

# ASSOCIATE IN ARTS PSYCHOLOGY

(66 hrs. min.)

CIP: 42.0101

This program is for students who wish to transfer to a four-year institution and obtain a bachelor's degree in psychology. It includes transferable general education requirements as well as psychology core courses. These core courses are designed to give students a basic foundation in psychology as well as transfer as introductory-level classes at a four-year institution. Students are advised to work closely with their transfer institutions and their SFCC advisers to ensure the best transition to four-year schools.

## PROGRAM OUTCOMES

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

- Demonstrate familiarity with the major concepts, theoretical perspectives, empirical findings and historical trends in psychology.
- Understand and apply basic research methods in psychology, including basic research design, data analysis and interpretation.
- Use critical thinking, skeptical inquiry and, when possible, the scientific approach to solve problems related to behavior and mental processes.
- Understand and apply psychological principles to personal, social and organizational issues.
- Weigh evidence, appreciate ambiguity, act ethically and reflect other values that are the underpinnings of psychology as a science.

## GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS (42 HRS. MIN.)

Communications (9 hrs.)

ENGL 111                      Composition and Rhetoric (3)

ENGL 112                      Composition and Literature (3)

SPCH 111                      Public Speaking (3)

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SPCH 220                      Interpersonal Communication (3)

[or]

SPCH 225                      Small-Group Communication (3)

Humanities (6 hrs.)

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PHIL 111                      Introduction to Philosophy (3)

Behavioral/Social Sciences (9 hrs.)

PSYC 111 Psychology I (3)  
 SOCI 111 Introduction to Sociology (3)

[and]

Choose one course from the following:

ANTH 112 The Nature of Culture (3)  
 BSAD 235 Human Relations in the Workplace (3)\*  
 POLI 200 American Government and Politics (3)  
 SOCI 220 Social Problems (3)

Math (4 hrs.)

MATH 121 College Algebra (4) or higher

Science (8 hrs.)

BIOL 111 Introduction to Biology (3)  
 BIOL 111L Introduction to Biology Lab (1)  
 Science (4)

Computers/Technology (4 hrs.)

CITC 111 Computers and Technology (4)

[or]

OFTC 111 Business Software Essentials I (4)

Health, Physical Education and Recreation or Dance class (2 hrs. min.)

CORE REQUIREMENTS (18 HRS.)

PSYC 295 Directed Studies in Psychology (3)

Choose five (5) courses from the following:

PSYC 231 Psychology of Personality (3)  
 PSYC 240 Abnormal Psychology (3)  
 PSYC 250 Brain and Behavior (3)  
 PSYC 260 Psychology of Learning and Memory (3)  
 PSYC 265 Cognitive Psychology (3)  
 PSYC 271 Social Psychology (3)  
 PSYC 280 Human Sexuality (3)  
 PSYC 290 Lifespan Developmental Psychology (3)

APPROVED ELECTIVES (6 HRS.)

The following are recommended:

CRJS 232 Crime Profiling (3)  
 HUSV 111 Introduction to Human Services (3)  
 HUSV 285 Post-Traumatic Stress (3)  
 PSYC 125 Introduction to the Counseling Professionals (3)  
 PSYC 210 Cultural Psychology (3)  
 PSYC 211 Educational Psychology (3)  
 PSYC 220 Psychology of Gender (3)  
 SOCI 209 Aging and the Family (3)  
 SOCI 216 Race, Class, and Gender (3)  
 SOCI 225 Marriage, Family and Intimate Relationships (3)

Note: See "College Success Course Requirement" on Page 8.

TOTAL 66 CREDITS MIN.