

PSYCHOLOGY

Psychology

Associate of Arts Oregon Transfer

FOCUS AREA DESCRIPTION

Psychology is a broad discipline that considers properties of the brain and seeks to understand humans as individuals and in groups. The Associate of Arts Oregon Transfer (AAOT) with a focus in psychology includes courses that are commonly required for this major and meets lower division general education requirements at all Oregon public universities.

PROGRAM ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS

None

PROGRAM PERFORMANCE STANDARDS

Academic Requirements

- Students must have a 2.0 cumulative GPA to earn a COCC certificate or degree.
- All courses in the program must be completed with a grade of C or higher.

PROGRAM COURSE REQUIREMENTS

General Education/Foundational

Health

3 credits with HHP or HHPA prefix ¹ 3

Mathematics

MTH 105 Math in Society (or higher) 4

Oral Communication

Choose one course from the following: 3-4

SP 111 Fundamentals Public Speaking

SP 114 Argumentation & Discourse

SP 115 Intro Intercultural Commun

SP 218 Interpersonal Communication

SP 219 Small Group Communication

Writing

WR 121 Academic Composition 4

WR 122 Argument, Research and Multimodal Composition 4

or WR 227 Technical Writing

General Education/Discipline Studies

One course must be designated as Cultural Literacy.

Arts and Letters

Choose at least three courses from at least two prefixes 9-12

Social Science

Choose at least four courses from at least two prefixes 12-16

Recommend: PSY 201, PSY 202

Science/Math/Computer Science

Choose at least four courses from at least two prefixes including at least three laboratory courses in biological and/or physical science 12-20

Electives

Choose enough elective credits to reach a minimum 39

total of 90 overall degree credits

Total Credits 90-106

¹ HHPA activity courses (1 credit each) are not to be duplicated.

ADVISING NOTES

If a student has graduated high school or earned a GED after 1997, two years of the same world language earned at the high school level or two quarters of the same world language at the undergraduate level is required for admittance to most Oregon public universities. For specific details, speak with an advisor.

Students pursuing a BA after transfer should consider completing three terms of a 200-level language course. The 100-level language courses will count as electives. The 200-level language courses will partially fulfill the Arts and Letters requirement.

Students pursuing a BS after transfer should consider taking more math and science courses. In general, two 100-level or higher math courses beyond the foundational mathematics requirement fulfills the Bachelor of Science. These will also partially fulfill the Science/Math/Computer Science Discipline Studies requirement. Language beyond entrance requirements is not required.

Although students may take whichever science sequence they prefer, it is recommended to take BI 101 General Biology: Cells & Genes-BI 103 General Biology: Ecology or BI 231 Human Anatomy and Physiology I-BI 233 Human Anatomy and Physiology III due to the relevance these courses have to upper-division psychology courses.

PSY 204 Research Methods, PSY 213 Introduction to Physiological Psychology and PSY 227 Animal Behavior fulfill the science lab requirement if a sequence is not essential.

Students are advised to consider the following psychology courses as electives to gain further insight into the field and to help them determine what area of psychology they may be interested in pursuing: PSY 204 Research Methods, PSY 213 Introduction to Physiological Psychology, PSY 214 Personality Psychology, PSY 215 Developmental Psychology, PSY 216 Social Psychology, PSY 219 Abnormal Psychology, PSY 227 Animal Behavior, PSY 233 Psych of Violence & Aggression. With the exception of PSY 204 Research Methods, PSY 213 Introduction to Physiological Psychology and PSY 227 Animal Behavior (see Science/Math/Computer Science lab course fulfillment), these courses will also partially satisfy the Social Science AAOT requirements. Any other potential special topics courses that are offered from time to time will be electives as well.

Students who are considering clinical or counseling psychology might consider the following electives: EMT 195 Crisis Intervention, ED 265 Children at Risk, HS 161 Ethics for Human Services, HS 162 Effective Helping Skills I, HS 201 Families and Addictions, HS 206 Group Counseling Skills for Human Services, HS 209 Introduction to Psychological Trauma: Theory and Practice, HS 224 Psychopharmacology, HS 260 Counseling Theories and HS 262 Effective Helping Skills II. HS 224 Psychopharmacology will meet a non-lab Science/Math/Computer Science requirement. HS 206 Group Counseling Skills for Human Services and HS 208 Multicultural Issues Hum Serv will partially complete the Social Science requirement.

Psychology students will be required to take Statistics when they transfer. Although MTH 111 College Algebra is sufficient for the math requirement, advisors recommend taking one or both of MTH 243 Introduction to Probability and Statistics I and MTH 244 Introduction to Probability and Statistics 2 to finish the science requirement and to allow students to be exposed to statistics beforehand. However, for OSU, MTH 243 Introduction to Probability and Statistics I and MTH 244 Introduction to Probability and Statistics 2 currently do not fulfill the BS math requirements. PSY 204 Research Methods is also a good preparation for upper division statistics required for a PSY BA or BS.

Note that individual institutions may have additional requirements or will change the category that a course satisfies if the AAOT is not completed, or is transferred to an out-of-state college or university. For admission into a particular program, courses may be added. Students who plan to transfer should contact the institution they plan to attend to ensure they have fulfilled the specific requirements for their program.

Students have the option of pursuing a bachelor's degree in psychology through Oregon State University – Cascades (contact 541.322.3100) or through a distance program with Eastern Oregon University (contact EOU advisor, 541.385.1137); both programs are available in Central Oregon. Students planning to attend OSU should include in their AA degree the following OSU major requirements: BI 101 General Biology: Cells & Genes-BI 103 General Biology: Ecology, PSY 201 Mind and Brain, PSY 202 Mind and Society, WR 227 Technical Writing.