

Area of Study: **Human and Public Services**

Pathway: **Psychology**

Degree type: **Associate in Arts**

Curriculum Code: **BES.PSY.AA (U224A42)**

(Total Program Credits: 60)

Want to make a difference for people facing change or life challenges? Triton’s Psychology program will prepare you to do exactly that. Through foundational training in human behavior, you will build skills in critical thinking, research methods and writing. An education in social and human services can lead you in many interesting directions — from alcohol and chemical dependency counseling to senior services and activities specialist. Students who are specifically interested in an academic career in Psychology will be mentored by the program’s instructors and guided towards a successful transfer.

PROGRAM LEARNING OUTCOMES:

Upon successful completion of the Associate in Arts Degree (Psychology) emphasis, the graduate will be able to:

- describe key concepts, principles, and overarching themes in psychology;
- describe application domains;
- use scientific reasoning to interpret psychological phenomena;
- demonstrate psychology information literacy to engage with professional literature;
- interpret basic psychological research;
- apply ethical standards to evaluate psychological science and practice; and
- exhibit effective communication skills in discipline specific format.

Placement Measures MAT, RHT, and COL sequence placement will be determined by an Academic Advisor.

Contact your Academic Advisor before registering for courses.

Developmental education courses do not transfer. They assist students in the path towards college credit.

Program Map for Full-Time Students

Semester One: Fall	Category	Next Steps
PSY 100 Introduction to Psychology (3)	<i>Social and Behavioral Science</i>	Meet with your Academic Advisor to create an academic plan. Explore transfer institutions and admissions requirements by attending transfer events .
MAT 170 Elementary Statistics (4) <i>Or</i> <i>other Mathematics general education course (3-5)</i>	<i>Mathematics</i>	
RHT 101 Freshman Rhetoric & Composition I (3)	<i>Communication</i>	
PHL 101 Introduction to Philosophy (3) <i>Or</i> <i>other Humanities Elective (3)</i>	<i>Humanities</i>	
<i>Elective (3)</i> <i>Or</i> <i>Foreign Language (3)</i>	<i>Elective</i>	

15-17 Credit Hours

Note: Grade of “C” or higher is an IAI requirement for RHT 101 and RHT 102.

Semester Two: Spring	Category	Next Steps
RHT 102 Freshman Rhetoric & Composition II (3)	<i>Communication</i>	Meet with your Academic Advisor to update your academic and transfer plan. Create a Transferology account to explore how coursework transfers. Attend a Transfer 101 Workshop .
PSY 216 Child Psychology (3)	<i>Social and Behavioral Science</i>	
BIS 101 Human Biology (3) OR BIS 108 Biology of Humans (4)	<i>Life Science</i>	
<i>Fine Arts General Education Elective (3)</i>	<i>Fine Arts</i>	
<i>Program Elective (3)</i> Or <i>Foreign Language (4)</i>	<i>Elective</i>	

15-17 Credit Hours

Note: Grade of “C” or higher is an IAI requirement for RHT 101◊ and RHT 102◊.

Semester Three: Fall	Category	Next Steps
SPE 101 Principles of Effective Speaking (3)	<i>Communication</i>	Meet with your Academic Advisor to update your academic and transfer plan. Attend a Ready to Apply Workshop . GECC Credential Achieved.
<i>Humanities (3) OR Fine Arts Course (3)</i>	<i>Humanities/ Fine Arts</i>	
<i>Physical Science General Education Elective (3-5)</i>	<i>Physical Science</i>	
<i>Social and Behavioral Science General Education Course (other than Psychology) (3)</i>	<i>Social and Behavioral Science</i>	
<i>PSY 238 Abnormal Psychology (3)</i> Or <i>Foreign Language (3)</i>	<i>Elective</i>	

15-17 Credit Hours

Semester Four: Spring	Category	Next Steps
<i>Program Elective (3)</i> Or <i>Foreign Language (4)</i>	<i>Elective</i>	Meet with your Academic Advisor to finalize your transfer plan. Submit graduation petition by deadline (check for the specific date in catalog or syllabi.) Apply to your transfer institution(s).
<i>Program Elective (3)</i>		
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15-16 credits

Program Electives (12-18) (recommended to take at least one from each Developmental and Clinical column)	
<i>Developmental Psychology</i>	<i>Clinical Psychology</i>
PSY 216 Child Psychology (3) PSY 222 Adolescent Psychology (3)	PSY 201 Introduction to Social Psychology (3) PSY 207 Health Psychology (3)

PSY 228 Psychology of Adulthood (3)	PSY 210 Theories of Personality (3) PSY 238 Abnormal Psychology (3)
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(Select courses that meet the BA requirements of your transfer college.)

Note: PSY 207◊ and PSY 210◊ may not transfer to all institutions.

General Education requirements:

AA degree

Subtotal: 37-40

Psychology courses or other electives toward the AA degree

Subtotal: 20-23

General Education requirements by discipline:

1. **Communications:** Three courses (nine semester hours).
2. **Humanities and Fine Arts:** Three courses (nine semester hours), with at least one course from selected from Humanities and at least one course from the Fine Arts.
3. **Social and Behavioral Science:** Three courses (nine semester hours), with courses selected from at least two disciplines.

Graduation from an Illinois college or university requires satisfactory completion of one or more courses incorporating Human Diversity, which may be taken as a Humanities and Fine Arts or Social and Behavioral Science course.

4. **Mathematics:** One course (three semester hours).
5. **Physical and Life Science:** Two courses (seven to eight semester hours), with one course selected from the Life Sciences and one course from the Physical Sciences, including at least one laboratory course.

Foreign Language encouraged if transferring.

See PSY course descriptions.

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