

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 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.

Effective Fall of 2016, the associate in science (A.S.) degree is designed to complete the lower-division (freshman and sophomore) portion of a bachelor of science degree in STEM related majors. As a result, the A.S. degree does not include the entire General Education Core Curriculum. **Therefore, students will need to complete MORE general education courses after transfer by completing the GECC curriculum while enrolled at the participating Illinois transfer institution OR fulfilling the general education requirements of their selected non-participating transfer institution.**

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 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

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 - 64-68 Hours

Suggested Program

First Semester - 16 Hours

- ***Electives 3 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 - 17-18 Hours

- *Mathematics 3-4 Semester hour(s)
- BIO 105 - Principles of Biology (5 Semester Hours)
- 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

- Additional 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 - 15-17 Hours

- **Physical Science 3-5 Semester hour(s)
- Humanities/Fine Arts 3 Semester hour(s)
- ***Electives 9 Semester hour(s)

Footnotes

- *Suggested MAT 220, MAT 221 or MAT 203.
- **Some universities require a two-semester science sequence in biology, chemistry, or physics.
- ***Additional science courses, such as anatomy and physiology are recommended.