

# PSYCHOLOGY, Associate in Science Degree - 5156

Social Science Department

The Psychology AS transfer degree provides students with a solid foundation to transfer as a Psychology major to a wide range of Baccalaureate Institutions. Students receive a broad introduction to the field, an in-depth look into at least two subfields within Psychology, and a solid foundation in research design and analysis. Since some four-year institutions have specific preferences for course options, students are advised to identify their intended transfer institution as soon as possible and consult the associated transfer guide for that school. The complete program is available at the Harrisburg, Lancaster and York campuses.

## Transfer Opportunities

This transfer curriculum is provided as a guide for students planning to transfer to a baccalaureate-degree-granting institution. Students who plan to work in therapeutic or academic settings should expect to continue on to earn at least a Master's degree.

## Competency Profile

This curriculum is designed to prepare students to:

- Attain Basic-level competency across all major subfields of psychology
- Attain Developing-level competencies in at least two of the four major content categories as currently defined by the American Psychological Association: Human Development, Individual and Socio-cultural Differences, Learning and Cognition, and Biological Basis of Behavior and Mental Processes
- Develop Basic and Developing-level competency in Research Design and Analysis
- Comprehend biological processes as they relate to human and animal psychology and behavior and the environments in which they live
- Develop Basic and Developing-level understanding of critical thinking and evidence-based logic and reasoning
- Develop Basic and Developing-level understanding of the technology and communication forms and methods used in discussing and disseminating psychological ideas

## PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS (TOTAL CREDITS = 61)

| General Education                           |     | Major Requirements  |     | Other Required Courses                 |     |
|---|-----|---|-----|--|-----|
| ENGL 101 English Composition I              | 3   | PSYC 241 Research Design and Analysis I                             | 4   | BIOL 111 Intro Biological Science      | 3   |
| ENGL 102 English Composition II (or)        | 3   | PSYC 242 Research Design and Analysis II                            | 4   | (or)                                   |     |
| ENGL 104 Technical Writing                  | (3) | <i>Select 6 credits from two of the following three categories:</i> |     | BIOL 101 General Biology I             | (4) |
| COMM 101 Effective Speaking                 | 3   |   |     | CIS 105 Intro to Software for Business | 3   |
| Humanities & Arts Elective                  | 3   | <b>Human Development (or)</b>                                       |     | PHIL 102 Logic (or)                    | 3   |
| Humanities & Arts or Science &              |     | PSYC 209 Lifespan Development (or)                                  | (3) | PHIL 101 Intro to Philosophy (or)      | (3) |
| Behavioral Science Elective - PSYC 101      | 3   | <b>Individual Processes (or)</b>                                    |     | PHIL 215 Philosophy of Science (or)    | (3) |
| Mathematics Elective - MATH 103, 119 or 121 | 3   | PSYC 213 Abnormal Psychology (or)                                   | (3) | PHIL 225 Ethics: Belief and Action     | (3) |
| Mathematics or Science Elective             | 3   | PSYC 221 Social Psychology (or)                                     |     | Transfer Electives**                   | 9   |
| Social & Behavioral Science Elective*       | 3   | <b>Biological Basis of Behavior &amp; Mental Process</b>            |     |  | 18  |
| Science with a Laboratory Elective          | 3   | PSYC 226 Biopsychology  | (3) |  |     |
| First-Year-Seminar Elective                 | 1   |   | (3) |  |     |
| Wellness                                    | 1   |   |     |  |     |
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\*Students select from the following: ANTH 101 or 205; COMM 253; GEOG 201 or 230; HIST 102; PSYC 229; SOCI 201, 202, 203 or 205.

\*\*Students are to select transfer elective courses that are appropriate for the intended transfer institution.

## RECOMMENDED SEQUENCE FOR FULL-TIME STUDENTS

Part-time students can complete this program by taking one or more courses each semester.

| Fall Semester I         | Spring Semester I    | Fall Semester II                    | Spring Semester II       |
|-------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| CIS 105                 | BIOL 101 or 111      | Math/Science Elective               | Humanities/Arts Elective |
| ENGL 101                | COMM 101             | PHIL 101, 102, 215 or 225           | PSYC 242                 |
| FYS Elective            | ENGL 102 or 104      | PSYC 241                            | Transfer Electives**     |
| PSYC 101                | MATH 103, 119 or 121 | Social/Behavioral Science Elective* |                          |
| Science w/ Lab Elective | PSYC Elective        | PSYC Elective                       |                          |
| Wellness                |                      |                                     |                          |