

Associate in Arts with a Specialization in Psychology

Explore the science behind human behavior and mental processes: Associate in Arts with Specialization in Psychology.

TCC's psychology program will give you a solid introduction to the concepts, terminology, and current advances in this fascinating field and provide you a direct pathway toward successful transfer into a bachelor program. As you prepare for transfer to a 4-year university, our psychology faculty and curriculum will help you reach your academic and career goals in psychology and the social sciences.

Completing the courses in the suggested schedule below satisfies the Associate in Arts with Specialization in Psychology. The Associate in Arts degree is a Direct Transfer Agreement/Major Related Program (DTA/MRP) and prepares students to transition successfully into a bachelor's degree at Washington State 4-year universities as juniors.

Although members of the Psychology department make every effort to consult with various colleges and universities regarding requirements, students are encouraged to consult catalogs, websites, and advisors at their chosen four-year institutions during their freshman year.

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Where can I transfer?

Students can transfer to several public and private colleges and universities in the U.S., but the Direct Transfer Agreement applies only within Washington. The following colleges in Washington offer a bachelor's degree in Psychology, which may require specific courses for admission. Contact the Psychology department at your chosen four-year school(s) for more information.

[Central Washington University](#)
[Eastern Washington University](#)
[Gonzaga University](#)
[Pacific Lutheran University](#)
[Seattle Pacific University](#)
[Seattle University](#)

[Saint Martin's University](#)
[University of Puget Sound](#)
[University of Washington – Seattle](#)
[University of Washington – Bothell](#)
[University of Washington – Tacoma](#)
[Northwest University](#)

[Walla Walla University](#)
[Washington State University](#)
[Western Washington University](#)
[Whitman College](#)
[Whitworth University](#)
[The Evergreen State College](#)

What can I do with a bachelor’s degree in Psychology?

Students who major in Psychology gain a depth of knowledge, skills and experience that can be applied to a wide range of careers. Psychology majors become case managers, probation officers, consultants, mediators, human resource professionals, employee assistance plan managers, business professionals, grant writers, and journalists. With additional education, psychology majors can become social workers, counselors, psychologists, professors, researchers, and lawyers.

Potential employers include Mental health agencies, psychiatric hospitals, schools, colleges and universities, health and human services, child development centers, government agencies, courts and correctional facilities, law firms, public advocacy groups, private foundations, non-profit organizations, advertising and marketing firms, public relations firms, or self-employment/private practice. For more, please visit <https://www.tacomacc.edu/psychology>.

Requirements for Associate in Arts (AA) – DTA Option A – with Specialization in Psychology

<u>Psychology Core</u>	<u>Communication and Quantitative Skill Requirements</u>	<u>Remaining Degree Requirements</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ *PSYC& 100 – General Psychology ✓ PSYC Foundation Courses: Select 2 > ³<i>Lifespan</i> PSYC& 200 <i>Personality</i> PSYC 205 <i>Abnormal</i> PSYC& 220 <i>Social</i> PSYC 240¹ ✓ *PSYC& 202 Biopsychology ✓ *PSYC 209 – Fundamentals of Psychological Research 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ ENGL& 101 – Composition I ✓ ENGL& 102 or 103 ✓ ¹MATH& 146 Introduction to Statistics (<i>MATH&147 for UW Seattle</i>)¹ 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Humanities - 15 Credits (including Foreign Languages – check with transfer institution)² ✓ Natural Sciences - 15 Credits: BIOL& 175 Human Biology w/ Lab and ANTH& 205 are recommended, one additional course needed ✓ Social Sciences - 5 Credits: SOC&101 is recommended, or any additional non-PSYC elective from Social Science Distribution area ✓ ³Multicultural Course– 5 credits ✓ PE – 3 Credits

Total: 90 credits.

Sample Schedule

Term 1	Term 2	Term 3
*PSYC& 100 (Required) ENGL& 101 ¹ Math& 146	PSYC&220 (Psych Foundation Course) ENGL& 102 or 103 Natural Science w/lab	PSYC 240(Psych Foundation Course) SOC&101 (Soc Science elective option) College Level Elective
Term 4	Term 5	Term 6
³ PSYC&200(Multicultural or Psych Found. Course) BIOL& 175 Humanities Elective P.E. Activity	*PSYC& 202 (Required) ANTH& 205 (Natural Science option) Humanities Elective P.E. Activity	*PSYC 209 (Required) College Level Elective Humanities Elective P.E. Activity

¹For UW Seattle ONLY: MATH 147 College Algebra for Business and Economics or MATH& 142 (which may require 141, depending on placement)

²Check the language requirement of your intended transfer institution for your bachelor’s degree to determine if you have a language requirement for admission or graduation. UW Seattle requires “Foreign Language through 3rd quarter, three years of high school, placement by exam out of the first-year level, or native speaker status (minimum grade C or 2.0 for 3rd quarter class)”. UWT requires 2 years of high school language or 2 college quarters. If you have met your language requirement, you can take literature, music, art, communication, film or philosophy to meet your Humanities requirements.

³Many students use *Lifespan Development* as their multicultural course, but there are also multicultural courses in sociology, anthropology, communication, education, and foreign languages.