



## **CURRICULUM GUIDE 2012-2013**

### **PSYCHOLOGY**

#### **Associate in Arts in Psychology for Transfer (AA-T)**

The Student Transfer Achievement Reform Act (Senate Bill 1440, now codified in California Education Code sections 66746-66749) guarantees admission to a California State University (CSU) campus for any community college student who completes an "associate degree for transfer," a newly established variation of the associate degrees traditionally offered at a California community college. The Associate of Arts in Psychology for Transfer is intended for students who plan to complete a bachelor's degree in a similar major at a CSU campus. Students completing this degree are guaranteed admission to the CSU system, but not to a particular campus or major. In order to earn one of these degrees, students must complete a minimum of 60 required semester units of CSU-transferable coursework with a minimum GPA of 2.0. Students transferring to a CSU campus that does accept the Associate in Arts for Transfer will be required to complete no more than 60 units after transfer to earn a bachelor's degree. This degree may not be the best option for students intending to transfer to a particular CSU campus or to university or college that is not part of the CSU system. Students should consult with a counselor when planning to complete the degree for more information on university admission and transfer requirements.

Benefits to students completing the Associate in Arts in Psychology for Transfer are that students will earn an associate degree and transfer to a university. Additionally, the Associate in Arts in Psychology for Transfer establishes a clear pathway to transfer. Students who complete the Associate in Arts in Psychology for Transfer will be prepared for employment in public relations, social work, human resources, education, and recreational therapy, among other careers.

#### **Requirements for Associate in Arts for Transfer Degree:**

- a) Complete all Major and Supporting Courses with a grade of C or better.
- b) Complete Plan B or Plan C General Education requirements. These requirements are specified in the Ohlone College catalog.
- c) Complete a minimum of 60 CSU-transferable semester units.
- d) Complete a minimum grade point average (GPA) of at least 2.0 in all CSU-transferable coursework. While a minimum GPA of 2.0 is required for admission, some majors may require a higher GPA. Please consult with a counselor for more information.
- e) Complete a minimum of 21 semester units in the Psychology major.
- f) Complete at least 12 units at Ohlone College.

### Student Learning Outcomes

1. Demonstrate familiarity with the major concepts, theoretical perspectives, empirical findings, and historical trends in psychology.
2. Apply psychological principles to better understand, recognize, and appreciate personal, social, and multicultural, and diversity issues.
3. Recognize what makes psychology a science and will be able to identify the basic research methods used in studying behavior and mental processes.
4. Use critical and creative thinking when approaching scientific information and scientific questions.

### MAJOR FIELD

MATH-159	Introduction to Statistics	5
PSY-101	General Psychology	3
PSY-120	Biological Psychology	3
SOC-103	Social Science Research Methods	<u>4</u>
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Choose two courses from the following:		
PSY-105	Child Development	3
PSY-108	A Survey of Human Development	3
PSY-115	Abnormal Psychology	<u>3</u>
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	Total Required Units	21