

Academic Programs

Associate in Arts Degree with a Concentration in Psychology (655)

The concentration in psychology prepares students to transfer to four-year universities to pursue a bachelor's degree in psychology and/or social work

Psychology - IAI Recommended Baccalaureate Curriculum

Transfer Considerations

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.

IMPORTANT PSYCHOLOGY CONCENTRATION NOTE: The IAI Psychology Major Panel recommends that psychology students take PSY 103 for GECC credit. Completion of PSY 103 is a requirement (prerequisite) that needs to be taken to be admitted to many classes at 4-year schools, so it is best to complete that prior to transfer. Some SVCC psychology classes may transfer as elective credit rather than counting as the specific class after transfer (e.g., PSY 217).

Competitive Admissions

Since admission to 4-year college/university program is competitive, completing the recommended courses does not by itself guarantee admission. For example, many transfer schools require a minimum 2.00 GPA on a 4.00 scale (or higher) for admission.

Special Considerations

There are many jobs available in psychology and related fields (like social work). There are a variety of jobs available with 2-year, 4-year, and graduate degrees. In order to work as an independent counselor or therapist, a minimum of a master's degree is typically required to obtain a state license.

Program Contacts at Sauk Valley Community College

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Minimum Total Credit Hours - 64-66 Hours

Suggested Program

First Semester - 16-17 Hours

- **Electives 3-4 Semester hour(s)
- Personal Development 3 Semester hour(s)
- ENG101 - Composition I (3 Semester Hours)
- FYE101 - First Year Experience (1 Semester Hours)
- MAT240 - Elementary Statistics (3 Semester Hours)
- PSY103 - Introduction to Psychology (3 Semester Hours)

Second Semester - 15-16 Hours

- *Mathematics 3-4 Semester hour(s)
- Fine Arts 3 Semester hour(s)
- COM131 - Intro to Oral Communication (3 Semester Hours)
- ENG103 - Composition II (3 Semester Hours)
- PSY200 - Human Growth & Development (3 Semester Hours)

OR

PSY214 - Child Developmental Psychology (3 Semester Hours)

Third Semester - 16-17 Hours

- ***Life Science 4-5 Semester hour(s)
- Humanities 3 Semester hour(s)
- PSY215 - Social Psychology (3 Semester Hours)
- PSY217 - Abnormal Psychology (3 Semester Hours)
- SOC111 - 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.