

DVC's Associate in Arts in Psychology for Transfer

(In psychology, higher numbered psych courses are NOT more difficult than lower numbered courses)

COURSE REQUIREMENTS	UNITS	CSU-GE AREA	IGETC AREA	CALIFORNIA COURSE-I.D. APPROVED
Required Core: (minimum 9-10 units)				
✓ PSYCH 101: Introduction to Psychology	3	D9	4	✓
✓ PSYCH 215: Intro to Research Methods in Psychology* <i>(*Psych 101 and Statistics are prerequisites for Psych 215)</i>	3	D9	--	✓
✓ At least 3 units from: <i>(note: most stats courses have math prerequisites, see the catalog)</i>				
- Psych 214: Intro to Statistics for Psychology	4	B4**	2**pending	✓**
- or MATH 142: Elementary Statistics with Probability	4	B4	2	✓
- or BUS 240: Business Statistics	3	B4	2	✓
<i>(consult the psych major listing at your transfer university to pick which stats course is right for you; at this time, Math 144: Statway is not recommended, as it has not been approved by some transfer universities).</i>				
Complete a minimum of 3 units from Area A:				
PSYCH 130: Introduction to Biological Psychology* <i>(*Psych 101 is a prerequisite for Psych 130)</i>	3	D9	4	✓
BIOOSC 102: Fundamentals of Biological Science with Lab	4	B2, B3	5B, 5C	
BIOOSC 117: Human Biology with Laboratory	4	B2, B3	5B, 5C	
Complete a minimum of 3 units from Area B:				
PSYCH 145: Critical Thinking in Psychology* <i>(*English 122 or equivalent is a prerequisite for Psych 145)</i>	3	A3	1B	✓
PSYCH 200: Life Span Development	3	D9, E	4	✓
PSYCH 225: Social Psychology	3	D9	4	✓
Complete a minimum of 3 units from Area C:				
PSYCH 122: Psychology in Modern Life	3	D9, E	4	✓
PSYCH 140: Psychology of African Americans	3	D3, D9, E	4	
PSYCH 141: Psychology of Latinos/Chicanos in the U.S.	3	D3, D9, E	4	
PSYCH 160: Psychology of Women	3	D9, E	4	
PSYCH 190: Psychology of Adolescence	3	D9	4	
PSYCH 195 : Psychology of Adult Development and Aging	3	D9, E**	4**pending	
PSYCH 220: Psychology of Personality	3	D9	4	
PSYCH 230: Abnormal Psychology	3	D9	4	✓
PSYCH 240: Transpersonal Psychology	3	D9	4	
Total minimum units in the major:	18			
Total minimum units for the Associate's degree:	60			

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- (2) fulfill the requirements of either the CSU-General Education or the IGETC general ed pattern,**
- (3) complete 60 college transfer level units,**
- (4) obtain a minimum grade point average of 2.0.**
- (5) complete each course used to meet the 18 unit major requirement with a "C" grade or higher.**
- (6) a minimum of 12 units of the major requirements must be earned in Psychology courses, at least 6 of which must be taken at Diablo Valley College.**

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Guaranteed Transfer: Students who complete DVC's Associate in Arts in Psychology for Transfer degree are **GUARANTEED ADMISSION** with junior standing into the CSU system. DVC's Psychology for Transfer degree is also usually considered acceptable preparation for transfer to UC and other colleges as well. Finally, the degree is an acceptable stand-alone degree for students who wish to attain an Associate's Degree without transferring. Typically, the Psych for Transfer degree is the first or second most popular achieved degree at DVC.

Psychology Has Two Goals: The DVC psychology for transfer degree provides students with an introduction to Psychology as the scientific study of thought, feeling, and behavior, and a helping profession dedicated to solving human problems.

Careers: Psychology includes a variety of sub-fields, including clinical, counseling, developmental, forensic, social, cognitive, biological, and personality psychology. Most career options require more than two years of college study. Psychology is usually the second most popular Bachelor's Degree in the U.S. Bachelor's graduates often go into "people" professions, such as management, administrators in organizations, the helping professions, and teaching. Transferring, completion of a bachelor's degree, and graduate studies in Psychology can lead to careers as psychotherapists, college professors, scientific researchers, administrators, and business consultants.

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Details: Most courses in the Psychology major requirements satisfy both major and CSU-GE/IGETC general education requirements; however, the units are only counted once toward the 60 unit requirement for an Associate's Degree. Some variations in requirements may exist at certain four-year institutions; therefore, students who intend to transfer should consult a counselor, use assist.org, and are advised to refer to the catalog of the prospective transfer institution. The associate degree curriculum also fulfills lower division general education requirements for transfer to the CSU and the UC systems. The CSU admission benefit does not guarantee admission to specific majors or campuses, only into the CSU system at some campus.

See also the Psychology Area website:

<https://www.dvc.edu/academics/departments/social-science/psychology/index.html>