

# Associates of Arts & Science Degree

## General Studies Psychology Specialization

**Purpose:** The Psychology Specialization of the General Studies Transfer Degree Program is designed for students who plan to pursue a Bachelor's degree in Psychology at a four-year college or university. While the standard General Studies curriculum provides flexibility for students who are uncertain about their educational goals, the Psychology Specialization is designed to provide a solid academic foundation in Psychology.

Students who complete this program of study can earn junior-class standing at a four-year college or university and will have completed courses that generally serve as prerequisites for advanced undergraduate coursework in Psychology. Additionally, the Psychology Specialization is designed to accommodate the needs of students pursuing or who have completed the Career Studies Certificate in Paraprofessional Counseling (CSCPC).

Like other transfer degree programs, students pursuing the Psychology Specialization take courses that are accepted at most public four year institutions in a wide variety of baccalaureate degree programs. However, departments of Psychology differ greatly in their approaches to the undergraduate major in Psychology and students are urged to acquaint themselves with the degree requirements of potential college or university transfer destinations.

### PSYCHOLOGY SPECIALIZATION CURRICULUM:

<b>Degree Requirements</b>		<b>Credits</b>
Student Development	SDV 100 or any approved SDV	1
English	ENG 111-112 and any ENG (Literature) course	9
Mathematics	Any two math courses 151 or higher <sup>1</sup>	6
History	Any two HIS courses	6
Health/Physical Education	Any HLT or PED course(s) <sup>2</sup>	2
Humanities	Any two courses from ART, ENG (Literature), HUM, MUS, PHI, REL, or Foreign Language <sup>3</sup>	6
Social Sciences	Any two courses from ECO <sup>4</sup> , GEO, HIS, PLS, PSY <sup>5</sup> or SOC <sup>6</sup> (Note Below <sup>7</sup> )	6
Lab Sciences	BIO 101-102	8
Communication	CST 100, CST 110, or CST 126	3
Psychology Transfer Electives:	Foundation: PSY 200	3
	Human Development: PSY 235 or PSY 230 <sup>8</sup>	3
	Psychology Electives: Any three from PSY 105, PSY 126, PSY 216, PSY 225, PSY 215, PSY 115, PSY 120, PSY 226, PSY 255, PSY 290 or PSY 293, PSY 298 <sup>9</sup>	9
<b>Total Minimum Credits</b>		<b>62</b>

Students graduating from this program must demonstrate proficiency in specific computer competencies by passing ITE 115 (transfer elective) or an equivalent competency test. Students are encouraged not to wait until the final semester to complete this requirement.

### SUGGESTED SCHEDULING:

<b>FIRST YEAR</b>		<b>SECOND YEAR</b>			
<b>Fall</b>	<b>Spring</b>	<b>Fall</b>	<b>Spring</b>		
PSY 200	3 PSY Elective	3 PSY Elective	3 PSY Elective	3	3
SDV 100	1 PSY 230 or PSY 235	3 SOC Elective	3 Humanities Elective	3	3
MTH 151 (or higher)	3 MTH 151 (or higher)	3 Humanities Elective	3 CST 100, 110, or 126	3	3
ENG 111	3 ENG 112	3 ENG (Literature)	3 Social Sciences Elective	3	3
Health/Physical Education	1 BIO 102	4 Health/Physical Education	1 HIS	1	3
BIO 101	4	HIS		3	
<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>15</b>

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- <sup>1</sup> *Students should check with institutions to which they are considering transfer to determine appropriate MTH courses and/or sequences.*
  - <sup>2</sup> *Veterans may be awarded credit for military experience to meet this requirement.*
  - <sup>3</sup> *Coursework in PHI or SPA is recommended for satisfaction of this requirement.*
  - <sup>4</sup> *ECO 120 and ECO 201-202 contain similar course content. Students should take either ECO 120 or ECO 201-202 unless they plan to take all three courses. Students may not receive credit for ECO 120 if they have already completed both ECO 201 and ECO 202.*
  - <sup>5</sup> *PSY 200 and PSY 201-202 contain similar course content. Students who take PSY 200 cannot receive credit for either PSY 201 or PSY 202. Students who take either PSY 201 or PSY 202 cannot receive credit for PSY 200. Also, students cannot receive credit for both PSY 235 and PSY 230.*
  - <sup>6</sup> *SOC 200 and SOC 201-202 contain similar course content. Students who take SOC 200 cannot receive credit for either SOC 201 or SOC 202. Students who take either SOC 201 or SOC 202 cannot receive credit for SOC 200.*
  - <sup>7</sup> *Students pursuing the Career Studies Certificate in Paraprofessional Counseling complete the Social Sciences requirement using PSY courses required by that curriculum. Students not pursuing that curriculum should complete the Social Sciences requirement by taking any other Social Science course (ECO, GEO, HIS, PLS or SOC) that transfer destinations might require for completion of the Bachelors degree.*
  - <sup>8</sup> *Students pursuing the Career Studies Certificate in Paraprofessional Counseling must take PSY 230. Students cannot earn credit for both PSY 235 and PSY 230. Students should contact the four-year institution(s) to which they may transfer to determine how credit might be awarded for PSY 235 and PSY 230.*
  - <sup>9</sup> *Students pursuing the Career Studies Certificate in Paraprofessional Counseling must fulfill this requirement using PSY courses required by that curriculum, including PSY 226 and PSY 290. Students must complete PSY 226, 12 credit hours and gain the approval of the Paraprofessional Counseling Program Head prior to registering for PSY 290. Students should contact the four-year institution(s) to which they may transfer to determine how credit might be awarded for any PSY elective.*
- Students graduating from this program will be required to participate in a general education outcomes assessment during their last semester.*