

Degree in Psychology

Program Details

Massasoit Community College offers an Associate in Arts Degree in Psychology designed to cater to students planning to transfer to a four-year liberal arts bachelor's program or seeking entry-level positions in the field of Psychology. This comprehensive program aims to equip students with a deep understanding of Psychology and a diverse cultural background encompassing the humanities, natural sciences, mathematics, and social sciences. The Psychology curriculum comprises a range of courses covering various aspects of the discipline, including General Psychology, Abnormal Psychology, Child Psychology, Adolescent Psychology, Developmental Psychology, Social Psychology, Psychology of Learning, Psychology of Personality, Statistics for Psychology, and Biopsychology. The core courses within the program emphasize sociology, ethics, biology, statistics, and a range of electives, ensuring a well-rounded education for aspiring psychology professionals.

Graduates earn an Associate in Arts Degree.

Program Outcomes

Students graduating with an A.A. degree in Psychology will:

1. Understand and compare the theories, major concepts and mechanisms, which explain human thought and behavior.
2. Engage in critical thinking to review empirical studies of psychology and draw appropriate and apply the scientific method as a primary basis for engaging in critical thinking.
3. Evaluate ethical standards in psychological theory and practice.
4. Create oral and written communications using the technical language of psychology.
5. Describe the impact of society and culture on human diversity from a psychological perspective.

Academic Map

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A minimum of 20 classes and 63 credits is required. A minimum of 16 Credits at Massasoit. Note: Each course completed and passed can only fulfill one program requirement. The same course cannot be used to satisfy multiple program requirements.

Semester 1

3 Credits in PSYC 101
General Psychology
3 Credits in ENGL 101
English Composition I
3 Credits in either SPCH 105, SPCH 107, or SPCH 121
(Speech Communication, Oral Interpretation, or Argumentation and Debate)
3 Credits in History elective
3 Credits in Modern Language elective

Semester 2

3 Credits in either PSYC 202, PSYC 203, or PSCY 205
(Child Psychology, Adolescent Psychology, or Developmental Psychology)
4 Credits in BIOL 121
Biological Principles I
3 Credits in ENGL 102
English Composition II
3 Credits in History elective
3 Credits in Modern Language elective

Semester 3

3 Credits in either PSYC 201, PSYC 206, PSCY 207, PSCY 208, or PSCY 209
(Abnormal Psychology, Psychology of Learning, Biological Psychology, Psychology of Personality, or Social Psychology)
4 Credits in BIOL 122 or BIOL 160
(Biological Principles II or Human Genetics, Reproduction, and Society)
3 Credits ANTH 101, ECON 201, or GEOG 201
(Intro Anthropology, Principles of Economics I, or Human Geography)
3 Credits in MATH 158

Introduction to Statistics
3 Credits in SOCI 104
Principles of Sociology

Semester 4

3 Credits in either PSYC 201, PSYC 206, PSYC 207, PSYC 208, PSYC 209
(Abnormal Psychology, Psychology of Learning, Biological Psychology, Psychology of Personality, or Social Psychology)
4 Credits in PSYC 220
Statistics for Psychology and Social Sciences
3 Credits in PHIL 201
Ethical Dilemmas
3 Credits in Literature elective
3 Credits in Liberal Arts elective

This academic map is a suggested semester-by-semester guide to keep you on a clear path to program completion. Please note that some classes are offered only in certain semesters, have prerequisites, or minimum passing grades. Winter and/or Summer Session classes may be available for some classes. Your [academic advisor](#) will provide you with clear direction needed to stay on course and discuss scheduling options with you. Taking courses not reflected on this map may result in courses not counting toward the completion of your requirements.