

# PSYCHOLOGY (AA-T DEGREE A0324)

## Humanities and Social Sciences Division Degree A0324

The Associate in Arts in Psychology for Transfer introduces students to the psychological principles and methodologies used in the scientific study of mental processes and behaviors. Students will acquire the foundational knowledge necessary to pursue post-secondary degrees in psychology and a variety of specialization in the field. The goals of this degree are to prepare students to identify research and statistical methods appropriate to psychology, to compare and contrast the major theoretical perspectives in psychology, and synthesize the relationships between biological and behavioral functions.

To earn an associate degree for transfer, a student must complete 60 semester units that are eligible for transfer to CSU that consist of: IGETC pattern or CSU GE breadth and a major of at least 18 units. Students must have a minimum GPA of 2.0 in all CSU-transferable coursework to receive an associate degree for transfer and all courses in the major must be completed with a C or better. Students earning an associate degree for transfer will not be required to complete any other local graduation requirements.

## Required Courses

| Course Prefix  | Course Name   | Units |
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| <b>Core Courses</b>  |   |       |
| PSYC 1A<br>or PSYC 1AH   | Introduction to Psychology<br>Introduction to Psychology - Honors   | 3     |
| PSYC 3<br>or PSYC 3H   | Introduction to Research Methods in Psychology<br>Introduction to Research Methods in Psychology - Honors | 4     |
| Choose one of the following:   |   | 3-4   |
| PSYC 10  | Statistics for the Behavioral Sciences  |       |
| MATH 110<br>or MATH 110H   | Elementary Statistics<br>Elementary Statistics - Honors   |       |
| <b>List A</b>  |   |       |
| Choose one from the following:   |   | 3-4   |
| BIOL 1   | General Biology   |       |
| BIOL 4<br>or BIOL 4H   | Biology for Majors<br>Biology for Majors - Honors   |       |
| PSYC 1B  | Biological Psychology   |       |
| <b>List B</b>  |   |       |
| Choose one course from the following or any course not already selected from List A: |   | 3-4   |
| BIOL 13  | Human Reproduction, Development and Aging   |       |
| CHLD 11  | Child and Adolescent Development  |       |
| ENGL 1C<br>or ENGL 1CH   | Critical Thinking and Writing<br>Critical Thinking and Writing - Honors                                   |       |
| PHIL 3<br>or PHIL 3H   | Introduction to Logic<br>Introduction to Logic - Honors   |       |
| PHIL 8   | Critical Thinking   |       |
| PHIL 9<br>or PHIL 9H   | Critical Thinking and Writing<br>Critical Thinking and Writing - Honors                                   |       |
| PSYC 14  | Developmental Psychology  |       |
| SOC 1<br>or SOC 1H   | Introduction to Sociology<br>Introduction to Sociology - Honors   |       |
| <b>List C</b>  |   |       |

Choose one course from the following or any course not already selected from List A or List B: 3

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| PSYC 5   | Psychology of Reasoning and Problem Solving |              |
| PSYC 15  | Introduction to Child Psychology            |              |
| PSYC 19  | Abnormal Psychology                         |              |
| PSYC 20  | Introduction to Social Psychology           |              |
| PSYC 25  | The Psychology of Women                     |              |
| PSYC 26  | Psychology of Sexuality                     |              |
| PSYC 33  | Psychology for Effective Living             |              |
| <b>Total Units for Major</b>                               |   | <b>19-22</b> |
| <b>CSU General Education or IGETC Pattern <sup>1</sup></b> |   | <b>39-42</b> |
| <b>Total Units</b>   |   | <b>60</b>    |

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Courses may be double-counted with either CSU-GE or IGETC.

Psychology Website (<http://www.mtsac.edu/psychology/>)

## Program Learning Objectives

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

- Matriculate to a Bachelor's program in psychology or a related discipline.
- Describe research and statistical methods appropriate to psychology.
- Compare and contrast major theoretical perspectives in psychology.
- Synthesize relationships between biological and behavioral functions.

Review Student Learning Outcomes (SLOs) (<http://www.mtsac.edu/instruction/outcomes/sloinfo.html>) for this program.