

Program Description

The Psychology Transfer Pathway Associate of Arts (AA) degree program offers students a powerful option: the opportunity to complete an Associate of Arts degree with course credits that directly transfer to designated Psychology bachelor's degree programs at Minnesota State universities. The curriculum has been specifically designed so that students completing this pathway degree and transferring to one of the seven Minnesota State universities enter the university with junior-year status. All courses in the Transfer Pathway associate degree will directly transfer and apply to the designated bachelor's degree programs in a related field.

Minnesota State Universities - Designated Degrees

- Bemidji State University: Psychology BA, Psychology BS
- Metropolitan State University: Psychology BA
- Minnesota State University, Mankato: Psychology BS
- Minnesota State University, Moorhead: Psychology BA
- Southwest Minnesota State University: Community Psychology and Health Promotion BA, Psychology BA
- St. Cloud State University: Community Psychology BS, Psychology BA
- Winona State University: Psychology BA (Options A and B)

Program Goals

By completing this program, students will achieve the following learning goals:

1. Knowledge Base: Students should demonstrate fundamental knowledge and comprehension of the major concepts, theoretical perspectives, historical trends, and empirical findings in psychology to discuss how psychological principles apply to behavioral problems;
2. Scientific Inquiry and Critical Thinking: Students should demonstrate scientific reasoning and problem solving needed to investigate behavior, understand research, and draw conclusions about psychological phenomena;
3. Ethical and Social Responsibility in a Diverse World: Students should become familiar with the formal regulations that govern professional ethics in psychology and begin to embrace the values that will contribute to positive outcomes in work settings and in building a society responsive to multicultural and global concerns; and
4. Communication: Students should be able to write a cogent scientific argument, present information using a scientific approach, engage in discussion of psychological concepts, explain the ideas of others, and express their own ideas with clarity.

Required Courses: 60 Total Credits

- PSYC 1110 General Psychology..... 4
- PSYC 2280♦ Statistics for the Behavioral Sciences 4

Choose two of the following:

- PSYC 2235♦ Lifespan Development..... 4
- PSYC 2250♦ Abnormal Psychology 3
- PSYC 2260♦ Social Psychology..... 3

Complete the remaining credits in courses from the Minnesota Transfer Curriculum (MnTC), including all courses listed. You must complete all ten goal areas and maintain a cumulative 2.0 GPA for the entire MnTC. One course may satisfy more than one goal area, but the course credits may be counted only once.

- 1. Communication (*at least two courses required; one from each category*)
 - A. ENGL 1120♦ **OR** ENGL 1121♦..... 4
(A writing course in APA Style is recommended)
 - B. CMST 1110 **OR** CMST 2220 3
 - 2. Critical Thinking
 - 3. Natural Science (*two courses required; one from each of two departments; one must include a lab*)
 - A biology lab course covering human biology is strongly recommended (BIOL 1100)
 - 4. Mathematical/Logical Reasoning (*one course required*)
 - MATH 1114♦ **OR** MATH 1200 (or higher)♦..... 3-4
 - 5. History/Social/Behavioral Sciences (*one course from A or C*)
 - A. Economics/Geography
 - C. History/Political Science
 - 6. Humanities/Fine Arts (*two courses required; one from each of two categories*)
 - A. Literature
 - B. Humanities/Philosophy (PHIL course is strongly recommended)
 - C. Art/Music/Theatre
 - 7. Human Diversity
 - 8. Global Perspective
 - 9. Ethical/Civic Responsibility
 - 10. People and the Environment
- Choose any HPER course(s) totaling three credits 3

Pathway Plan

Classes are scheduled for full-time students to complete in two years; part-time students will need more time. For assistance with pathway planning, students should schedule an appointment with an academic advisor. See also the college catalog Appendix for course offering information.

♦ Course has prerequisite - see course schedule or catalog description.

^ Course requires Instructor permission.

NOTE: You are encouraged to contact an academic advisor at 763-433-1230 for course planning assistance and information about transfer credit evaluation and transfer options.

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2021-2022

Psychology Transfer Pathway

Associate of Arts (AA) Degree

Degree Specifics

- A minimum of 60 semester credits in courses numbered 1000 or above.
- A minimum cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.0 in courses numbered 1000 or above at ARCC.
- Some students may need preparatory courses in the areas of English, mathematics or reading. Courses numbered below 1000 will not apply toward this degree.
- Satisfy residency requirements.
- A minimum grade of C must be earned in all program requirements.
- Completion of specific degree requirements.
- Each state university has specific program requirements for completion. Please speak with your advisor about requirements at receiving institutions.
- To receive your diploma, you must apply to graduate.
- The requirements of this program are subject to change without notice.

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