

PSYCHOLOGY, ASSOCIATE IN ARTS DEGREE FOR TRANSFER

Banner Code: 3_AAT_PSYC
Financial Aid Eligible

Psychology is the scientific study of behavior and mental processes. Students majoring in psychology learn the major perspectives for understanding human behavior: behavioral, biological, cognitive, cross-cultural, evolutionary, humanistic, and psychodynamic. Students will acquire skills to analyze behavior, including statistical methods and research design, and will learn to document findings in American Psychological Association style; descriptive research methods and experimental methods are covered. Students will gain an understanding of the following topics: neuroscience; sensation and perception; consciousness; learning; memory; thinking, language and intelligence; motivation and emotion; lifespan development; personality; social psychology; stress, health, and coping; psychological disorders; and therapies. Completion of the major provides a solid foundation for a psychology transfer program and many careers in the social service fields. A Master's degree or higher is required for most counseling or research psychologist positions.

Associate Degrees for Transfer (AA-T or AS-T) are open to all Coastline students. Students who do not plan on transferring to a California State University school should consult their Counselor regarding the benefits of an AA-T/AS-T degree based on their goals. Students earning an AA-T or AS-T and intending on transferring to a California State University school receive transfer admission benefits for specific majors at many California State University campuses. Visit the Transfer Information (<https://catalog.cccd.edu/coastline/transfer-information/>) catalog page for more information.

Program Level Student Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of this program, students will be able to:

1. Characterize the nature of psychology as a science.
2. Apply the major theories, principles, and concepts of psychology to everyday life.
3. Utilize investigative methods to collect, interpret, and present scientific data on psychological topics.

Associate Degree for Transfer Requirements

1. Minimum of 60 CSU-transferable semester units. A minimum of 12 units must be in residence within Coast Colleges (Coastline College, Golden West College, and/or Orange Coast College).
2. Minimum grade point average (GPA) of at least 2.0 in all CSU-transferable coursework.
3. Completion of a minimum of 18 semester units in an Associate Degree for Transfer major as detailed in the catalog.
4. Certified Completion of the California State University General Education-Breadth pattern (CSU GE Breadth - Coastline's Option 2 General Education pattern), OR the Intersegmental General Education

Transfer Curriculum (IGETC - Coastline Option 3 General Education pattern).

Requirement for the Major

Course	Title	Units
Required Core		
Complete the following:		
MATH C160	Introduction to Statistics	4
PSYC C100	Introduction to Psychology	3
PSYC C280	Introduction to Research Methods in Psychology	4
List A		
BIOL C100 or PSYC C250	Introduction to Biology Psychobiology	3
List B		
Select one of the following or any course from List A not used above:		3
PSYC C118	Life Span Developmental Psychology	
SOC C100	Introduction to Sociology	
List C		
Select one of the following or any course not selected from List A or B above:		3
PSYC C116	Child Growth and Development	
PSYC C165	Principles of Human Sexuality 1	
PSYC C170 or AGNG C170	Psychology of Aging Psychology of Aging	
PSYC C255	Abnormal Psychology	
PSYC C260	Social Psychology	
Units Required for Major		20
CSU General Education or IGETC pattern		37-39
Transfer Electives as needed to reach 60 transferable units		Varies
Total for Degree		60