

# ASSOCIATE IN ARTS

## PSYCHOLOGY

(66 hrs. min.)

CIP: 42.0101

School of Liberal Arts and Core Studies, (505) 428-1370

This program is for students who wish to transfer to a four-year institution and obtain a bachelor's degree in psychology. It includes transferable general education requirements as well as psychology core courses. These core courses are designed to give students a basic foundation in psychology as well as transfer as introductory-level classes at a four-year institution. Students must work closely with their transfer institutions and their SFCC advisers to ensure the best transition to four-year schools.

### PROGRAM OUTCOMES

Upon completion of this program, students will be able to:

- Demonstrate familiarity with the major concepts, theoretical perspectives, empirical findings and historical trends in psychology.
- Understand and apply basic research methods in psychology, including basic research design, data analysis and interpretation.
- Use critical thinking, skeptical inquiry and, when possible, the scientific approach to solve problems related to behavior and mental processes.
- Understand and apply psychological principles to personal, social and organizational issues.
- Weigh evidence, appreciate ambiguity, act ethically and reflect other values that are the underpinnings of psychology as a science.

### GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS (42 HRS. MIN.)

#### Communications (9 hrs.)

ENGL 111      Composition and Rhetoric (3)  
ENGL 112      Composition and Literature (3)  
SPCH 111      Public Speaking (3)  
[or]  
SPCH 220      Interpersonal Communication (3)  
[or]  
SPCH 225      Small-Group Communication (3)

#### Math (4 hrs.)

MATH 121      College Algebra (4) or higher

#### Science (8 hrs.)

BIOL 111      Introduction to Biology (3)  
BIOL 111L      Introduction to Biology Lab (1)  
Science (4)

#### Social/Behavioral Sciences (9 hrs.)

PSYC 111      Psychology I (3)  
SOCI 111      Introduction to Sociology (3)  
[and]

Choose one course from the following:

ANTH 112      The Nature of Culture (3)  
BSAD 235      Human Relations in the Workplace (3)  
POLI 200      American Government and Politics (3)

SOCI 220 Social Problems (3)

**Humanities and Fine Arts (6 hrs.)**

Humanities (3)

PHIL 111 Introduction to Philosophy (3)

**Computers/Technology (4 hrs.)**

CITC 111 Computers and Technology (4)

[or]

OFTC 111 Business Software Essentials I (4)

**Health, Physical Education and Recreation (HPER) or Dance  
(2 hrs. min.)**

**CORE REQUIREMENTS: (18 HRS.)**

PSYC 295 Directed Studies in Psychology (3)

Choose five (5) courses from the following:

PSYC 210 Cultural Psychology (3)

PSYC 211 Educational Psychology (3)

PSYC 220 Psychology of Gender (3)

PSYC 225 Positive Psychology (3)

PSYC 230 Psychology of Personal Growth and Interpersonal Relationships (3)

PSYC 231 Psychology of Personality (3)

PSYC 240 Abnormal Psychology (3)

PSYC 250 Brain and Behavior (3)

PSYC 260 Psychology of Learning and Memory (3)

PSYC 265 Cognitive Psychology (3)

PSYC 271 Social Psychology (3)

PSYC 280 Human Sexuality (3)

PSYC 290 Lifespan Developmental Psychology (3)

**APPROVED ELECTIVES: (6 HRS.)**

Choose from the following recommended course(s):

CRJS 232 Crime Profiling (3)

HUSV 111 Introduction to Human Services (3)

HUSV 285 Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder Diagnosis and Treatment (3)

PSYC 125 Introduction to the Counseling Professionals (3)

PSYC 210 Cultural Psychology (3)

PSYC 211 Educational Psychology (3)

PSYC 220 Psychology of Gender (3)

SOCI 209 Aging and the Family (3)

SOCI 216 Race, Class, and Gender (3)

SOCI 225 Marriage, Family and Intimate Relationships (3)

NOTE: See "College Success Course Requirement" on Page 10.

**TOTAL 66 CREDITS MIN.**