

Psychology is the scientific study of human and animal behavior and the biological and mental processes that underlie behavior. Freshmen and sophomores who plan to major in Psychology are encouraged to minimize the number of psychology courses taken. Freshmen and sophomores who plan to major in Psychology are encouraged to complete additional foundation courses in science and math beyond those required in the Illinois Transferable General Education Core Curriculum (IAI GECC) and to minimize the number of psychology courses taken.

Students who have already chosen the university to which they plan to transfer should consult that institution's catalog or department advisor and an SVCC academic advisor in planning their program. Students pursuing secondary education in social science should meet with an academic advisor. **Transfer guides for some universities are available at svcc.edu/transfer.**

Psychology - IAI Recommended Baccalaureate Curriculum

(IMPORTANT PSYCHOLOGY MAJOR NOTE: The IAI Psychology major panel recommends that students take no more than PSY 103 for GECC credit. Any additional Psychology courses are for major credit (see above for specific IAI recommendations.)

Program Contacts at Sauk Valley Community College

- Academic Advising, 815-835-6354
- Dr. Amy Jakobsen, Professor of Psychology, amy.n.jakobsen@svcc.edu (815-835-6324)

Total Hours Required - 64-66 Hours

Suggested Program

First Semester - 16-17 Hours

- **Electives 3-4 Semester hour(s)
- Personal Development 3 Semester hour(s)
- ENG 101 - Composition I (3 Semester Hours)
- FYE 101 - First Year Experience (1 Semester Hours)
- MAT 240 - Elementary Statistics (3 Semester Hours)
- PSY 103 - Introduction to Psychology (3 Semester Hours)

Second Semester - 15-16 Hours

- *Mathematics 3-4 Semester hour(s)
- Fine Arts 3 Semester hour(s)
- COM 131 - Intro to Oral Communication (3 Semester Hours)
- ENG 103 - Composition II (3 Semester Hours)
- PSY 200 - Human Growth & Development (3 Semester Hours)

OR

PSY 214 - Child Developmental Psychology (3 Semester Hours)

Third Semester - 16-17 Hours

- ***Life Science 4-5 Semester hour(s)
- Humanities 3 Semester hour(s)
- PSY 215 - Social Psychology (3 Semester Hours)
- PSY 217 - Abnormal Psychology (3 Semester Hours)
- SOC 111 - Introduction to Sociology (3 Semester Hours)

Fourth Semester - 16-17 Hours

- ***Physical Science 4-5 Semester hour(s)
- Humanities/Fine Arts 3 Semester hour(s)
- ****Electives 6 Semester hour(s)
- Social/Behavioral Sciences (excluding PSY) 3 Semester hour(s)

Footnotes

- *Suggested MAT 220, MAT 221 or MAT 203.
- **Three to four semesters of a college-level foreign language or three to four years of a high school level foreign language may be required for a Bachelor of Arts degree.
- ***One lab required. Some universities require a two-semester science sequence in biology, chemistry, or physics.
- ****Additional science courses, such as anatomy and physiology are recommended.