



Psychology 2013-2014

Psychology stands at the intersection of the biological sciences and the humanities because of its study of mental processes, cognition, and behavior. To further understanding, psychology is involved in research with both animals and people. The psychologist is interested in how the brain and nervous system function, how perception evolves from sensation, how we learn and know, and what it is that motivates us.

Psychology covers the total life span to learn more about how individuals function in family, community and society.

Psychologists want to learn what can go wrong in development, how it can be changed, and how to resolve organizational, personal, international, and family conflict. It is a dynamic field in which new knowledge leads to new understandings that grow out of a base in research. The hope is that these can be applied in practical situations in the lives of individuals.

Program Learning Outcomes:

- Students will be able to recognize the diversity of behavior of various populations and be able to explain, interpret, apply, and evaluate a broad based of concepts in the different fields of psychology.
- Students will be able to apply critical thinking skills and psychological theories to real world situations, and to be able to apply research methodology and data analysis in the process of answering questions about human behavior.

Career Opportunities:

Psychology graduates find positions in a wide range of programs such as those dealing with a variety of aspects in communication and human behavior. Typical positions include personnel managers, industrial psychologists, psychiatric aides, probation officers, mental health workers, drug abuse counselors, employment counselors, and space program researchers. Advanced degrees enlarge opportunities for basic research, licensing as clinical psychologists or marriage and family counselors, and as college and university instructors. Psychologists also work as consultants in government and industry, as well as in human resources, training, marketing, and business management.

Units required for Major: 35

Associate Degree Requirements:

- English proficiency: ENGL 1A, 1AH, 1S & 1T, ESLL 26 or equivalent.
- Mathematics proficiency: MATH 57, 105, 108 or equivalent.

A minimum of 90 units is required* to include:

- All Foothill General Education requirements (30 Units)
- Core courses (15 Units)
- Support courses (20 Units)

*Additional elective course work may be necessary to meet the 90-unit minimum requirement for the associate degree.

NOTE: All courses pertaining to the major must be taken for a letter grade. In addition, a GPA of 2.0 or higher is required in all core and support courses for the degree.

Program Type:

AA = Associate in Arts Degree.

Additional Information:

NOTE: Students having difficulty attaining an Associate in Arts Degree because of timing or availability of classes should consult with a counselor to submit a petition for course substitution.

Core Courses: 15 Unit(s)

PSYC 1 General Psychology (5 units)

PSYC 7 Statistics for the Behavioral Sciences (5 units)

or SOC 7 Statistics for the Behavioral Sciences (5 units)

or MATH 10 Elementary Statistics (5 units)

PSYC 10 Research Methods & Designs (5 units)

or SOC 10 Research Methods & Designs (5 units)

Support Courses: 20 Unit(s)

Select 12 units from the following:

PSYC 4 Introduction to Biopsychology (4 units)

PSYC 14 Child & Adolescent Development (4 units)

PSYC 21 Psychology of Women: Sex & Gender Differences (4 units)

or SOC 21 Psychology of Women: Sex & Gender Differences (4 units)

or WMN 21 Psychology of Women: Sex & Gender Differences (4 units)

PSYC 22 Psychology of Prejudice (4 units)

PSYC 25 Introduction to Abnormal Psychology (4 units)

PSYC 30 Social Psychology (4 units)

PSYC 33 Introduction to Personality Psychology (4 units)

PSYC 40 Human Development (4 units)

PSYC 49 Human Sexuality (4 units)

PSYC 50 Psychology of Crisis (5 units)

PSYC 55 Psychology of Sports (4 units)

and 8* units from the following:

ANTH 2A Cultural Anthropology (4 units)

BIOL 14 Human Biology (5 units)

PHIL 4 Introduction to Philosophy (4 units)

PSYC 54H Honors Institute Seminar in Psychology (1 unit)

SOC 40 Aspects of Marriage & Family (4 units)

SPED 62 Psychological Aspects of Disability (4 units)

WMN 5 Introduction to Women's Studies (4 units)

* Students may also use courses listed in the first section of support courses to fulfill the requirement for the second section of support courses.