

Sample Education Plan Associate in Arts (AA) Area of Focus: Psychology



Please note that the AA degree is not awarded in a specific major or focus area.

This is a SAMPLE plan to help guide you toward courses relevant to your interests while you are deciding on a transfer institution. Suggested courses are based on requirements of several four-year institutions and recommendations by the Illinois Articulation Initiative (IAI) Psychology Panel. Please note that requirements vary among four-year colleges and universities. It is important to check early with your transfer school and academic advisor to ensure you are taking appropriate courses and meeting all requirements. You will find transfer guides for specific universities on MCC's website: www.mchenry.edu/transfer.

AA Degree Requirements: Area of Focus—Psychology

Students are encouraged to complete an AA degree prior to transfer. A minimum of 60 credits is required for transfer as a junior into a bachelor's degree psychology program.

Please refer to MCC's AA degree planning sheet in the current academic catalog for specific degree requirements and course options.

Suggested Courses

GENERAL EDUCATION CORE CURRICULUM	CREDITS	OTHER COURSE REQUIREMENTS	CREDITS
Communications		Diversity and Multicultural Studies	
^ENG 151 Composition I	3	Two 3-credit hour courses are required. Courses that fulfill this requirement may be used to fulfill credits in Humanities/Fine Arts, Social/Behavioral Sciences, or Electives. See current catalog for complete list of Diversity & Multicultural Studies course options and how they apply toward degree requirements.	
^ENG 152 Composition II	3		
SPE 151 Introduction to Speech	3		
Humanities and Fine Arts		Electives (approximately 23 credits, will depend on credit value of your required course selections)	
IAI Fine Arts	3	Recommended Courses (select with your advisor):	
IAI Humanities (Recommended—PHI 151 Intro to Philosophy)	3	^PSY 265 Social Psychology	3
IAI Humanities or Fine Arts	3	^PSY 275 Abnormal Psychology	3
Social and Behavioral Sciences		Select 1 course from the following:	
PSY151 Introduction to Psychology	3	^PSY 250, ^PSY 251, ^PSY 255, ^PSY 260	3
IAI Social & Behavioral Science	3	Foreign Language	0–16
IAI Social & Behavioral Science	3	Examples of other courses that may satisfy requirements for your transfer school—	
^Physical and Life Sciences		HIS 170, HIS 172, ^MAT 170, ^MAT 171, PLT 151, SOC 151	
(7 credits, 1 lab course)			
IAI Physical Science	3–4	Total Credits Required for AA Degree	60
IAI Life Science	3–4	Many 4-year schools will accept a maximum of 60–64 transfer credits.	
Mathematics			
^IAI Mathematics	3		
(Recommended—MAT 120 or 220 General Statistics or Statistics)			

^Course has prerequisite(s)—Please reference the current academic catalog for prerequisites. Mathematics course selection will depend on your transfer school. Requirements vary among four-year schools.

NOTE:

- Your transfer school may require at least 1 year of foreign language. High school foreign language may or may not count. It is always recommended that the foreign language requirement be completed prior to transfer.
- The AA degree includes the IAI General Education Core Curriculum (GECC) package. Meet with an MCC academic advisor to learn more about the IAI GECC and transfer benefits.

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Transfer Notes

Psychology is the scientific study of behavior and mental processes.

Graduates of a bachelor's degree in psychology find employment in fields such as counseling, health occupations, research, community development, education, criminal justice, business, policy development, public relations, and social services. Some of these occupations may require specific licensure, and those requirements vary by state.

Students pursuing professional degrees in psychology are often required to complete graduate coursework. Undergraduate psychology majors who are interested in clinical psychology often pursue degrees in related fields such as social work or counseling.

Admission and specific course requirements vary among four-year institutions. Psychology majors may have the choice of earning a Bachelor of Arts (BA) or a Bachelor of Science (BS) degree, depending on the school they attend. Some schools require additional math and science coursework for the BS degree. Competency through the second, third, or fourth semester of a single foreign language may be required for the BA degree in some schools and for all majors in the College of Arts and Sciences at other schools. Ask about the language requirement of the schools you are considering, and complete the required foreign language courses before transfer. In some cases, two years of foreign language study in high school will substitute for two semesters in college.

Transfer Schools

Many schools offer majors in psychology. Following are a sample of Illinois public and private four-year institutions that offer psychology programs:

- Augustana College
- Aurora University
- Benedictine University
- Bradley University
- Chicago State University
- Concordia University
- DePaul University
- Dominican University
- Eastern Illinois University
- Elmhurst College
- Governors State University
- Illinois State University
- Illinois Wesleyan
- Judson University
- Knox College
- Lake Forest College
- Lewis University
- Loyola University
- Millikin University
- Monmouth College
- North Central College
- North Park University
- Northeastern Illinois University
- Northern Illinois University
- Northwestern University
- Olivet Nazarene University
- Rockford University
- Roosevelt University
- Southern Illinois University at Carbondale
- Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville
- Trinity International University
- University of Illinois at Chicago
- University of Illinois at Springfield
- University of Illinois at Urbana/Champaign
- Western Illinois University
- Wheaton College

Transfer Resources

www.itransfer.org—iTransfer is a portal for transfer assistance in the state of Illinois. Find information about the Illinois Articulation Initiative and MyCreditsTransfer (Transferology—a nationwide transfer tool).

www.mchenry.edu/transfer—Find transfer guides, course equivalencies, partnership agreements, and other transfer resources.