

PSYCHOLOGICAL SCIENCE

Associate of Arts

Psychology is the scientific study of the mind and behavior. The Department of Psychological Science provides students with scientific knowledge related to behavior and mental processes to include neuroscience, sensation and perception, memory, cognition, language, intelligence, consciousness, developmental psychology, personality, psychological disorders, therapy, statistics and human sexuality. It is our department's vision to provide students with critical thinking skills, knowledge and motivation to foster personal growth, adopt a scientific attitude and become lifelong learners.

The Department of Psychological Science (<https://www.southtexascollege.edu/psychology/>) at South Texas College offers students the opportunity to obtain an Associate of Arts (A.A.) in Psychology. The degree requirements for all students include completion of core curriculum and field of study courses. The program encourages students to become familiar with the different fields of Psychology, which will enable them to make an informed decision on how to continue their academic and professional careers. This degree is an excellent transfer program since the core curriculum parallels the first two years of most four-year psychology degrees.

Program Learning Outcomes

1. Students will identify the scales of measurement and select the appropriate test statistic for that data.
2. Students will identify the conditions under which to use a descriptive vs. an inferential statistic.
3. Students will identify the three main components involved in interpersonal attraction in relationships.
4. Students will assess processes involved in the adjustment (coping, transition, adaptation) of individuals to their social environment.
5. Students will recognize the components of the biopsychosocial approach to understanding individual and social behavior.

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Field of Study - 18 credit hours ¹

PSYC 2301	General Psychology ²	3
Discipline Foundation Courses (9 SCH)		
PSYC 2314	Lifespan Growth and Development	3
PSYC 2317	Statistical Methods in Psychology	3
PSYC 2319	Social Psychology	3
Directed Electives (6 SCH) ³		
The student is required to take a minimum of 2 courses (6 credits) from the following list:		
PSYC 2306	Human Sexuality	
PSYC 1300	Learning Framework	
PSYC 2315	Psychology of Adjustment	
PSYC 2308	Child Psychology	
PSYC 2320	Abnormal Psychology	

STC Core Curriculum - 42 credit hours

Complete 42 credit hours of required Core Curriculum including the following: ⁴

Language, Philosophy & Culture

Students must take one of the following:

PHIL 1301	Introduction to Philosophy
PHIL 1304	Introduction to World Religions
PHIL 2303	Introduction to Logic
PHIL 2306	Introduction to Ethics
PHIL 2307	Introduction to Social and Political Philosophy
PHIL 2316	Classical Philosophy
PHIL 2321	Philosophy of Religion

Total Credit Hours **60**

- ¹ Courses taken to fulfill field of study requirements must not duplicate courses taken to fulfill Core Curriculum Requirements.
- ² Designated core course in the Field of Study for the Texas Direct Transfer Degree.
- ³ The listed Directive Elective options are for students pursuing to transfer to The University of Texas at Rio Grande Valley. Students pursuing a different transfer institution should see an advisor for selection of Directed Electives.
- ⁴ In addition to the courses in the Field of Study, the student is required to take 42 credit hours from the STC Core Curriculum.

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Recommended Course Sequence

Course	Title	Credit Hours
First Year		
Fall		
MATH 1414	College Algebra ²	4
HIST 1301	United States History I	3
or HIST 2327	or Mexican-American History I	
or HIST 2381	or African American History I	
ENGL 1301	Composition I	3
PSYC 2301	General Psychology ²	3
Credit Hours		13
Spring		
HIST 1302	United States History II	3
or HIST 2328	or Mexican-American History II	
or HIST 2382	or African American History II	
ENGL 1302	Composition II - Rhetoric	3
Social and Behavioral Sciences Elective - Core Curriculum		3
PSYC 2317	Statistical Methods in Psychology ²	3
Credit Hours		12
Summer		
Creative Arts Elective - Core Curriculum		3
Psychology Directed Elective - Field of Study ¹		3
Language, Philosophy & Culture Elective - Core Curriculum		3
Select one of the following:		
PHIL 1301	Introduction to Philosophy	
PHIL 1304	Introduction to World Religions	
PHIL 2303	Introduction to Logic	
PHIL 2306	Introduction to Ethics	
PHIL 2307	Introduction to Social and Political Philosophy	
PHIL 2316	Classical Philosophy	

PHIL 2321	Philosophy of Religion	
Credit Hours		9
Second Year		
Fall		
GOVT 2305	Federal Government	3
Psychology Directed Elective - Field of Study ¹		3
PSYC 2314	Lifespan Growth and Development	3
Life and Physical Sciences Elective - Core Curriculum		4
Credit Hours		13
Spring		
GOVT 2306	Texas Government	3
Speech Elective - Component Area Option - Core Curriculum		3
PSYC 2319	Social Psychology	3
Life and Physical Sciences Elective - Core Curriculum		4
Credit Hours		13
Total Credit Hours		60

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² Student are required to complete PSYC 2301 General Psychology and MATH 1414 College Algebra **before** taking PSYC 2317 Statistical Methods in Psychology