

PSYCHOLOGY ASSOCIATE IN ARTS DEGREE FOR TRANSFER (AA-T)

PROGRAM CODE: 1A31353
Financial Aide Eligible

The **Psychology Associate in Arts Degree for Transfer** (AA-T in Psychology) is designed to provide an opportunity for the Psychology major to achieve an Associate in Arts in Psychology for Transfer (AA-T in Psychology) which completes the first and second year requirements for transfer to a four-year public California institution. While at least a baccalaureate degree is recommended preparation for those considering professional careers, completion of this curriculum will demonstrate commitment to the field and provide comprehensive preparation for further academic study through upper-division course work. This curriculum specifically prepares the prospective transfer student for upper division coursework in Psychology or a similar major at a California State University (CSU) campus. Students should consult a counselor, the Transfer Center and the catalog of the transfer college or university to plan a specific program of study to meet the college or university's requirements. Note: Courses that fulfill major requirements for an Associate Degree for Transfer at Cypress College might not be the same as those required for completing the major at all transfer institutions offering a Baccalaureate Degree. The Student Transfer Achievement Reform Act (Senate Bill 1440, now codified in California Education Code sections 66746-66749) guarantees admission to a California State University (CSU) campus for any community college student who completes an "associate degree for transfer", a newly established variation of the associate degrees traditionally offered at a California community college. The AA-T is intended for students who plan to complete a bachelor's degree in a similar major at a CSU campus. Students completing these degrees (AA-T) are guaranteed admission to the CSU system, but not to a particular campus or major. Students transferring to a CSU campus that does accept the AA-T will be required to complete no more than 60 units after transfer to earn a bachelor's degree (unless the major is designated "high-unit" major). This degree may not be the best option for students intending to transfer to a particular CSU campus or to a university or college that is not part of the CSU system. Students should consult with a counselor when planning to complete the degree for more information on university admission and transfer requirements. Students successfully completing the AA-T in Psychology will acquire a fundamental knowledge base of psychology, learn basic knowledge and skills in data analysis and research methods, and possess a basic understanding of areas that have an interdisciplinary association to Psychology. This degree will provide students with an introduction to the field including its scientific foundations and applied areas. The intent is to prepare students for further academic study in the field. It will also demonstrate commitment to the field and provide comprehensive preparation for upper division work at the university level. At the baccalaureate level students can continue an education in various areas of psychology including research methods, cognition, physiological psychology, development, environmental psychology, organizational psychology, clinical psychology, and educational psychology. Graduate study is important in Psychology. Those holding a Master's or Doctoral degree may find employment in teaching, research, private practice, or welfare and health related fields. Those without a graduate degree will find limited career opportunity in direct areas of Psychology. To earn an AA-T in Psychology students must complete: (1) a minimum of 20-21 semester units or 30-31.5 quarter units in the major or area of emphasis as determined by the community college

district, (2) earn a grade of C or better in all courses required for the major or area of emphasis, AP(Pass) grade is an acceptable grade for a course in the major only if the P is defined to be equivalent to a C or better (3) the California State University General Education Breadth requirements (CSU GE-Breadth) or the Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum (IGETC) pattern, (4) 60 semester or 90 quarter CSU-transferable units, and (5) attainment of a minimum grade point average (GPA) of 2.0.

Code	Title	Units
Required Core Courses (11 units):		
PSY 101 C or PSY 101HC	Introduction to Psychology Honors Intro to Psychology	3
PSY 161 C or PSY 161HC or SOC 161 C or SOC 161HC	Probability & Stats-Social Sci Honors Prob Stats-Soc Sci Probability & Stats-Social Sci Honors Prob & Stats-Soc Sci	4
PSY 202 C	Research Methods in Psychology	4
List A - Select 3-4 units from the following:		3-4
PSY 221 C	The Brain and Behavior	3
BIOL 101 C or BIOL 101HC	General Biology Honors General Biology	4
List B - Select one of the following 3-unit courses, or any course not taken in List A (3-4 units):		3
PSY 139 C	Developmental Psychology	3
PSY 222 C	Abnormal Psychology	3
List C - Select one of the following 3-unit Psychology courses, or any course not already selected in List A or List B (3 units):		3
PSY 110 C	Applied Psychology	3
PSY 120 C	Human Sexuality	3
PSY 131 C	Cross-Cultural Psychology (formerly PSY 237 C)	3
PSY 145 C	Child Psychology	3
PSY 251 C	Social Psychology	3
PSY 255 C	Psychology of Aging	3
Total Units		20-21

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