

PSYCHOLOGY, OPTION TO ASSOCIATE IN ARTS IN LIBERAL ARTS

Program Description

The Associate of Liberal Arts (AA) with an option in Psychology will prepare students for further academic and career study in the area of psychology at the junior and senior level designations. This option prepares students to transfer to a baccalaureate psychology program. The coursework is designed to foster an appreciation and understanding of the scientific study through 1) the utilization of the scientific method 2) exposing students to the history and scope of behavior and fundamental mental processes. Program graduates will learn basic and applied areas in the field of psychology. Students will apply relevant research to analyze and evaluate psychological perspectives and concepts.

Transfer Information

Students pursuing the Liberal Arts degree – Psychology Option can transfer into majors such as Psychology, Social Sciences/Liberal Studies, and Psychology with teacher's certification. Many four-year colleges suggest coursework in psychology as well as other areas to specialize for future careers. Students are encouraged to work closely with OCC faculty and Advising Transfer Services. Students planning to transfer to a four-year institution in NJ can explore the "Transfer Programs" feature on NJ Transfer www.njtransfer.org (<http://www.njtransfer.org/>).

Career Information

The Associate of Arts degree is designed to provide students with the coursework needed to transfer to four-year institutions and pursue a bachelor's degree and/or master's degree in psychology or psychology related majors. The curriculum provides students with the knowledge and skills needed to pursue a pathway to careers in counseling or psychology. Students are strongly encouraged to consult with OCC faculty and Career Services as they begin to explore career options. Students can also utilize Career Coach, a resource provided by OCC, to explore degree programs and corresponding careers <https://ocean.emsicc.com> (<https://ocean.emsicc.com/>)

Students are encouraged to keep track of degree requirements by using the "My Progress" screen on Student Planning. Student Planning can be accessed via logging into Ocean Connect.

First Semester		Credit Hours
Communications		
ENGL 151	English I	3
ENGL 152	English II	3
COMM 154	Fundamentals of Public Speaking	3
History		
History Gen. Ed. Requirement (https://catalog.ocean.edu/graduation-requirements-degree/approved-general-education-courses/#history) ¹		3
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Humanities		
PHIL 191	Introduction to Philosophy	3
Any ARTS, MUSC, or ENGL course from the List of Approved General Education Courses (https://catalog.ocean.edu/graduation-requirements-degree/approved-general-education-courses/#communication) ¹		3

Humanities Gen. Ed. Requirement (https://catalog.ocean.edu/graduation-requirements-degree/approved-general-education-courses/#humanities) ¹		3
Social Science		
PSYC 172	General Psychology	3
Select from the following ¹		3
PSYC 173	Child Psychology	
PSYC 273	Adolescent Psychology	
PSYC 278	Life Span Development	
Diversity		
Diversity Gen. Ed. Requirement (https://catalog.ocean.edu/graduation-requirements-degree/approved-general-education-courses/#diversity) ¹		3
Mathematics-Science-Technology		
Mathematics, Lab Science, and Technology Gen. Ed. Requirement (https://catalog.ocean.edu/graduation-requirements-degree/approved-general-education-courses/#math) ^{1 & 2}		12
Program Requirement		
STSC 150	Student Success Seminar	2
Psychology Program Electives		
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Elective		
Elective to meet 60 credits		4
Credit Hours		60
Total Credit Hours		60

Psychology Program Electives

Code	Title	Credit Hours
PSYC 173	Child Psychology	3
PSYC 174	Personality Theory	3
PSYC 175	Cross-Cultural Psychology	3
PSYC 240	Travel Seminar: the Person and Environment	3
PSYC 250	Introduction to Quantitative Analysis in The Social Sciences	3
PSYC 270	Psychology of Gender	3
PSYC 271	Abnormal Psychology	3
PSYC 273	Adolescent Psychology	3
PSYC 274	Social Psychology	3
PSYC 275	Educational Psychology	3
PSYC 278	Life Span Development	3

¹ Course selections should be based on the requirements of the intended transfer to a four-year institution. Students should speak to their advisor for clarification.

² Students must select one math course, one lab science course, and one technology course and complete the 12 cr. requirement with any additional math or science course from the list of Approved General Education Courses. Students may attempt to "test out" of the technology requirement. If they succeed, they must take an additional course(s) in math or science from the List of Approved General Education Courses.