# PSYCHOLOGY (For Transfer)

## DEGREES, CERTIFICATES AND AWARDS

Associate in Arts Degree in Psychology for Transfer (AA-T)

## DESCRIPTION

The Psychology program at IVC is designed to benefit both the student pursuing a career in psychology or related disciplines as well as the student desiring to acquire a personal understanding of psychology as it applies to everyday living. Psychology is the scientific study of human behavior and mental processes. It is a broad discipline which involves both pure and practical application of scientific principles as they apply to human development and adjustment. Although professional level positions require a graduate degree, BA holders find satisfying careers in a growing number of fields.

**The Associate in Arts for Transfer (AA-T) is intended for students who plan to complete a bachelor's degree in a similar major at a CSU campus. Students completing this degree (AA-T) are guaranteed admission to the CSU system, but not to a particular campus or major.**

## PROGRAM LEARNING OUTCOMES

1. Demonstrate understanding and analyze the major theoretical perspectives, historical trends, and current research in psychology.
2. Demonstrate and understanding of the interaction of the biological basis of behavior, cognition and emotion with the environmental basis for behavior, cognition and emotion.
3. Demonstrate critical thinking by applying psychological theory and the scientific approach, to understanding and solving diverse personal and social issues related to behavior and/or cognition.

## ASSOCIATE DEGREE PROGRAM ( For Transfer)

**The Associate in Arts for Transfer (AA-T) or the Associate in Science for Transfer (AS-T) degree** is intended for students who plan to complete a bachelor's degree in a similar major at a CSU campus. Students completing these degrees (AA-T or AS-T) 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 AA-T or AS-T 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). 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 this degree for more information on university admission and transfer requirements.

## CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Of the career opportunities identified many will usually require the completion of degree requirements at 4-year colleges and universities.

- Psychiatric Aide
- Social Services Director
- Survey Designer
- Mental Health Worker
- Sports Psychologist
- Space Psychologist
- Forensic Psychologist
- Employment Counselor
- Outreach Worker
- Human Factors Specialist
- Student Affairs Officer
- Probation Officer
- Research Director
- Social Research Trainee
- Drug Abuse Counselor
- Training Officer
- Personnel Analyst
- Psychometrist
- Administrator
- Therapist
- University Professor
- Mental Health Worker
- Drug Abuse Counselor
- Career Counselor
- Behavior Analyst
- Training Specialist
- Research Analyst
- Research Technician
- Personnel Management Specialist
- Public Health Statistician Trainee
- Community College Instructor
- Marriage and Family Therapist
- Marriage, Family, Child Counselor
- Community College Counselor
- Test Validation and Development Specialist
- Personnel Analyst/Manager

**Gainful Employment:** Federal regulations require institutions to provide students with Gainful Employment information for specific certificate programs offered at IVC. Please click on our Programs of Study link to view the information for each certificate program: **http://www.imperial.edu/courses-and-programs/programs-of-study/**

## TRANSFER PREPARATION

Courses that fulfill major requirements for an associate degree at Imperial Valley College may not be the same as those required for completing the major at a transfer institution offering a bachelor's degree. Students who plan to transfer to a four-year college or university should schedule an appointment with an IVC Counselor to develop a student education plan (SEP) before beginning their program.

### Transfer Resources:

**www.ASSIST.org** – CSU and UC Articulation Agreements and Majors Search Engine

**www.CSUMentor.edu** – CSU System Information

**www.universityofcalifornia.edu/admissions/index.html** - UC System Information

**www.aiccu.edu** – California Independent Colleges and Universities, Association of

**http://wiche.edu/wue** - Western Undergraduate Exchange Programs

## FINANCIAL AID

Paying for the cost of a college education requires a partnership among parents, students and the college. As the cost of higher education continues to rise we want you to know that IVC offers a full array of financial aid programs – grants, work study, scholarships, and fee waivers (we do not participate in the federal loan programs). These programs are available to both full and part time students who are seeking a degree or certificate. For those who qualify, financial aid is available to help with tuition, fees, books and supplies, food, housing, transportation, and childcare. Please log onto our website for additional information: **www.imperial.edu/students/financial-aid-and-scholarships/**

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## ASSOCIATE DEGREE PROGRAM

**PSYCHOLOGY**
Associate in Arts Degree in Psychology for Transfer (AA-T) – 19.0-20.0 units

ALL COURSES FOR THIS MAJOR MUST BE COMPLETED WITH A MINIMUM GRADE OF "C" OR BETTER.

**REQUIREMENTS FOR THE DEGREE**

**I.** **Units/GPA** – Must complete a maximum of 60 CSU-transferable semester units with a minimum grade point average (GPA) of at least 2.0 in all CSU-transferable coursework. *NOTE: While a minimum of 2.0 is required for admission, some institutions and majors may require a higher GPA. Please consult with a counselor for more information.*

**II.** **General Education** – Must complete one of the following general education transfer patterns:
A. California State University General Education Breadth Pattern (CSU GE-B) – 39 units minimum
B. Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum (IGETC) – 37 units minimum

**III.** **Nineteen-Twenty (19-20) units required for the major.**

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| **Required for the Major (10 units)** | | | |
| PSY | 214 | Statistical Methods in Behavioral Sciences | 4.0 |
| **OR** | | | |
| MATH | 119 | Elementary Statistics (4.0) | |
| PSY | 101 | Introduction to Psychology | 3.0 |
| PSY | 212 | Research Methods in Psychology | 3.0 |
| **List A: Select one (3-4 units):** | | | **3.0-4.0** |
| BIOL | 100 | Principles of Biological Science (4.0) | |
| BIOL | 180 | General Biology: Molecules, Cells and Genetics (4.0) | |
| PSY | 200 | Biological Psychology (3.0) | |
| **List B: Select one (3 units):** | | | **3.0-4.0** |
| Any course from List A not already used. | | | |
| PSY | 202 | Learning (3.0) | |
| **List C: Select one (3 units):** | | | **3.0** |
| Any course from List A or B not already used. | | | |
| PSY | 204 | Developmental Psych: Conception to Death (3.0) | |
| PSY/SOC | 206 | Social Psychology (3.0) | |
| PSY | 208 | Abnormal Psychology (3.0) | |

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| Total Major Units | 18.0-19.0 |
| CSU-GE or IGETC Pattern | 37.0-39.0 |
| Electives (as needed to reach 60 degree applicable units) | ____ |
| **Total Maximum Units:** | **60.0** |