

## PSYCHOLOGY MAJORS (Suggested Associate in Arts Degree Curriculum)

This worksheet is designed to help students select courses which are likely to apply to a major in **PSYCHOLOGY**. These suggested courses satisfy requirements in the Associate in Arts degree program at Prairie State College and provide the basis for transferring to a four-year institution. This program meets the guidelines of the **IAI (Illinois Articulation Initiative) Baccalaureate Major Panel for Psychology**. Students should obtain a copy of the **Associate in Arts Degree Worksheet** and visit the IAI website at [www.iTransfer.org](http://www.iTransfer.org) for more information.

The Psychology transfer program provides a broad general education background and prepares students for the specialized course work undertaken during the last two years of a baccalaureate program. Students who plan to major in psychology are encouraged to complete foundation course work in sciences and mathematics in addition to a core of basic psychology courses. It is recommended that students complete the Associate in Arts degree prior to transfer.

### SUGGESTED CURRICULUM

*Each senior institution has its own transfer policies. Therefore, we cannot guarantee the accuracy of this information in regard to every individual school. Consult the school of your choice and/or the Prairie State College Advising Center to discuss the transferability of courses.*

#### TRANSFERABLE GENERAL EDUCATION CORE (37-39 credits)

##### Area A: Communications ( 9 credits)

ENG 101 (3)	[C1 900]*	Composition I (Prereq. ENG 099, C or better, or qualifying score on English Placement Test)
ENG 102 (3)	[C1 901R]*	Composition II (Prereq. ENG 101, C or better)
COMM 101(3)	[C2 900]	Principles of Communication (Prereq. Placement in ENG 099 or above)

*\*Must have a C or better in ENG 101 & 102 to receive credit for the degree.*

##### Area B: Humanities and Fine Arts ( 9 credits)

Select three courses with at least one course selected from the humanities area and one course from the fine arts area. Refer to the Associate in Arts Degree Worksheet, Area B, for a listing of approved course choices.

Humanities Course (3)	Select any Area B Humanities Course (Prereq. Placement in ENG 099 or above)
Fine Arts Course (3)	Select any Area B Fine Arts Course (Prereq. Placement in ENG 099 or above)
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##### Area C: Mathematics ( 3-4 credits)

MATH 115 (3)	[M1 902]	General Education Statistics (Prereq. MATH 095 & 096 with C or better, <b>OR</b> MATH 095 & one year of high school geometry, both with C or better, <b>OR</b> qualifying score on Math Placement Test)
<b>OR</b>		
MATH 153 (4)	[M1 902]	Probability & Statistics (Prereq. MATH 151 with C or better or qualifying score on Math Placement Test)
<b>OR</b>		
MATH 155 (4)	[M1 906]	Finite Mathematics (Prereq. MATH 151 with C or better or qualifying score on Math Placement Test)
<b>OR</b>		
MATH 157 (5)	[M1 900-B]	Calculus for Business & Social Science Majors (Prereq. MATH 151 with C or better or qualifying score on Math Placement Test)

##### Area D: Physical and Life Sciences ( 7-8 credits)

Select one life science course and one physical science course. One course must have a lab component. Refer to the Associate in Arts Degree Worksheet, Area D, for a listing of approved course choices.

Life Science Course (3-4)	Select any Area D Life Science Course. BIOL 112 recommended.
Physical Science Course (3-4)	Select any Area D Physical Science Course (Prereq. Placement in ENG 099 or above)

##### Area E: Social and Behavioral Sciences (9 credits)

Select three courses in at least two different disciplines. Refer to the Associate in Arts Worksheet, Area E, for a listing of approved course choices.

PSYCH 101 (3)	[S6 900]	Introduction of Psychology (Prereq. Placement in ENG 099 or above)
Social/Behavioral Sci Course (3)	Select any Area E Social/Behav Sci Course other than PSYCH	
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## PSYCHOLOGY MAJOR COURSE RECOMMENDATIONS (23-25 credits)

(Check with the school to which you plan to transfer to verify the transferability of these courses for this major)

Select 23-25 credits from the “suggested” course recommendations listed below:

### Suggested IAI Psychology Major courses include: Select three courses (9 credits)

PSYCH 102 (3) [PSY 904]	Human Growth & Development: Life-Span (Prereq. PSYCH 101)
PSYCH 203 (3) [PSY 905]	Abnormal Psychology (Prereq. PSYCH 101)
PSYCH 204 (3) [PSY 906]	Industrial/Organizational Psychology (Prereq. PSYCH 101)
PSYCH 212 (3) [PSY 907]	Theories of Personality (Prereq. PSYCH 101)
PSYCH 215 (3) [PSY 908]	Social Psychology (Prereq. PSYCH 101)

### Other suggested psychology major courses often include: (14-16 credits)

Note: Students who plan to major in psychology are also encouraged to complete additional foundation courses in sciences (e.g. biology, chemistry, physics) and mathematics (e.g. college algebra, calculus and statistics). The number of psychology courses taken at the freshman/sophomore level should generally not exceed 12 credits and should be limited to the courses recommended above.

BIOL 221 (4) Human Anatomy and Physiology I (Prereq. BIOL 111 with C or better; or CHEM 105 with C or better; or high school chemistry within the past 5 years with C or better)

BIOL 222 (4) Human Anatomy and Physiology II (Prereq. BIOL 221)

### Other suggested courses that satisfy the PSC AA degree requirements may include electives such as:

Any additional general education courses selected from Areas B, C, D, or E

Any entry level majors course in a transferable major area

Any foreign language courses\*

Up to four credits of physical education courses

Additional courses recommended as transferable by the school to which you plan to transfer.

*\*Foreign Language Requirement: Some universities have a foreign language requirement. Generally, four years of a single foreign language in high school, or four semesters in college, will fulfill this requirement. It is recommended that students complete the entire sequence at one institution.*

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## 62 CREDITS REQUIRED FOR AN ASSOCIATE IN ARTS DEGREE

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### FOR TRANSFER INFORMATION:

Course Applicability System (CAS): [www.transfer.org](http://www.transfer.org)

Illinois Articulation Initiative (IAI): [www.iTransfer.org](http://www.iTransfer.org)

Links to Articulation Tables for Illinois Colleges: <http://www.itransfer.org/IAI/Other/Articulationlinks.taf>

Visit the web sites of colleges and universities to which you plan to transfer

### FOR CAREER INFORMATION:

American Psychological Association: [www.apa.org](http://www.apa.org)

Occupational Outlook Handbook, U.S. Department of Labor: <http://www.bls.gov/oco/home.htm>