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ASSOCIATE IN ARTS FOR TRANSFER DEGREE

Psychology

≡ NAVIGATION

The Associate in Arts in Psychology for Transfer Degree is intended to meet the lower division requirements for Psychology majors (or similar majors) at a CSU campus that offers a Psychology baccalaureate degree.

This degree is designed for students interested in an introduction to the field of psychology and for students looking to further their understanding of the biological, psychological and environmental influences that guide human behavior. These courses will provide students with a solid foundation in psychology that will serve them for either transferring or in the workplace.

Please contact the [Student Success Team](#) for this program if you have any questions.

Psychology for Transfer



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Sample Education Plan



This sample education plan for the 2021-2022 catalog year represents one possible pathway through the program. Each university (UC, CSU, private, and others) has their own transfer requirements; please see a counselor to create an education plan that is customized to meet your needs. Additional course descriptions may be found in the College Catalog (in [pdf](#) or [flipbook](#) format).



Select sample path/map: UC/CSU ▾

Course	Units
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1ST SEMESTER

- PSY 101 / PSY 101H (IGETC 4) M	3.0
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PSY 101 - Introductory Psychology (3.0 units)

Advisory: ENGL 035 or ENLA 100 or appropriate placement; READ 043 or appropriate placement

Transfers to: UC (*credit limit), CSU

(*Students will receive credit for only one of the following courses: PSY 101 or PSY 101H)

This course is designed as a general introduction to psychology for psychology majors, those with an interest in psychology, or anyone with a desire to further their understanding of human behavior. It provides an overview of the field of psychology, introducing students to the research methods used to advance the science of psychology and the various areas that comprise this diverse discipline. Research and theories are presented, discussed, and evaluated. Topics covered include biological

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- ENGL 101 - College Composition and Research GE	3.5
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Course	Units
<p>ENGL 101 - College Composition and Research (3.5 units)</p> <p>Prerequisite: ENGL 035 or ENLA 100 or appropriate placement</p> <p>Transfers to: UC, CSU</p> <p>This composition course enables students to generate logical, coherent essays and reports necessary for academic and professional success. Students become proficient in research techniques, and learn critical reading and thinking skills through expository and persuasive reading selections before applying these skills to creating original essays and a final research paper. The lab component of the course is designed to assist students in improving and refining their writing and language skills: Students complete lab activities that enhance their ability to compose logical, well-supported arguments that exhibit grammatical fluency and correct citation styles. Students meet with composition instructors through individual conferences.</p>	3.5
<p>- IGETC 1C - Oral Communication (CSU Only) GE</p>	3.0
<p>Note: All honors courses have a prerequisite.</p> <p>Select one: SPCH 100, 101, 101H, 140</p>	
<p>- IGETC 3A - Arts GE</p>	3.0†
<p>Notes:</p> <p>All honors courses have a prerequisite.</p> <p>† some classes may have higher units.</p> <p>Select one: ARTS: ART 104, 105, 105H, 106, 106H, 107, 108, 109, 110, 112, 113, 115 DANC 179, 179H, 199, 199H GDSN 110 MUS 129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 135, 136, 141 MUST 151 THTR 101, 105, 105H</p>	
<p>- UC Elective EL</p>	3.0
<p>Select a course that transfers to UC. Please see a counselor to discuss course options.</p>	

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Course	Units
<i>Total Semester Units:</i>	15.5†
2ND SEMESTER	
– PSY 190 / MATH 130 / MATH 130H (IGETC 2)* M	4.0
<p>Notes:</p> <p>*PSY 190 is recommended for all Psychology majors, except for those intending to transfer to Cal Poly Pomona, who should take MATH 130.</p> <p>PSY 190 - Statistics for the Behavioral Sciences (4.0 units)</p> <p>Prerequisite: MATH 062 or MATH 070 or MATH 070D or MATH 073 or appropriate placement</p> <p>Advisory: ENGL 101 and READ 043 or appropriate placement</p> <p>Transfers to: UC (*credit limit), CSU</p> <p>(*The UC will grant credit for onlky one of the following courses: MATH 130 or MATH 130H or PSY 190)</p> <p>This course provides an overview of the types of statistics that are important in the</p>	
– Select One: PHIL 110 / PHIL 110H / PSY 112 / SOC 101 / SOC 101H M	3.0
<p>PHIL 110 - Critical Thinking (3.0 units)</p> <p>Prerequisite: ENGL 101 or appropriate placement</p> <p>Advisory: READ 043 or appropriate placement</p> <p>Transfers to: UC (*credit limit), CSU(*Students will receive credit for only one of the following courses: PHIL 110 or PHIL 110H)</p> <p>This course is an introduction to the methods and techniques of informal reasoning. Topics include schematizing and articulating arguments, causal arguments, analogical arguments, testimony arguments, informal fallacies, and others. Emphasis on the application of critical thinking for effective writing will be reflected in the frequency, scope, and nature of course writing assignments, which will be evaluated with regard to both content and form. Students should expect to write approximately 8000 words in various writing assignments. This course is appropriate for students seeking to</p>	
– Select One: PHIL 101 / PHIL 101H / PSY 114 / PSY 170 / PSY 180 / SOC 102 M	3.0

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Course	Units
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PHIL 101 - Introduction to Philosophy (3.0 units)

Advisory: ENGL 101 or appropriate placement; READ 043 or appropriate placement

Transfers to: UC (*credit limit), CSU(***Students will receive credit for only one of the following courses: PHIL 101 or PHIL 101H**)

This course introduces philosophical ideas and methods concerning knowledge, reality and values. Expected topics will include the sources and limits of knowledge, and the nature of reality. Other topics that may be examined from a philosophical perspective include the nature of the self, truth, ethics, religion, science, language, beauty and art, political theory, or mind. This course is appropriate for anyone seeking a broader program of philosophical study, or to fulfill general Humanities or Philosophy major requirements.

- IGETC 1B - Critical Thinking and Composition GE

3.0†

Notes:

All honors courses have a prerequisite.

† some classes may have higher units.

Select one:

ENGL 201, 201H

PHIL 110, 110H

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Total Semester Units:

13.0†

SUMMER 1

- UC Elective EL

3.0

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- UC Elective EL

3.0

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Total Semester Units:

6.0

3RD SEMESTER

Course	Units
- PSY 200 - Research Methods in Psychology (IGETC 4) M	3.0
<p>PSY 200 - Research Methods in Psychology (3.0 units)</p> <p>Prerequisite: PSY 101 or PSY 101H and PSY 190 or MATH 130 or MATH 130H All prerequisites must be passed with a minimum grade of "C" or better</p> <p>Advisory: ENGL 101 or appropriate placement; READ 043 or appropriate placement</p> <p>Transfers to: UC, CSU</p> <p>This course provides an introduction to the philosophy of science and the examination of the hypothetical deductive methods and their relationship to theory. Topics include: the nature of experimental research and design, experimental and non-experimental research-including group and single-subject designs, literature review, research ethics, collection and analysis of data, and writing APA-style reports. Collection, handling, and analysis of original empirical data, during class and outside of class, in both experimental and nonexperimental designs, are an integral</p>	
- POLS 110 / POLS 110H (IGETC 4) GE	3.0
<p>POLS 110 - Government of the United States (3.0 units)</p> <p>Advisory: ENGL 035 or ENLA 100 or appropriate assessment; READ 043 or appropriate assessment</p> <p>Transfers to: UC (*credit limit), CSU</p> <p>(*Students will receive credit for only one of the following courses: POLS 110 or POLS 110H)</p> <p>This course surveys and analyzes the origins, principles, institutions, policies, and politics of U.S. National and California State Governments, including their constitutions. Emphasis is placed on the rights and responsibilities of citizens, and an understanding of the political processes and issues involved in the workings of government. This course fulfills the American Institutions requirement for the Associate Degree. It also is suitable for students wishing to expand their knowledge</p>	
- IGETC 3A or 3B - Arts or Humanities GE	3.0†

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Course

Units

Notes:

All honors courses have a prerequisite.
 † some classes may have higher units.

Arts

Select one:

ARTS: ART 104, 105, 105H, 106, 106H, 107, 108, 109, 110, 112, 113, 115

DANC 179, 179H, 199, 199H

GDSN 110

MUS 129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 135, 136, 141

MUST 151

THTR 101, 105, 105H

- IGETC 5A - Physical Sciences**GE**

3.0†

Notes:

All honors courses have a prerequisite.
 † some classes may have higher units.
 All labs or courses with labs are indicated by an '*'.

Select one:

ASTR 110, 110H, 112*

GEOG 101, 101L*

GEOG 150, 151*, 152, 152L*

CHEM 110*, 120*, 130*, 140*, 230*, 231*

PHY 120*, 150*, 160*, 211*, 212*, 213*

- IGETC 5C - Lab Science**GE**

1.0

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Course	Units
Select one if lab has not been completed in IGETC 5A or 5B. All labs or courses with labs are indicated by an '*': ANTH 101L*; ASTR 112*; BIOL 101*, 105L*, 111L*, 120L*, 200*, 201*, 226*; CHEM 110*, 120*, 130*, 140*, 230*, 231*; GEOG 101L*; GEOL 151*; PHY 120*,150*, 160*, 211*, 212*, 213*	13.0†
<i>Total Semester Units:</i>	

4TH SEMESTER

- PSY 210 - Biological Psychology (IGETC 5B)

M

3.0

PSY 210 - Biological Psychology (3.0 units)

Prerequisite: PSY 101

Advisory: ENGL 035 or ENLA 100 or appropriate placement; READ 043 or appropriate placement

Transfers to: UC (*credit limit), CSU

(*Students will receive credit for only one of the following courses: PSY 210 or PSY 210H)

This course is designed for the student who has an interest in understanding the biological processes that underlie human behavior. The biological basis of normal and abnormal behavior, including sensory systems, brain and behavior relationships, and underlying neurochemical processes will be addressed. The extent to which biological processes interact with environmental influences to determine behavior

- US HISTORY (IGETC 3B)

GE

3.0

Note: All honors courses have a prerequisite.

All CSU campuses have a graduation requirement in American Institutions. Students may choose one of the following US History courses to partially fulfill this requirement: HIST 143, 143H, 144, 144H, 156, 157, 158, 159, 159H, 170.

- IGETC 6 - Foreign Language (UC ONLY)

GE

4.5

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Course	Units
<p>Notes: All honors courses have a prerequisite. Courses in this area that also appear in IGETC 3B Humanities may be counted toward both areas.</p> <p>Proficiency equivalent to two years of high school study in the same language or select one: ASL 101, 102, 201; CHIN 101, 102; FR 101, 102, 201, 202; JAPN 101, 102; LATN 101, 102; SPAN 101, 101S, 102, 102S, 201, 201H, 202</p>	
<p>- UC Elective EL</p>	<p>3.0</p>
<p>Select a course that transfers to UC. Please see a counselor to discuss course options.</p>	
<p><i>Total Semester Units:</i> 13.5</p>	
<p>Total Units for Psychology AA-T program (Transfer to UC/CSU)</p>	<p>61.0†</p>

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Notes:

AP exams and courses taken outside of Rio Hondo College may fulfill general education and/or major requirements. Please check with a counselor.

*PSY 190 is recommended for all Psychology majors, except for those intending to transfer to Cal Poly Pomona, who should take MATH 130. Please meet with a counselor to discuss major preparation requirements.

Legend:


† Some classes may have higher units

M Major course; course may also meet a general education requirement

GE General Education course

E Elective Course

Advising Sheet:

 [Click or tap here](#) to open the program's advising sheet.

Program Learning Outcomes

1 Given research findings and theories in psychology, students will describe and/or evaluate the role that genetics and environment play in different behaviors.

2 Students will compare and contrast the experimental method to other types of inquiry.

3 Students will identify the important historical figures in psychology and explain their key contributions to the field.

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