

PSYCHOLOGY (For Transfer)

DEGREES, CERTIFICATES AND AWARDS

Associate in Arts Degree in Psychology for Transfer (AA-T)

DESCRIPTION

The Psychology program at IVC is designed to benefit both the student pursuing a career in psychology or related disciplines as well as the student desiring to acquire a personal understanding of psychology as it applies to everyday living. Psychology is the scientific study of human behavior and mental processes. It is a broad discipline which involves both pure and practical application of scientific principles as they apply to human development and adjustment. Although professional level positions require a graduate degree, BA holders find satisfying careers in a growing number of fields.

The Associate in Arts for Transfer (AA-T) is intended for students who plan to complete a bachelor's degree in an similar major at a CSU campus. Students completing this degree (AA-T) are guaranteed admission to the CSU system, but not to a particular campus or major.

PROGRAM LEARNING OUTCOMES

1. Demonstrate understanding and analyze the major theoretical perspectives, historical trends, and current research in psychology.
2. Demonstrate an understanding of the interaction of the biological basis of behavior, cognition and emotion with the environmental basis for behavior, cognition and emotion.
3. Demonstrate critical thinking by applying psychological theory and the scientific approach, to understanding and solving diverse personal and social issues related to behavior and/or cognition.

ASSOCIATE DEGREE PROGRAM (For Transfer)

The Associate in Arts for Transfer (AA-T) or the Associate in Science for Transfer (AS-T) degree is intended for students who plan to complete a bachelor's degree in a similar major at a CSU campus. Students completing these degrees (AA-T or AS-T) are guaranteed admission to the CSU system, but not to a particular campus or major. In order to earn one of these degrees, students must complete 60 semester units of CSU transferable coursework with a minimum GPA of 2.0. Students transferring to a CSU campus that does accept the AA-T or AS-T will be required to complete no more than 60 units after transfer to earn a bachelor's degree (unless the major is a designated "high-unit" major). This degree may not be the best option for students intending to transfer to a particular CSU campus or to university or college that is not part of the CSU system. Students should consult with a counselor when planning to complete this degree for more information on university admission and transfer requirements.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Of the career opportunities identified many will usually require the completion of degree requirements at 4-year colleges and universities.

- Psychiatric Aide
- Social Services Director
- Survey Designer
- Mental Health Worker
- Sports Psychologist
- Space Psychologist
- Forensic Psychologist
- Employment Counselor
- Outreach Worker
- Human Factors Specialist
- Personnel Management Specialist
- Community College Instructor
- Marriage, Family, Child Counselor
- Test Validation and Development Specialist
- Student Affairs Officer
- Probation Officer
- Research Director
- Social Research Trainee
- Drug Abuse Counselor
- Training Officer
- Personnel Analyst
- Psychometrist
- Administrator
- Therapist
- Public Health Statistician Trainee
- Marriage and Family Therapist
- Community College Counselor
- Personnel Analyst/Manager
- University Professor
- Mental Health Worker
- Drug Abuse Counselor
- Career Counselor
- Behavior Analyst
- Training Specialist
- Research Analyst
- Research Technician

TRANSFER PREPARATION

Courses that fulfill major requirements for an associate degree at Imperial Valley College may not be the same as those required for completing the major at a transfer institution offering a bachelor's degree. Students who plan to transfer to a four-year college or university should schedule an appointment with an IVC Counselor to develop a student education plan (SEP) before beginning their program.

Transfer Resources:

www.ASSIST.org – CSU and UC Articulation Agreements and Majors Search Engine

www.CSUMentor.edu – CSU System Information

www.universityofcalifornia.edu/admissions/index.html - UC System Information

www.aiccu.edu – California Independent Colleges and Universities, Association of

<http://wiche.edu/wue> - Western Undergraduate Exchange Programs

FINANCIAL AID

Paying for the cost of a college education requires a partnership among parents, students and the college. As the cost of higher education continues to rise we want you to know that IVC offers a full array of financial aid programs – grants, work study, scholarships, and fee waivers (we do not participate in the federal loan programs). These programs are available to both full and part time students who are seeking a degree or certificate. For those who qualify, financial aid is available to help with tuition, fees, books and supplies, food, housing, transportation, and childcare. Please log onto our website for additional information: www.imperial.edu/students/financial-aid-and-scholarships/

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ASSOCIATE DEGREE PROGRAM

PSYCHOLOGY

Associate in Arts Degree in Psychology for Transfer (AA-T) – 19.0-20.0 units

ALL COURSES FOR THIS MAJOR MUST BE COMPLETED WITH A MINIMUM GRADE OF "C" OR BETTER.

REQUIREMENTS FOR THE DEGREE

- I. **Units/GPA** – Must complete 60 CSU transferable semester units with a minimum grade point average (GPA) of at least 2.0 in all CSU transferable coursework. *NOTE: While a minimum of 2.0 is required for admission, some institutions and majors may require a higher GPA. Please consult with a counselor for more information.*
- II. **General Education** – Must complete one of the following general education transfer patterns:
 - A. California State University General Education Breadth Pattern (CSU GE-B) – 39 units minimum
 - B. Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum (IGETC) – 37 units minimum
- III. **Nineteen-Twenty (19-20) units required for the major.**

Required for the Major (10 units)

PSY	101	Introduction to Psychology	3.0
PSY	212	Research Methods in Psychology	3.0
PSY	214	Statistical Methods in Behavioral Sciences	4.0

OR

MATH	119	Elementary Statistics (4.0)	
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List A: Select one course (3-4 units): 3.0-4.0

BIOL	100	Principles of Biological Science (4.0)	
BIOL	180	General Biology: Molecules, Cells and Genetics (4.0)	
PSY	200	Biological Psychology (3.0)	

List B: Select one course(3 units): 3.0-4.0

Any List A course not already used.

PSY	204	Developmental Psychology: Conception to Death (3.0)	
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List C: Select one (3 units): 3.0

Any List A or B course not already used.

PSY	120	Introduction to Counseling (3.0)	
PSY/SOC	206	Social Psychology (3.0)	
PSY	208	Abnormal Psychology (3.0)	
PSY	211	Cognitive Psychology (3.0)	

Total Major Units	19.0-20.0
CSU-GE or IGETC Pattern	37.0-39.0
Electives (as needed to reach 60 CSU transferable units)	
Total Maximum Units:	60.0