

# DEGREES, CERTIFICATES, AND TRANSFER PREPARATION INFORMATION

## PSYCHOLOGY

The Associate in Arts in Psychology for Transfer (AA-T) involves the scientific study of human and animal behavior and mental processes, including cognition, emotion, sensation, perception, and interaction. The course of study provides students the opportunity to acquire skills in research, information gathering, analytical and critical thinking, problem solving, and written and verbal communication.

Upon completion of the Associate in Arts in Psychology for Transfer (AA-T), students will have a strong academic foundation in the field and be prepared for upper-division baccalaureate study. Completion of the degree indicates that the student will have satisfied the lower-division requirements for transfer into a Psychology program for many campuses in the California State University system.

### Programs Offered

- Transfer Preparation
- Associate Degree for Transfer
  - Psychology

*Students may satisfy the requirements of this degree with approved courses (which may be fewer units) taken at other California Community Colleges. The courses listed below are Santa Monica College courses. If completed entirely at Santa Monica College, the Area of Emphasis requires 19 units.*

### Catalog Rights

A student may satisfy the requirements of a degree that were in effect at any time of the student's **continuous** enrollment. Continuous enrollment means attendance in at least one semester (Fall or Spring) in each academic year.

### Transfer Preparation

Many colleges/universities offer baccalaureate degrees in this field. Students planning to transfer to a four-year college or university should complete the lower-division major requirements and the general education pattern for the specific transfer institution. SMC has articulation agreements with the many UC and CSU campuses, as well as several private and out-of-state institutions.

Exact major requirements for UC and CSU campuses can be found online at [assist.org](http://assist.org).

A listing of private, nonprofit California colleges and universities can be found online at [aiccu.edu](http://aiccu.edu). For articulation agreements between SMC and some of these institutions see [smc.edu/articulation](http://smc.edu/articulation).

SMC offers the **Psychology Associate Degree for Transfer**. Students completing this degree are eligible for priority transfer admission consideration in the majors at the **California State University** campuses listed below. In addition, students will be required to complete no more than 60 semester/90 quarter CSU units of coursework after transfer to complete the baccalaureate degree.

**NOTE: If you are considering transfer to a UC, private, or out-of-state school, please consult a counselor before applying to transfer, as the transfer requirements may be different from those required for the Psychology AA-T.**

For the most current list of CSU campuses accepting this Transfer degree visit [calstate.edu/transfer/adtsearch/search.shtml](http://calstate.edu/transfer/adtsearch/search.shtml)

## Psychology, Associate Degree for Transfer

The Associate in Arts for Transfer (AA-T) is designed to facilitate transfer admission to a CSU in a similar major. If you are considering transfer to a UC, private, or out-of-state school, consult a counselor regarding the transfer requirements of that institution.

### Associate Degree for Transfer Requirements:

- Completion of 60 semester units or 90 quarter units of degree-applicable courses,
- Minimum overall grade point average of 2.0,
- Minimum grade of "C" (or "P") for each course in the major, and
- Completion of IGETC and/or CSU GE-Breadth

**Note:** while a minimum GPA of 2.0 is required for admission to a CSU, some majors/campuses may require a higher GPA. Please consult with a counselor for details.

**Program Learning Outcomes:** Upon completion of the program, students will be able to identify, apply and critique the use of the scientific method as it relates to the study of the human mind. Students should be capable of describing domains of psychology such as the relationship between the brain and behavior; patterns of thinking, memory and learning; developmental and social influences; as well as atypical psychology and pathology.

### Area of Emphasis: (18 units)

#### Required Core Course: (9 units)

MATH 54, Elementary Statistics (4)

PSYCH 1, General Psychology (3)

PSYCH 7\*, Research Methods in Psychology (3)

*\*Students planning on transferring to CSULB should take the articulated course at one of the following community colleges for higher consideration for admission:*

- *El Camino: PSYCH 109B or SOC 109B*
- *Pasadena City College: PSYC 5*
- *Long Beach City College: PSYCH 2*
- *West Los Angeles College: PSYCH 74*

#### LIST A: Select at least 1 of the following: (3 units minimum)

BIOL 3, Fundamentals of Biology (4)

PSYCH 2, Physiological Psychology (3)

#### LIST B: Select at least 1 of the following: (3 units minimum)

*Any course from List A not already used or any of the following courses:*

ANATMY 2, Advanced Human Anatomy (4)

CHEM 11, General Chemistry I (5)

CHEM 12, General Chemistry II (5)

CHEM 19, Fundamentals of General, Organic, and Biological Chemistry (5)

CS 50, C Programming (3)

CS 52, C++ Programming (3)

ENGL 1, Reading and Composition 1 (3)

ENGL 2, Critical Analysis and Intermediate Composition (3)

HIST 47, The Practice of History (3)

MATH 2, Precalculus (5)

MATH 7, Calculus 1 (5)

MATH 8, Calculus 2 (5)

MATH 21, Finite Mathematics (3)

MATH 28, Calculus 1 for Business and Social Science (5)

PHILOS 7, Logic and Critical Thinking (3)

PHILOS 9, Symbolic Logic (3)  
PHYSICS 6, General Physics 1 with Lab (4)  
PHYSICS 7, General Physics 2 with Lab (4)  
PHYSICS 8, Calculus-based General Physics 1 with Lab (4)  
PHYSICS 9, Calculus-based General Physics 2 with Lab (4)  
PHYSICS 21, Mechanics with Lab (5)  
PHYSICS 22, Electricity and Magnetism with Lab (5)  
PHYSICS 23, Fluids, Waves, Thermodynamics, Optics with Lab (5)  
PSYCH 11, Child Growth and Development (3)  
PSYCH 13, Social Psychology (3)  
PSYCH 19, Lifespan Human Development (3)  
SOCIOLOGY 1, Introduction to Sociology (3)  
SOCIOLOGY 1s, Introduction to Sociology - Service Learning (3)

**LIST C: Select at least 1 of the following: (3 units minimum)**

*Any List A or List B course not already used or any of the following courses:*

ENVRN 40, Environmental Psychology (*same as PSYCH 40*) (3)  
PSYCH 3, Personality: Dynamics and Development (3)  
PSYCH 5, The Psychology of Communication (3)  
PSYCH 6, Marriage, Family, and Human Intimacy (3)  
PSYCH 14, Abnormal Psychology (3)  
PSYCH 25, Human Sexuality (3)  
PSYCH 35, Seminar on Contemporary Psychological Issues (3)  
PSYCH 40, Environmental Psychology (3) (*same as ENVRN 40*) (3)