

PSYCHOLOGY, Associate in Science Degree - 5156

Social Science Department

CIP Code: 42.0101

The Psychology AS transfer degree provides students with a solid foundation to transfer as a Psychology major to a wide range of Baccalaureate Institutions. Students receive a broad introduction to the field, an in-depth look into at least two subfields within Psychology, and a solid foundation in research design and analysis. Since some four-year institutions have specific preferences for course options, students are advised to identify their intended transfer institution as soon as possible and consult the associated transfer guide for that school. This program may be completed entirely through asynchronous instruction. Students may complete 75% of the program at the Harrisburg Campus through on-campus/in-person instruction. The remaining coursework must be completed through various modalities (e.g., hybrid, synchronous remote instruction and asynchronous instruction). Lastly, this program may be completed at the Lancaster and York campuses through various modalities (e.g., hybrid, synchronous remote instruction and asynchronous instruction) in addition to on-campus/in-person instruction.

Transfer Opportunities

This transfer curriculum is provided as a guide for students planning to transfer to a baccalaureate-degree-granting institution. Students who plan to work in therapeutic or academic settings should expect to continue on to earn at least a Master's degree.

Competency Profile

This curriculum is designed to prepare students to:

- Describe key concepts, principles and overarching themes in psychology
- Develop a working knowledge of psychology's content domains: Human Development, Individual and Socio-cultural Differences, Learning and Cognition and Biological Basis of Behavior and Mental Processes
- Use scientific reasoning to interpret psychological phenomena
- Interpret, design and conduct basic psychological research
- Apply ethical standards and sociocultural understanding to evaluate psychological science and practice
- Employ the statistical software, citation formats (APA) and communication norms utilized in psychology
- Locate, evaluate and utilize appropriate scientific sources of knowledge

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS (TOTAL CREDITS = 61)

General Education		Major Requirements		Other Required Courses	
ENGL 101 English Composition I	3	PSYC 101 General Psychology	3	BIOL 111 Intro Biological Science (or)	3
ENGL 102 English Composition II (or)	3	PSYC 241 Research Design and Analysis I	4	BIOL 101 General Biology I	(4)
ENGL 104 Technical Writing	(3)	PSYC 242 Research Design and Analysis II	4	CIS 105 Intro to Software for Business	3
COMM 101 Effective Speaking	3	Select 6 credits from two of the following three categories:		PHIL 102 Logic (or)	3
Humanities & Arts Core Elective	3	Human Development (or)	17	PHIL 101 Intro to Philosophy (or)	(3)
Mathematics Core Elective - MATH 103, 119 or 121	3	PSYC 209 Lifespan Development (or)	(3)	PHIL 215 Philosophy of Science (or)	(3)
Mathematics or Science Core Elective	3	PSYC 212 Child Growth & Development	(3)	PHIL 225 Ethics: Belief and Action	(3)
Social & Behavioral Science Core Elective*	3	Individual Processes (or)	(3)	Transfer Electives**	2
Science with a Laboratory Core Elective	3	PSYC 213 Psychological Disorders & Treatment (or)	(3)		18
First-Year-Seminar Elective	1	PSYC 221 Social Psychology (or)	(3)		
Wellness Elective	1	Biological Basis of Behavior & Mental Process	(3)		
	26	PSYC 226 Biopsychology	(3)		

*Students select from the following: ANTH 101 or 205; COMM 253; GEOG 201 or 230; HIST 102; PSYC 229; SOCI 201, 202, 203 or 205.

**Students are to select transfer elective courses that are appropriate for the intended transfer institution.

RECOMMENDED SEQUENCE FOR FULL-TIME STUDENTS

Part-time students can complete this program by taking one or more courses each semester.

Fall Semester I		Spring Semester I		Fall Semester II		Spring Semester II	
CIS 105	3	BIOL 101 or 111	4 or 3	Math/Science Elective	3	Humanities/Arts Core Elective	3
ENGL 101	3	COMM 101	3	PHIL 101, 102, 215 or 225	3	PSYC 242	4
FYS Elective	1	ENGL 102 or 104	3	PSYC 241	4	Transfer Electives**	9
PSYC 101	3	MATH 103, 119 or 121	3	Social/Behavioral Science Core Elective*	3		
Science w/ Lab Core Elective	3	PSYC Elective	3	PSYC Elective	3		
Wellness Elective	1						