

Moorpark College

Associate in Arts in Psychology (AA-T)

Program Goals and Objectives

Students who complete the Associate in Arts in Psychology for Transfer degree (AA-T in Psychology) will be able to use the scientific model to understand the mind and behavior of individuals and groups in contemporary society. Students who pursue this AA-T will be prepared to major in Psychology and transfer to a California State University (CSU). The program will also prepare students who are interested in studying psychology for a general understanding of the human mind and behavior useful in any career and in everyday life.

The goal of the Associate in Arts in Psychology for Transfer (AA-T) degree is to provide our intended transfer students with an alternative pathway by streamlining and aligning the degree requirements with the state transfer model curriculum (TMC). Students completing this degree are guaranteed admission to the CSU system and given priority admission consideration to their local CSU campus or to a program that is deemed similar to the major.

Program Student Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of this program, a student will be able to:

- use scientific principles to evaluate the validity of scientific studies and claims.
- demonstrate an understanding of perspectives, theories, and core concepts in Psychology.
- recognize and understand the impact and value of diversity on psychological research, theory, and application, including but not limited to: age, race, ethnicity, culture, gender, socioeconomic status, disability, and sexual orientation.
- discuss the value and use of Psychology in contemporary society.

Catalog Description

The Associate in Arts in Psychology for Transfer degree (AA-T in Psychology) is designed for students intending to major in Psychology and transfer to a four-year institution, and for students interested in studying Psychology for a general understanding of the human mind and behavior useful in any career and in everyday life. A major in psychology provides a scientific study of the mind and behavior of individuals and groups in contemporary society. The major also provides a background for upper-division and graduate study in the field of psychology and related specialties. Furthermore, this major provides the foundation for a variety of careers.

The AA-T in Psychology is intended for students who plan to transfer and complete a bachelor's degree in Psychology, or a "similar" major at a CSU campus. Each CSU campus determines which of the degrees it offers are "similar" and can be completed with the

preparation included in the AA-T in Psychology within 60 units once a student transfers, so which majors are “similar” varies from CSU to CSU. For a current list of what majors (and what options or areas of emphasis within that major) have been designated as “similar” to this degree at each CSU campus, please refer to the [CSU’s Associate Degree for Transfer Major and Campus Search](#) webpage and seek guidance from a Moorpark College counselor. Students completing the AA-T in Psychology degree are guaranteed admission to the CSU system, but not necessarily to a particular CSU campus or major.

To earn an AA-T in Psychology, students must:

1. Complete a minimum of 60 semester or 90 quarter units that are eligible for transfer to the California State University, including both of the following:
 - a. The California General Education Transfer Curriculum (Cal-GETC) requirements.
 - b. The required coursework for the AA-T in Psychology as listed in the Moorpark College catalog.

2. Complete all courses in the major and Cal-GETC with a grade of “C” or better or “P” if the course is taken on a "pass-no-pass" basis. Even though a “Pass/Credit” grade is allowed, it is highly recommended that students complete their major courses with a letter grade (A, B, or C). **Note:** the UC system allows a maximum of 14 semester (21 quarter) units of courses graded "Pass/No Pass" (Credit/No Credit) toward the 60 transferable semester units required for transfer admission.

3. Obtain a minimum grade point average (GPA) of 2.0 in all CSU-transferable coursework. While a minimum GPA of 2.0 is required for admission, some transfer institutions and majors may require a higher GPA. Please consult with a counselor for more information.

4. Complete a minimum of 12 semester units within the Ventura County Community College District.

Students transferring to a CSU campus that accepts the AA-T in Psychology will be required to complete no more than 60 units after transfer to earn a bachelor’s degree (unless the major is a designated “high-unit” major at a particular campus). This degree may not be the best option for students intending to transfer to a particular CSU campus or to a university or college that is not part of the CSU system. Students should consult with a counselor to obtain more information on university admission and transfer requirements.

Course ID	Title	Units/Hours
REQUIRED CORE: Complete the following		10
PSYC C1000	Introduction to Psychology	3
or PSYC C1000H	Introduction to Psychology - Honors	
PSY M06	Introduction to Behavioral Research Methods	3

Course ID	Title	Units/Hours
STAT C1000	Introduction to Statistics	4
or STAT C1000H	Introduction to Statistics - Honors	
or PSY M125	Statistics for the Behavioral and Social Sciences	
or SOC M125	Statistics for the Behavioral and Social Sciences	
Units from LIST A		3
Units from LIST B		3
Units from LIST C		3-5
Total Units for Major		19 - 21
LIST A: Complete one course (3 units)		3
PSY M02	Introduction to Behavioral Neuroscience	3
or PSY M02H	Honors: Introduction to Behavioral Neuroscience	
LIST B: Select one of the following		
PSY M05	Social Psychology	3
PSY M07	Developmental Psychology (Lifespan)	3
PSY M08	Abnormal Psychology	3
LIST C: Select one of the following		
Any course from LIST B not already used		
BIOL M01	Introduction to Biology	4
BIOL M02A	General Biology I	5
or BIOL M02AH	Honors: General Biology I	
PSY M03	Personal Growth and Social Awareness	3
PSY M04	Child Psychology	3
PSY M10	Dying and Death	3
PSY M13	Human Sexuality	3
PSY M14	Cross-Cultural Psychology	3

PSY M16	Personality Theories	3
Total Units for Major		19-21
General Education (Cal-GETC)		34
Double-Counted Units		9-13
Electives Units		14-20
Total Units Required for the AA-T Degree		60