II Lecture	3
BIO 114	Principles of Biology I Lab	1
BIO 116	Principles of Biology II Lab	1
CIT 100	Microcomputer Applications	3
COM 101	Public Speaking	3
ENG 110	English Composition I**	3
ENG 200	English Composition II: Studies in Literature**	3
MAT 145	College Algebra	3
PHI 200	Introduction to Ethics	3
SOC 100	Introduction to Sociology**	3
	Elective - Humanities	3

Major Requirements

Course Code	Title	Credits
PSY/SOC 202	Introduction to Research	3
PSY 100	General Psychology**	3
PSY 130	Human Development Across the Lifespan	3
PSY 200	Abnormal Psychology	3
PSY 210	Psychology of Aging	3
PSY 220	Introduction to Counseling	3
PSY 299	Elementary Statistics	4
SOC 200	Contemporary Social Issues	3
	Elective - Social Science	3

Humanities Electives (Choose one)

Course Code	Title	Credits
ART 101	Introduction to Art History**	3
MUS 100	Introduction to Music	3
PHI 110	Introduction to Philosophy**	3
ENG 230	Survey of American Literature I	3
ENG 235	Survey of American Literature II	3
ENG 240	Survey of British Literature I	3
ENG 245	Survey of British Literature II	3
ENG 271	World Literature	3

Social Science Electives (Choose one)

Course Code	Title	Credits
ANT 100	Introduction to Cultural Anthropology**	3
ECO 100	Macroeconomics	3
ECO 110	Microeconomics	3
CIV 100	Western Civilization: Ancient through Renaissance**	3
CIV 110	Western Civilization: Renaissance to Present**	3
GOV 100	Introduction to American National Government**	3
HIS 100	U.S. History I: Discovery through Reconstruction**	3
HIS 110	U.S. History II: Reconstruction to Present**	3
PSY 215	Death and Dying	3
Total Credits		61

Course Sequencing

Fall 1

Course Code	Title	Credits
FYE 101	First Year Experience	1
ENG 110	English Composition I**	3
CIT 100	Microcomputer Applications	3
MAT 145	College Algebra	3
PSY 100	General Psychology**	3

Spring 1

Course Code	Title	Credits
ENG 200	English Composition II: Studies in Literature**	3
PHI 200	Introduction to Ethics	3
PSY 130	Human Development Across the Lifespan	3
PSY 200	Abnormal Psychology	3
	Elective - Humanities	3

Fall 2

Course Code	Title	Credits
BIO 104	Principles of Biology I Lecture	3
BIO 114	Principles of Biology I Lab	1
PSY/SOC 202	Introduction to Research	3
PSY 220	Introduction to Counseling	3
PSY 299	Elementary Statistics	4
SOC 100	Introduction to Sociology**	3

Spring 2

Course Code	Title	Credits
BIO 106	Principles of Biology II Lecture	3
BIO 116	Principles of Biology II Lab	1
COM 101	Public Speaking	3
PSY 210	Psychology of Aging	3
SOC 200	Contemporary Social Issues	3
	Elective - Social Science	3