

PSYCHOLOGY, ASSOCIATE OF ARTS DEGREE

Course	Title	Units
	Local General Education, CSU General Education, or IGETC pattern	Varies
	Electives to satisfy unit requirement	Varies
Total Units		60

Banner Code: 3_AA_PSYC

Control Number: 18222

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 APA (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.

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.

Review Graduation Requirements (<https://catalog.cccd.edu/coastline/graduation-requirements/associate-degree/>) and General Education (<https://catalog.cccd.edu/coastline/general-education/>).

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Required Core		
Complete the following:		
PSYC C100	Introduction to Psychology	3
PSYC C280	Introduction to Research Methods in Psychology	4
MATH C160	Introduction to Statistics	4
Program Electives		
Select nine units of the following:		
PSYC C116	Child Growth and Development	
PSYC C118	Life Span Developmental Psychology	
PSYC C165	Principles of Human Sexuality 1	
PSYC C170	Psychology of Aging	
or AGNG C170	Psychology of Aging	
PSYC C250	Psychobiology	
PSYC C255	Abnormal Psychology	
PSYC C260	Social Psychology	
Units Required for the Major		20