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ACADEMIC PLAN			NOTES
Fall 1 st Year		Cr Hrs	Semester 1
 PSY101 General Psychology or PSY101H Honors General Psychology	3	PSY101 or PSY101H minimum grade of “C” 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	**one Natural Science with lab required with BIO101 recommended; some transfer institution Bachelor degrees and many Masters or Doctorate degrees require two Natural Science with lab with CHM101 recommended for second lab class	
 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: • PSY120 Applied Psychology • PSY215 Social Psychology • PSY225 Abnormal Psychology • See transfer institution before taking additional development courses - PSY201 Child Development - PSY202 Adolescent Psychology	
 HST103, HST104, or PSC102 Civics Requirement	3		
 CHM101 Introductory Chemistry (2 nd 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: • PSY120 Applied Psychology • PSY215 Social Psychology • PSY225 Abnormal Psychology • See transfer institution before taking additional development courses - PSY201 Child Development - PSY202 Adolescent Psychology	
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.

Admission Requirements: Must meet first-semester course prerequisites.

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Employment Outlook/Median Salary*: 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 academic plan 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.

	** Growth	Median Annual Salary
ASSOCIATE DEGREE (degree not required for most; common occupations if do not continue education beyond this point)		
Personal Care Aide & Home Health Aide	34%	\$25,280
Teacher Assistant	4%	\$27,920
Nursing Assistant and Orderlie	8%	\$29,640
Psychiatric Aide or Technician	12%	\$32,020
Social and Human Service Assistant to include Counseling Assistant	17%	\$35,060
Correctional Officer and Bailiff	-7%	\$45,300
BACHELOR DEGREE in Psychology (may require state license/certificate)		
Substance Abuse, Behavioral Disorder, Mental Health (Paraprofessional) Counselor	25%	\$46,240
Health Educator and Community Health Worker	11%	\$46,910
Probation Officer & Correctional Treatment Specialist	4%	\$54,290
High School Psychology Teacher	4%	\$61,660
Training and Development Specialist	9%	\$61,210
Labor Relations Specialist	-7%	\$69,020
Human Resources Specialist	7%	\$61,920
Public Relations Specialist	7%	\$61,150
Market Research Analyst	18%	\$63,790
Social and Community Service Managers	17%	\$67,150
MASTERS DEGREE in Psychology or related field (may require state license/certificate)		
Rehabilitation Counselor	10%	\$35,950
Mental Health Counselor and Marriage & Family Therapist	22%	\$49,610
School and Career Counselor	8%	\$57,040
Postsecondary (College-level) Teacher (may need doctorate)	9%	\$79,540
Statistician	33%	\$92,030
Survey Researcher	-4%	\$59,170
DOCTORATE DEGREE in Psychology (may require state license)		
Psychologist	3%	\$80,370

*Employment information based on the 2020 Bureau of Labor Statistics Occupational Outlook Handbook.

**Projected % of change in employment 2019-2029; the average growth rate for all occupations is 4%.

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, research, 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. MOTR courses transfer to all public institutions in Missouri.