

PSYCHOLOGY CONCENTRATION

Program Description

The **Psychology Concentration** is designed for students who plan to transfer to a four-year institution to pursue a bachelor's degree in psychology or a related behavioral science field.

This concentration provides a foundation in the scientific study of human behavior and mental processes. Students explore topics such as development, learning, cognition, personality, social behavior, and psychological research methods. Coursework emphasizes critical thinking, data analysis, research literacy, and the application of psychological principles to real-world contexts.

The program combines a broad behavioral science foundation with focused preparation in psychology, equipping students for upper-level academic study and a wide range of professional pathways.

Transfer Information

The Psychology concentration is structured to align with bachelor's degree programs in psychology and related disciplines such as counseling, human services, education, neuroscience, and behavioral health.

Students are encouraged to work closely with faculty and Advising & Transfer Services to ensure their coursework aligns with the requirements of their intended transfer institution. Students planning to transfer within New Jersey should explore the "Transfer Programs" feature on NJ Transfer (www.njtransfer.org) to review articulation agreements and institutional requirements.

Because many professional roles in psychology require graduate study, early academic planning and strong academic performance are strongly recommended.

Career Information

The A.S. in Behavioral Science and Public Service – Psychology Concentration is designed primarily for transfer. A bachelor's degree is typically required for entry-level roles in related fields, and many careers in psychology require graduate or doctoral study.

With further education, graduates may pursue careers such as:

- Counselor or Therapist (with advanced degree and licensure)
- Behavioral Health Specialist
- Human Resources Professional
- Case Manager
- Research Assistant
- School or Community Services Professional

Students are encouraged to consult with faculty and Career Services early in their academic journey to explore long-term academic and professional pathways. OCC students may also use Focus2 Career

through Ocean Connect to research psychology-related careers and transfer options.

Fall One		Credit Hours
Any STSC - Student Success Seminar course ¹		2
ENGL 151	English I	3
SOCI 181	Introduction to Sociology	3
PSYC 172	General Psychology	3
Mathematics Gen. Ed. Requirement (https://catalog.ocean.edu/academic-information/general-education/)		3
Credit Hours		14
Spring One		Credit Hours
ENGL 152	English II	3
CSIT 110	Introduction to Computers and Computer Applications	3
PSYC 271	Abnormal Psychology	3
PSYC 278	Life Span Development	3
Choose one of the following Lecture and Lab pairs:		4
BIOL 114 & 114L	Principles of Biological Science Lecture and Principles of Biological Science Lab	
BIOL 119 & 119L	Science and the Human Body Lecture and Science and the Human Body Lab	
Credit Hours		16
Fall Two		Credit Hours
PHIL 190 or PHIL 191	Introduction to Critical Thinking or Introduction to Philosophy	3
PSYC 173	Child Psychology	3
PSYC 174	Personality Theory	3
COMM 154	Fundamentals of Public Speaking	3
Humanities Gen. Ed. Requirement (https://catalog.ocean.edu/academic-information/general-education/)		3
Credit Hours		15
Spring Two		Credit Hours
PSYC 273	Adolescent Psychology	3
POLI 101	Global Issues	3
Mathematics Gen. Ed. Requirement (https://catalog.ocean.edu/academic-information/general-education/)		3
History Gen. Ed. Requirement (https://catalog.ocean.edu/academic-information/general-education/)		3
Electives to meet 60 credits		3
Credit Hours		15
Total Credit Hours		60

¹ A variety of STSC -Student Success Seminar courses are available.