















This Academic Plan is a semester-by-semester plan for the full-time college-ready student. Part-time students should work with an advisor to customize the map to fit individual needs. Plan includes minimum 42 general education  credit hours and minimum 62 total credit hours required for Associate of Arts (A.A.) transfer degree. All students should consider bachelor's degree requirements at transfer institutions and future career goals when selecting specific courses. See an advisor for assistance.

ACADEMIC PLAN		NOTES
Fall 1 st Year		Semester 1
 PSY101 General Psychology or PSY101H Honors General Psychology	3	PSY101 or PSY101H with a minimum grade of “C” is a prerequisite for all other PSY courses *Mathematics Requirement - MTH134 College Algebra recommended for most, MTH132 Introductory Statistics may be accepted by some transfer institutions
 ENG101 English Composition I	3	
 MTH13X Mathematics Requirement*	3	
Elective CIS125 Computer Literacy Requirement	3	
Elective COL1XX First Year Experience Requirement	1	
Total Credit Hours		13

Spring 1 st Year		Cr Hrs	Semester 2
 PSY205 Life Span Human Development	3		
 ENG102 English Composition II	3		
 BIO101 General Biology (Natural Science w/lab)	5		
 COM1XX (100 Fund. Communication or 110 Public Speaking)	3		
 Humanities (PHL or ENG recommended, see transfer institution)	3		
Total Credit Hours		17	

Fall 2 nd Year		Cr Hrs	Semester 3
Elective PSYXXX (consider future career and transfer institution)	3	Choice of additional PSY courses <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PSY120 Applied Psychology • PSY215 Social Psychology • PSY225 Abnormal Psychology • PSY201 Child (see transfer institution) • PSY202 Adolescent (see transfer institution) 	
 HST103, HST104, or PSC102 Civics Requirement	3		
 CHM101 Introductory Chemistry (second Natural Science w/lab)	5		
 Humanities (PHL or ENG recommended, see transfer institution)	3		
 General Education course (consider future career and transfer institution)	3		
Total Credit Hours		17	

Spring 2 nd Year		Cr Hrs	Semester 4
Elective PSYXXX (consider future career and transfer institution)	3	Choice of additional PSY courses <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PSY120 Applied Psychology • PSY215 Social Psychology • PSY225 Abnormal Psychology • PSY201 Child (see transfer institution) • PSY202 Adolescent (see transfer institution) 	
Elective PSYXXX (consider future career and transfer institution)	3		
 Humanities (PHL or ENG recommended, see transfer institution)	3		
Elective Additional Elective (consider future career and transfer institution)	3		
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Total Credit Hours		15	

Program Description: Psychology is the scientific study of human and animal behavior and the practical application of that knowledge to improve functioning in individuals, organizations, and communities. Psychology courses and degrees prepare students for a wide range of employment opportunities based on degree-level and specific course of study. This Associate of Art’s (A.A.) transfer degree course of study guides students through general education requirements and offers a background in psychological sciences for either employment in an associate degree-level career field or for transfer and completion of a Bachelor’s degree in psychology or a related field of study.

Admission Requirements: Must meet first-semester course prerequisites.

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Employment Outlook/Median Salary*:

	** Growth	Median Annual Salary
ASSOCIATE DEGREE		
Personal Care Aide & Home Health Aide	26-38%	\$20,980-21,920
Teacher Assistant	6%	\$24,900
Nursing Assistants and Orderlies	17%	\$25,710
Psychiatric Aide or Technician	5%	\$28,320
Social and Human Service Assistant to include Counseling Assistant	11%	\$30,830
Correctional Officer	4%	\$40,580
UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE in Psychology		
Substance Abuse & Behavioral Disorder Counselor (Paraprofessional)	22%	\$39,980
Health Educator and Community Health Worker	13%	\$43,840
Probation Officer & Correctional Treatment Specialists	4%	\$49,360
High School Psychology Teacher (with state certificate)	6%	\$57,200
Human Resources, Labor Relations, or Training and Development Specialist	-8-7%	\$58,210-58,820
Market Research Analyst or Survey Researcher (may need masters)	12-19%	\$53,920-62,150
Social and Community Service Managers	10%	\$63,530
MASTERS DEGREE in Psychology or related field		
Rehabilitation Counselor, Mental Health Counselor, Marriage & Family Therapist, Behavior Analyst, School and Career Counselor	8-19%	\$34,390-53,660
Postsecondary (College-level) Teacher (may need doctorate)	13%	\$72,470
Statistician	34%	\$80,110
Management positions in Medical and Health Services, Training and Development, Human Resources, or Advertising Promotions, & Marketing	7-17%	\$94,500-124,850
DOCTORATE DEGREE in Psychology		
Psychologist	19%	\$72,580

*Employment information based on current Bureau of Labor Statistics Occupational Outlook Handbook.

**Projected % of change in employment 2014-2024; the average growth rate for all occupations is 7%.

Jefferson College Program Highlights: Some psychology classes, including Honors General Psychology, offer service learning projects in which the College partners with community organizations to offer students the opportunity to interact with professionals in the field. The Jefferson College Psychology Club provides students with many opportunities for learning beyond the classroom. These include community service, field trips, guest speakers, and both attendance and presentation at professional and research conferences in psychology.

Transfer Information: No specific agreements with any institutions at this time, recommended courses with a “C” or better generally transfer to most institutions.