

**Psychology**

ASSOCIATE OF ARTS DEGREE (AA)

REQUIRED CREDITS: 60

DEGREE CODE: PSY-AA

**DESCRIPTION**

The Associate of Arts in Psychology is primarily designed for students who plan to transfer to a baccalaureate degree level college in psychology or a related field. This degree program offers students an essential foundation in the theoretical perspectives and social science research methods of psychology, as well as options to explore more specialized topics in psychology or closely-related fields.

**STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES**

- Describe the major theories, historical trends, perspectives, and research findings of psychology.
- Discuss the range of fields and careers in psychology and the respective educational, ethical, experiential, and credential requirements.
- Utilize basic statistical techniques used in psychological research.
- Employ basic principles of research design, methodology, and report writing used in psychology.
- Demonstrate fundamental concepts in specialized and applied areas of psychology.
- Apply basic principles of behavior and mental processes.

**PLEASE NOTE** - The courses listed below may require a prerequisite or corequisite. Read course descriptions before registering for classes. All MATH and ENG courses numbered 01-99 must be completed before reaching 30 total college-level credits. No course under 100-level counts toward degree completion.

**GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS (34 CREDITS)****MATHEMATICS (3 credits)**

MATH 120 or 124 or above; or STAT 152

**ENGLISH COMPOSITION (6-8 credits)**

See AA/AB/AS policy p. 47 for courses

**LITERATURE (3 credits)**

See AA/AB/AS policy p. 47 for courses

**ANALYTICAL REASONING (3 credits)**

See AA/AB/AS policy p. 47 for courses

**NATURAL SCIENCE (6-7 credits)**

(Two courses from the following, one must include a lab): ANTH 102; AST; BIOL 101 or above; CHEM 105 or above; ENV; GEOG 103, 104, 117; GEOL; PHYS

**HUMANITIES (6 credits)**

COM 101; and one course from the following: HIST; World Languages 111 or above; or PHIL 101, 119, 129, 201, 202, 203; RST

**FINE ARTS (3 credits)**

See AA/AB/AS policy p. 48 for courses

**U.S. AND NEVADA CONSTITUTIONS (4-6 credits)**

See AA/AB/AS policy p. 48 for courses

**VALUES AND DIVERSITY**

All students MUST fulfill this requirement. Course chosen may also be used to fulfill the corresponding general education or special program requirements. PSY 101 or 101H fulfills this requirement.

**SPECIAL PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS (26 CREDITS)**

See a counselor/advisor to select 26 transferable credits.

**CORE REQUIREMENTS (12 credits)**

|         |                                      |   |
|---------|--------------------------------------|---|
| PSY 200 | Introduction to the Psychology Major | 1 |
| PSY 210 | Introduction to Statistical Methods  | 4 |
| PSY 240 | Introduction to Research Methods     | 3 |
| PSY 298 | Capstone Course                      | 1 |

**Choose one from the following (3 credits)**

|          |                             |   |
|----------|-----------------------------|---|
| PSY 101  | General Psychology          | 3 |
| PSY 101H | General Psychology – Honors | 3 |

**SPECIAL PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS CONTINUED****ELECTIVES (choose 14 credits)**

|          |                                                |   |
|----------|------------------------------------------------|---|
| MHDD 103 | Psychopathology and Developmental Disabilities | 1 |
| MHDD 107 | Medication Fundamentals                        | 2 |
| MHDD 109 | Introduction to Therapeutic Interventions      | 2 |
| MHDD 127 | Positive Behavior Supports                     | 2 |
| MHDD 130 | Teaching Life Skills                           | 3 |
| MHDD 150 | Issues in Substance Abuse                      | 1 |
| MHDD 154 | Advanced Therapeutic Interventions             | 2 |
| MHDD 160 | Understanding Mental Illness                   | 2 |
| MHDD 210 | Autism Spectrum Disorders                      | 3 |
| PSY 102  | Psychology of Personal and Social Adjustment   | 3 |
| PSY 130  | Human Sexuality                                | 3 |
| PSY 201  | Lifespan Development                           | 3 |
| PSY 203  | Advanced General Psychology I                  | 3 |
| PSY 206  | Business/Industrial Psychology                 | 3 |
| PSY 207  | Psychology and the Family                      | 3 |
| PSY 208  | Psychology of Human Relations                  | 3 |
| PSY 224  | Introduction to Latino Psychology              | 3 |
| PSY 228  | Psychology of Dreams                           | 3 |
| PSY 233  | Child Psychology                               | 3 |
| PSY 234  | Psychology of Adolescence                      | 3 |
| PSY 241  | Introduction to Abnormal Psychology            | 3 |
| PSY 261  | Introduction to Social Psychology              | 3 |
| PSY 270  | Understand Psychology Through Film             | 3 |
| PSY 276  | Aging in Modern American Society               | 3 |
| PSY 299  | Special Topics                                 | 3 |

Up to 9 credits from the following courses may also be used as part of the 14 elective credits if needed to meet specific program requirements at UNLV, UNR, or NSC.

\* Up to nine credits in three different disciplines, from ANTH 101; ECON; PSC; SOC; WMST 101, 113

\* Up to three credits from ART; DAN; MUS; THTR

\* Up to three credits from World Languages

See Degree Plan on next page.

- NOTE**
- Course numbers with the “B” suffix may be non-transferable for a NSHE baccalaureate degree.
  - Course numbers with the “H” suffix are designated Honors-level courses and can be used to fulfill equivalent general education requirements. For more information visit [www.csn.edu/honors](http://www.csn.edu/honors).
  - In no case, may one course be used to meet more than one requirement except for the Values and Diversity general education requirement (only AA, AS, and AB degrees) which may be used to fulfill the corresponding general education or emphasis requirement.
  - Students may elect to graduate using the degree requirements in effect at the time of matriculation, or when they declared or changed major or the current catalog. If a program is official after a student has matriculated, the student may choose the degree requirements of the new program. In no case may a student use a catalog which is more than six years old at the time of graduation.



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**FULL-TIME STUDENT DEGREE PLAN***Add more semesters to modify this plan to fit part-time student needs.*

| <b>FIRST SEMESTER</b>                                                        | <b>Credits</b> |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|
| Complete Mathematics (see courses previous page)                             | 3              |
| ENG 100 or 101 or 113                                                        | 3-5            |
| Complete Natural Science (No Lab – see courses previous page)                | 3              |
| COM 101 Oral Communication                                                   | 3              |
| PSY 101 or PSY 101H                                                          | 3              |
| <b>TOTAL CREDITS</b> .....                                                   | <b>15-17</b>   |
| <b>SECOND SEMESTER</b>                                                       | <b>Credits</b> |
| ENG 102 or 114                                                               | 3              |
| Complete Natural Science <sup>1</sup> (With Lab – see courses previous page) | 3-4            |
| Complete AA/AB/AS Analytical Reasoning p. 47                                 | 3              |
| PSY 200 Introduction to the Psychology Major                                 | 1              |
| PSY 210 Introduction to Statistical Methods                                  | 4              |
| <b>TOTAL CREDITS</b> .....                                                   | <b>14-15</b>   |
| <b>THIRD SEMESTER</b>                                                        | <b>Credits</b> |
| Complete AA/AB/AS Fine Arts p. 48                                            | 3              |
| Complete AA/AB/AS US/Nevada Constitutions <sup>2</sup> p. 48                 | 4-6            |
| PSY 240 Introduction to Research Methods                                     | 3              |
| Complete Electives (see courses previous page)                               | 6              |
| <b>TOTAL CREDITS</b> .....                                                   | <b>16-18</b>   |
| <b>FOURTH SEMESTER</b>                                                       | <b>Credits</b> |
| Complete AA/AB/AS Literature p. 47                                           | 3              |
| Complete Humanities <sup>3</sup> (see courses previous page)                 | 3              |
| PSY 298 Capstone Course                                                      | 1              |
| Complete Electives (see courses previous page)                               | 8              |
| <b>TOTAL CREDITS</b> .....                                                   | <b>15</b>      |
| <b>DEGREE PLAN TOTAL CREDITS</b> .....                                       | <b>60-65</b>   |

<sup>1</sup>Only BIOL 122 Desert Plants completes this requirement at 3 credits and is only offered in the spring semester.

<sup>2</sup>PSC 101 completes this requirement at 4 credits. If you choose the HIST option, complete HIST 101 or 111 in the 2nd semester and HIST 102 or 217 in the 3rd semester.

<sup>3</sup>Under the “Humanities” heading on the General Education Requirements side, select from the choices that follow the sentence fragment “COM 101 and...”

