

New and Revised Degrees

PSYCHOLOGY

The psychology program presents psychology as the science of mental processes and behaviors, providing research results applicable to everyday life and benefiting human welfare. A second purpose is to prepare students for transfer to a university. Upon completion of their program, psychology majors will be able to describe psychological science as a diverse field of research with both academic and practical applications, that encompasses more than a dozen major subfields. They will be able to identify and explain the four goals of psychology (really, the four goals of science). These goals are description, explanation, prediction and control of mental processes and behaviors occurring within an individual as well as within inter- personal, cultural, and global contexts. Students completing the psychology major program will be equipped to use the scientific method to explore healthy mental processes and behaviors, as well as the pathological ones. Psychology coursework is done in a variety of subspecialties including social psychology, abnormal psychology, cognitive psychology, biological psychology, and personality, psychology of gender and sexuality and research methods. Psychology curriculum at Long Beach City College introduces students to many of these subspecialties in preparation for upper division coursework at a four-year college or university.

Associate in Arts in Psychology for Transfer Degree (A.A.T.), (Plan Code: 5000 B/C)

The Associate in Arts in Psychology for Transfer Degree is designed to expose students to a diverse field of academic research and practical application. The science of psychology deals with description, explanation, prediction and control of mental processes and behaviors occurring within an individual as well as within the inter-personal, cultural and global contexts. Students scientifically explore healthy mental processes and behaviors, as well as the pathological (abnormal) ones in terms of how they affect one's daily functioning within the mentioned contexts, and how to diagnose, explain and treat that pathology. This psychology program (Associate in Arts in Psychology for Transfer Degree) offers students a comprehensive education in the content as well as scientific method of the discipline emphasizing the processes of creating hypotheses as well as hypothesis testing. A variety of offered psychology courses familiarize students with diverse yet interrelated psychology sub-fields. The mission of this program is to provide a major presenting psychology as a science (of mental processes and behaviors) applicable to everyday life, as well as to provide a major that fulfills the general requirements of the California State University transfer system.

Program Student Learning Outcomes:

- Analyze the major concepts, theoretical perspectives, empirical findings, and historical trends in psychology.
- Apply basic research methods in psychology, including research design, data analysis, and interpretation.
- Examine problems related to behavior and mental processes through the scientific approach.

REQUIRED CORE COURSES	UNITS
STAT 1/1H Elementary Statistics/Honors	4
PSYCH 1/1H Introduction to Psychology/ Honors	3
PSYCH 2 Research Methods for Psychology	4
Subtotal Units	11

IN ADDITION, complete the LIST A course below:

LIST A	
PSYCH 6 Physiological Foundations of Psychology	3
Subtotal LIST A Units	3

IN ADDITION, complete ONE (1) course from LIST B:

LIST B

PSYCH 11	Social Psychology	3
Subtotal LIST B Units		3

IN ADDITION, complete ONE (1) course from LIST C:

Any LIST A or LIST B course not already used. 3

PSYCH 4	Personal and Social Development	3
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PSYCH 10	Human Sexuality	3
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HLED 10	Human Sexuality	3
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Subtotal LIST C Units		3
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Total Units in the Major		20
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Business: International Business Concentration (Plan Code: 1151)

