



Program Map 2018-2019 College Credit Catalog
Psychology

Degree: Associate of Arts in Psychology (AA)



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Program Description: Psychologists study the behavior and mental processes of humans and all other animals, including healthy and abnormal brain functions and the brain's role in language development, thinking skills and physical movement. Psychology also examines social, cross-cultural, and gender perspectives. Psychology majors will examine questions about the basis for compassion, the connections between the brain and the mind, or the causes of emotional and psychological suffering. Students majoring in psychology typically follow the pathway through the Psychology program at Austin Community College, and then transfer to a bachelor's degree program at a four-year institution.

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The Associate of Arts degree in Psychology is intended to provide students with the first two years of general requirements and a basis in psychology that will prepare them for transfer to an institution which grants a baccalaureate degree.

Special note: Students who plan to transfer to an institution which grants a baccalaureate degree to continue their study of psychology should refer to the catalog of that institution and consult with an ACC instructor of psychology.

*Use this **Program MAP** to choose courses with your advisor and track progress towards milestones and completion of program.*

Pre-Degree Requirements		
Program Specific	Reading and Writing Placement <i>Placements based on TSI</i>	Mathematics Placement <i>Placements based on TSI</i>
	<input type="checkbox"/> Basic Developmental Courses <input type="checkbox"/> ESOL Courses <input type="checkbox"/> INRW Courses	<input type="checkbox"/> NCBM and MATD courses paired with MATH courses <input type="checkbox"/> NCBM and MATD courses
SEMESTER-BY-SEMESTER PROGRAM PLAN FOR FULL-TIME STUDENTS		
<i>Plans can be modified to fit the needs of part-time students by adding more semesters</i>		

Semester 1	CR	Advising Notes
EDUC 1300 - Effective Learning: Strategies for College Success OR Oral Communication	3	All first time Austin Community College (ACC) students with fewer than 12 SCH of successful college credit must take the EDUC 1300 course in their first semester at ACC. All other students may select either EDUC 1300 or a speech course from the Component Area Option section of the Core Curriculum Course List. See an advisor or a full-time faculty member in Psychology for more information.
PSYC 2301 - Introduction to Psychology	3	
ENGL 1301 - English Composition I	3	Prerequisite(s): TSI complete in reading and writing or exempt.
American History	3	Select from the following courses: HIST 1301, HIST 2301, HIST 2327, or HIST 2381. HIST 2301 and HIST 2381 may only be taken once.
Creative Arts	3	Select from the appropriate section of the Core Curriculum Course List
	15	Program Semester Hours – Meet with your advisor
Semester 2		
MATH 1332 - College Mathematics OR MATH 1314 - College Algebra OR MATH 1342 - Elementary Statistics	3	Prerequisite(s): See Course Descriptions
ENGL 1302 - English Composition II	3	Prerequisite(s): ENGL 1301 or equivalent with minimum grade of C.
American History	3	Select from: HIST 1302, HIST 2301, HIST 2328, or HIST 2381. HIST 2301 and HIST 2381 may only be taken once.

Component Area Option	3	Select from the Component Area Option of the Core Curriculum Course List.
Psychology Elective	3	Psychology Elective: Students can choose from: PSYC 2306, PSYC 2308, PSYC 2314, PYSC 2315, PSYC 2316, PSYC 2319, or PSYC 2389.
		15 Program Semester Hours – Meet with your faculty advisor
Semester 3		
PSYC 2317 - Statistical Methods for the Behavioral Sciences	3	Prerequisite(s): PSYC 2301 and MATH 1314, MATH 1332 or MATH 1342 or equivalent. Prerequisite courses must have been completed with a grade of C or better.
Literature	3	Select a literature course from the Language, Philosophy and Culture section of the Core Curriculum Course List.
GOVT 2305 - United States Government	3	
Life and Physical Sciences	3-4	Select from the Life and Physical Sciences section of the Core Curriculum Course List. At least one Life and Physical Sciences course chosen must have a lab component.
Foreign Language	4	Foreign Language hours must be in the same language.
		16-17 Program Semester Hours – Meet with your faculty advisor
Semester 4		
Psychology Elective	3	Psychology Elective: Students can choose from: PSYC 2306, PSYC 2308, PSYC 2314, PYSC 2315, PSYC 2316, PSYC 2319, or PSYC 2389.
GOVT 2306 - Texas State and Local Government	3	
Foreign Language	4	Foreign Language hours must be in the same language.
Life and Physical Sciences	4	Select from the Life and Physical Sciences section of the Core Curriculum Course List. At least one Life and Physical Sciences course chosen must have a lab component. ACHIEVEMENT: Associate of Arts degree in Psychology
		14 Program Semester Hours
Total Program Hours: 60-61		

Please always check online at catalog.austincc.edu or meet with your academic or program advisor to ensure that you are viewing the latest and most accurate information.

Career & Transfer Resources

ACC's Career & Transfer websites provide detailed, guided information on career exploration and transfer.

www.austincc.edu/career

www.austincc.edu/transfer

For further information regarding this specific program, please see the Career & Transfer Resources supplement provided in the next section of this Program Map.

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Career & Transfer Resources Updated 11/9/17

Transfer Information

The Associate of Arts in Psychology provides a transfer pathway to a 4-year institution where students can earn a bachelor's degree. Students are strongly encouraged to select a transfer destination by the time they have completed 24 semester credit hours.

Many universities offer both a Bachelor of Arts (BA) as well as a Bachelor of Science (BS) in Psychology. Here is a good article that explains the difference in the two degrees: <https://www.verywell.com/ba-bs-psychology-difference-2795139>

Transfer Guides: *The universities listed here do not constitute an ACC endorsement. Transfer course evaluations and determination of what courses will count toward a bachelor's degree are made by the receiving transfer institution.*

Texas State University: <https://www.admissions.txstate.edu/future-students/transfer/tpg>

The University of Texas at Austin: <https://admissions.utexas.edu/apply/transfer-resources/acc-transfer-guides>

The University of Texas at San Antonio: <https://www.utsa.edu/advising/transfer/index.html>

University of Houston: <http://www.uh.edu/undergraduate-admissions/apply/transfer/>

University of North Texas: <https://registrar.unt.edu/transfer-guides>

Texas A&M University: <https://admissions.tamu.edu/transfer/majors>

Texas Tech University: <https://catalog.ttu.edu/content.php?catoid=9&navoid=996>

Huston-Tillotson University: <http://htu.edu/wp-content/uploads/2011/04/Psychology.pdf>

Reverse Transfer: If you transfer to a four-year institution prior to graduating from ACC, you can still earn your associate degree through reverse transfer. More information on the reverse transfer process and requirements can be found at www.austincc.edu/students/transfer-services/reverse-transfer.

Additional Transfer Resources: ACC's transfer website provides information on additional colleges & universities: <http://www.austincc.edu/transferguides>. Students are encouraged to consult with a faculty advisor, [area of study advisor](#), and/or their chosen transfer institution to ensure courses taken at ACC will apply toward their bachelor's degree program.

Career Information

Although the most common career goal of most undergraduate psychology students is to become a psychologist or counselor, there are many career paths a student can pursue with a bachelor's degree in psychology. The amount of direct client contact is limited for individuals who hold a bachelor's degree in psychology. Many students who graduate with a bachelor's degree in psychology enter the workforce as a specialist or technician in human and social services, or education.

Common Job Titles

Mental Health Counselors; Psychologists (Clinical, School, Counseling); Psychiatric Technicians; Social and Human Service Assistants; Child, Family, and School Social Workers; Psychology Teachers, Postsecondary; Psychiatric Aides; Education, Guidance, School, and Vocational Counselors

Many career opportunities in this field require completion of a bachelor's degree or higher.

Regional Labor Market Information

Mental Health Counselors: New workers generally start around \$33,405. Normal pay for Mental Health Counselors is \$41,196 per year, while highly experienced workers can earn as much as \$59,787. Over the last year, 51 companies have posted 380 jobs for Mental Health Counselors in this region. There are currently 974 Mental Health Counselors that are employed in Austin-Round Rock, TX. Source: <https://austincc.emsicc.com/careers/mental-health-counselor>

Career and labor market research tools (see Quick Reference Guide at <http://www.austincc.edu/career>):

EMSI: <https://austincc.emsicc.com/>, Bureau of Labor Statistics: <http://www.bls.gov/ooh/>, O*NET: <https://www.onetonline.org/>

Career Resources: ACC's career services website provides information on career exploration and employment at <http://www.austincc.edu/career>. Students are encouraged to consult with their [area of study advisor](#) for additional career assistance. The above information is provided as a guide and reference tool for occupations related to this program. This is not a guarantee of job placement in any of these occupations after successful completion of an ACC program. The common job titles listed are representative titles and are provided for career research. These are not the only occupations possible in this area of study.