

# Psychology AA (Associate GE Track)

+If you have completed coursework at another college and/or are starting in a semester other than a Fall term, please follow up with the Counseling Department to determine if this sequence is appropriate for your academic and career goals.

**Program Description:** The Associate in Arts degree in Psychology will provide students with an introduction to the field of behavior including the major perspectives, scientific foundations, and applied areas. The intent is to prepare students for future academic study in the field. The degree includes curriculum that can lead to a baccalaureate degree in psychology at a four-year college or university. The degree can also be a terminal, two-year option of study for students interested in psychology who do not wish to pursue a baccalaureate degree in the field.

**Program SLO:** Assess the influence of a variety of factors that contribute to behavior and mental processes, evaluate psychological concepts, and compare and contrast theoretical perspectives, empirical findings, and historical trends in the field of Psychology.

**Important Transfer Information:** The sequence listed below, may not meet all your transfer admissions requirements. Connect with a counselor to develop an individual student education plan through the Counseling Department @ <https://www.canyons.edu/counseling> or (661) 362-3288/(661) 362-3811.

Major courses are sequenced and **BOLDED** based on recommendations by the [Psychology Department](#).

**First Semester (3-14 units minimum) FA = Fall; WI = Winter; SP = Spring; SU = Summer**

Course	Title	Units	Major and GE Courses
<b>PSYCH 101/101H</b>	<b>Introduction to Psychology (FA, WI, SP, SU)</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>Major and Area B</b>
<b>PSYCH 104 OR MATH 140/140H</b>	<b>Statistics for the Behavioral Sciences (FA, SP, SU) or Introductory Statistics (FA, WI, SP, SU)</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>Major, Area Dii and Area 3</b>
ENGLISH 101/101H	English Composition (FA, WI, SP, SU)	4	Area Di
Humanities and Fine Arts	Choose one course from the Associate GE Area C (FA, WI, SP, SU)	3	Area C
<b>Term Total:</b>		<b>14</b>	

Check the [Honors](#) website for most recent course offerings. Must be enrolled in the Honors program to take courses - see below

**Intersession I – Winter/Summer (15-17 units)**

Course	Title	Units	Major and GE Courses
Associate Elective	Choose any 3-unit course that is Associate Degree Applicable (FA, WI, SP, SU)	3	Elective
<b>Term Total:</b>		<b>3</b>	

**Second Semester (18-30 units)**

Course	Title	Units	Major and GE Courses
<b>PSYCH 102 (Prerequisite (PSYCH 101/101H))</b>	<b>Physiology Psychology (FA, SP)</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>Major and Area A</b>
<b>Group 1 Course</b>	<b>Choose one course from Group 1, listed below (FA, WI, SP, SU)</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>Major Elective</b>
American Institutions – Choose Option I or II	Complete first course in chosen option – (note: must take both classes within one option) (FA, WI, SP, SU)	3	American Institutions
PE/Wellness	Take two PE or Dance activity courses (excluding DANCE 100) or Health 100, 149, 150, or 243 (FA, WI, SP, SU)	2-3	Area F
Associate Elective	Choose any 3-unit course that is Associate Degree Applicable (FA, WI, SP, SU)	2	Elective
<b>Term Total:</b>		<b>13-14</b>	

## Interession II– Winter/Summer (31-36 units minimum)

Course	Title	Units	Major and GE Courses
Associate Elective	Choose any 3-unit course that is Associate Degree Applicable (FA, WI, SP, SU)	3	Elective
Associate Elective	Choose any 3-unit course that is Associate Degree Applicable (FA, WI, SP, SU)	3	Elective
<b>Term Total:</b>		<b>6</b>	

## Third Semester (37-48 units minimum)

Course	Title	Units	Major and GE Courses
<b>PSYCH 103 (Prerequisite PSYCH 101 AND PSYCH 104 or MATH 140/140H)</b>	<b>Introduction to Behavioral Research Methods (FA, SP)</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>Major Course</b>
<b>PSYCH 225</b>	<b>Psychology of Learning and Behavior (FA, SP)</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>Major Course</b>
American Institutions	Complete second course in chosen option – (note: must take both classes within one option) (FA, WI, SP, SU)	3	American Institutions
Associate Elective	Choose any 3-unit course that is Associate Degree Applicable (FA, WI, SP, SU)	3	Elective
<b>Term Total:</b>		<b>12</b>	

## Fourth Semester (49-60 units minimum)

Course	Title	Units	Major and GE Courses
<b>PSYCH 126</b>	<b>Cognitive Psychology (FA, SP, SU)</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>Major Course</b>
<b>Group 2 Course</b>	<b>Choose one course from Group 2, listed below (FA, WI, SP, SU)</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>Major Elective</b>
Diversity Course if not yet taken OR Associate Elective	Choose any 3-unit course that is Associate Degree Applicable (FA, WI, SP, SU)	3	Elective – <i>Take a Diversity Area 4 GE if not yet completed</i>
Associate Elective	Choose any 3-unit course that is Associate Degree Applicable (FA, WI, SP, SU)	3	Elective
<b>Term Total:</b>		<b>12</b>	

*Students are encouraged to take additional Psychology courses to fulfill Associate elective units.*

**Total Units: 60+**

### Group 1 – Choose three units from the following

PSYCH 172/172H	Developmental Psychology (FA, WI, SP, SU)	3
*PSYCH 230	Human Sexuality (FA, WI, SP, SU)	3
*PSYCH 235	Psychology of Gender Roles (FA, SP, SU)	3
*PSYCH 240	Abnormal Psychology (FA, WI, SP, SU)	3
*PSYCH 272	Adult Development and Aging (Varies)	3

*\*Courses with an (\*) next to them will double-count toward the Diversity GE Requirement Area 4.*

### Group 2 – Choose three units from the following

PSYCH 105	Personal Growth and Adjustment (FA, SP)	3
PSYCH 109	Social Psychology (FA, WI, SP, SU)	3
PSYCH 110	Psychology as a Major and Profession (FA)	3
PSYCH 180	Positive Psychology (FA, SP)	3

**American Institutions Requirement** – Select one of the options below and complete a total of 6 units

<b>Option 1</b>	One course from the following: Economics 170/170H, History 111/111H, History 112/112H, History 120/120H, or History 130 <b>AND</b> Political Science 150/150H (FA, WI, SP, SU)
<b>Option 2</b>	History 111/111H <b>AND</b> History 112/112H (FA, WI, SP, SU)

## **Counseling Resources**

Psychology Department: [www.canyons.edu/psychology](http://www.canyons.edu/psychology)

Counseling Department: <https://www.canyons.edu/student-services/counseling/>

Associate General Education Guide:

<https://www.canyons.edu/student-services/counseling/degrees/generaled.php>

COC Honors Program: <https://www.canyons.edu/academics/honors/index.php>

Psychology Club: [cocpsychologyclub@gmail.com](mailto:cocpsychologyclub@gmail.com)

Psi Beta Honor Society: [tammy.mahan@canyons.edu](mailto:tammy.mahan@canyons.edu)

Campus Alliances - <https://www.canyons.edu/administration/ie2/equity/alliances.php>

Petition for Associate Degree: Check the [student calendar](#) for term-specific submission deadlines. Summer graduation associate degree petitions are due by April 1st for your name to appear in the spring commencement pamphlet. The petition form must be reviewed with a counselor and may be found here:

[https://www.canyons.edu/resources/documents/student-services/admissions/Petition\\_for\\_Associate\\_Degree\\_and\\_Certificate\\_of\\_Achievement.pdf](https://www.canyons.edu/resources/documents/student-services/admissions/Petition_for_Associate_Degree_and_Certificate_of_Achievement.pdf)

## **Career Resources**

Professional Associations: American Psychology Association - <https://www.apa.org/>

California Career Zone: <https://www.cacareerzone.org/>

O\*Net Online: <https://www.onetonline.org/>

Bureau of Labor and Statistics: [www.bls.gov](http://www.bls.gov)