

SACRAMENTO CITY COLLEGE



2011-2012 CATALOG ADDENDUM

**Psychology - New Degree
 Associate in Arts for Transfer Degree**

Program Information

Beginning in Fall 2011, community colleges are required to develop and offer “associate degrees for transfer” that require students to meet both of the following requirements:

(1) Completion of 60 semester units or 90 quarter units that are eligible for transfer to the California State University, including both of the following:

- (A) The Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum (IGETC) or the California State University General Education-Breadth Requirements.
- (B) A minimum of 18 semester units or 27 quarter units in a major or area of emphasis, as determined by the community college district.

(2) Obtainment of a minimum grade point average of 2.0.

Students must earn a C or better in all courses required for the major or area of emphasis.

This program is designed to provide a clearly articulated curricular track for Sacramento City College students preparing to transfer in Psychology while also serving the diverse needs of students interested in the breadth and depth of the field. Additionally, this program will expose students to the core principles and practices of the field in order to build a foundation for their future personal, academic, or vocational paths. In addition to transfer, this foundation would be appropriate for entry into a variety of paraprofessional careers and careers in related fields.

The goal of the Associate in Arts in Psychology for Transfer program is to prepare students for a baccalaureate major in Psychology. The courses included in the degree program are specifically designed as transferable courses so students will be prepared for baccalaureate programs at most of the state’s four-year institutions. Many of the courses included in the degree meet the lower-division requirements of a Psychology major at four-year institutions.

Career Opportunities

The Psychology degree is designed to facilitate students’ successful transfer to BA programs and, in so doing, prepare them for advanced study in a variety of graduate programs. Psychologists with graduate degrees and professional certificates have a broad range of employment opportunities including, but not limited to, clinical practice, research, and teaching. Clinical psychologists work in a variety of settings and with a wide range of clients. Research psychologists work in a range of fields associated with the study of human behavior, including biomedical, sports psychology, and cognitive neuroscience. The A.A. degree for Transfer in psychology can also provide a foundation for students interested in working in paraprofessional careers and careers in related fields.

Upon completion of this program, the student will be able to:

- differentiate between scientifically derived knowledge and myth and conjecture about the topics of psychology and demonstrate understanding of psychological theory and the scientific method.
- compare and contrast the major theoretical orientations in psychology, demonstrate knowledge of basic psychological terminology regarding behavior, cognition, and emotion, and be able to express this clearly when writing or speaking about psychology.
- integrate content knowledge, cognitive skills, and technical proficiency in completing exams, term papers, presentations and other class assignments. These cognitive skills include: learning, memory, logical thinking, problem-solving, decision-making, and critical thinking.
- evaluate psychological data, draw reasonable conclusions, recognize the ethical implications of these conclusions, and apply these conclusions to personal, community, and scientific problems.
- apply psychological principles to the development of interpersonal, occupational, and social skills and life-long personal growth.
- recognize the complexity of social, cultural, and international diversity and the principles of equity, justice, and inclusion in their lives.

Required Program	Units
PSYC 300 General Principles (3).....	3
or PSYC 480 Honors General Principles (3)	
PSYC 310 Biological Psychology	3
PSYC 335 Research Methods in Psychology	3
STAT 300 Introduction to Probability and Statistics (4)	4
or STAT 480 Introduction to Probability and Statistics - Honors (4)	
A minimum of 3 units from the following:	3
PSYC 320 Social Psychology (3)	
or PSYC 316 Cognitive Psychology (3)	
or PSYC 370 Human Development: A Life Span (3)	
or FCS 324 Human Development: A Life Span (3)	

A minimum of 3 units from the following: 3

- One course not taken from list above (3) or
- PSYC 314 Animal Behavior (3)
- or PSYC 315 Psychopharmacology (3)
- or PSYC 340 Abnormal Behavior (3)
- or PSYC 353 Psychology of Adjustment (3)
- or PSYC 356 Human Sexuality (3)
- or PSYC 358 Principles of Interpersonal Relations (3)
- or PSYC 360 Psychology of Women (3)
- or PSYC 364 Psychology of Sexual Orientation (3)
- or PSYC 367 Psychology of Minorities (3)
- or PSYC 374 Psychology of Aging: Adult Development and Aging (3)
- or PSYC 376 Personality (3)
- or PSYC 390 Psychology of Death and Dying (3)
- or PSYC 405 Substance Abuse: Effects on Body and Behavior (3)
- or PSYC 410 Psychology of Creativity, Intuition and Problem Solving (3)

Total Major Required Units	19
CSU General Education or IGETC Pattern	37-39
Transferable Electives (as needed to reach 60 transferable units)	2-4
Total Units Required for the Degree	60