

Associate in Arts degree in Psychology for transfer

The Psychology Transfer major covers the contemporary perspectives on understanding human behavior: biological, psychodynamic, learning-based, humanistic, cognitive, and sociocultural, as well as the effects of nature versus nurture on behavior and abilities. Students learn how to analyze the various methods used to study behavior, including the naturalistic observation method, the correlational method, the experimental method, kinship studies, the epidemiological method, and the case-study method. Students choosing this major will gain an understanding of the definition of normal vs. abnormal behavior, as well as describe the different types of mental health professionals and the basic features of psychotherapy and drug therapies. The successful student will be able to: Characterize the nature of psychology as a science; understand and apply psychological principles to personal, social, and organizational issues; use reasoning to recognize, develop, defend, and criticize arguments related to conclusions about psychological issues; identify appropriate applications of psychology in solving problems, such as the origin and treatment of abnormal behavior, pursuit and effect of healthy lifestyles, psychology-based interventions in clinical, educational community, and other settings. A transfer degree is available Fall 2011.

Required Core: (11 units)

Math G160 - Introduction to Statistics	4
Psychology G100/G100H - Introduction to Psychology	3
Psychology G280 - Research Methods in Psychology	4

List A – Select one course from: (3-5 units)

Biology G100/G100H - Introduction to Biology	4
Psychology G250 – Psychobiology	3

List B – Select one course from: (3 units)

Any list A course not used above	
Psychology G118 - Life Span Developmental Psychology	3
Sociology G100 - Introduction to Sociology	3
Sociology G185 - Analysis of Social Problems	3

List C – Select one course from: (3 units)

Any list A or B course not used above

Psychology G110 - Personal and Social Adjustment	3
Psychology G116 - Child Growth and Development	3
Psychology G165 - Principles of Human Sexuality 1	3
Psychology G255 - Abnormal Psychology	3

Required Subtotal:	20-21
CSU General Education Breadth or IGETC Pattern:	37-41
Transferable Electives (as needed to reach 60 transferable units):	_____
DEGREE TOTAL:	60 units