

Psychology is a dynamic discipline that can lead to rewarding careers in mental health services, teaching, counseling, and research. Psychologists study cognitive, emotional, and social processes and behavior by observing, interpreting, and recording how individuals relate to one another and to their environments. They use their findings to help improve processes and behaviors. The **Psychology Associate of Arts** degree is intended for students interested in teaching, medicine, law, social work, business, or in human services such as mental health, nursing, child care, and criminal justice. It is also designed for transfer to university programs in psychology.

### Degree Requirements

#### Freshman Year - Fall Semester

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| ▪ PSYC 1000 - General Psychology    | Credits: 3 |                     |
| ▪ Quantitative Literacy             | Credits: 3 |                     |
| ▪ ENGL 1010 - English Composition I | Credits: 3 |                     |
| ▪ Western Experience                | Credits: 1 |                     |
| ▪ Natural Sciences                  | Credits: 4 | <i>Subtotal: 14</i> |

*Freshman Year - Fall Semester Notes: In addition to ENGL 1010, students may be required to also take ENGL 1011 (2 credits) due to placement, adding 2 additional credits to their graduation total. Natural Sciences: students may take a course from group 1 or a course from both Natural Sciences group 2 and group 3.*

#### Freshman Year - Spring Semester

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| ▪ ENGL 1020 - English Composition II     | Credits: 3 |                     |
| ▪ Human Societies and the Individual     | Credits: 3 |                     |
| ▪ Human Cultures Requirement Course      | Credits: 3 |                     |
| ▪ STAT 2050 - Fundamentals of Statistics | Credits: 4 |                     |
| ▪ PSYC 2300 - Developmental Psychology   | Credits: 3 | <i>Subtotal: 16</i> |

*Freshman Year - Spring Semester Notes: STAT 2070 may be taken in place of STAT 2050. Human Cultures requirement may be met with PSYC 1000.*

#### Sophomore Year - Fall Semester

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| ▪ Creative Expression                     | Credits: 3 |                     |
| ▪ PSYC 2080 - Biological Psychology       | Credits: 3 |                     |
| ▪ COMM 2010 - Public Speaking             | Credits: 3 |                     |
| ▪ PSYC 2380 - Social Psychology           | Credits: 3 |                     |
| ▪ COMM 1030 - Interpersonal Communication | Credits: 3 | <i>Subtotal: 15</i> |

*Sophomore Year - Fall Semester Notes: PSYC 2210 may be taken in place of PSYC 2080.*

#### Sophomore Year - Spring Semester

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| ▪ PSYC 2000 - Research Psychology Methods | Credits: 4 |                     |
| ▪ Psychology Elective                     | Credits: 6 |                     |
| ▪ Natural Lab Science                     | Credits: 4 |                     |
| ▪ General Elective                        | Credits: 1 | <i>Subtotal: 15</i> |

*Sophomore Year - Spring Semester Notes: General Elective courses must be 1000 level or higher. Psychology Electives can be any course from the following departments: PSYC, SOC, ANTH. Courses should be determined by advisor and student. All education majors must complete a background check during their first semester in the program by Week 8 (midterms) in order to continue in the education program.*

**Total Credit Hours: 60**