

PSYCHOLOGY

DEGREES, CERTIFICATES AND AWARDS

Associate in Art Degree (A.A.)

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.

ASSOCIATE DEGREE AND CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAMS

The Associate in Arts (AA) or the Associate in Science (AS) Degree involves satisfactory completion of a minimum of 60 semester units with a C average or higher, including grades of C in all courses required for the major, and fulfillment of all IVC district requirements for the associate's degree along with all general education requirements. The degree provides a sound basis for transfer to upper division institutions for additional degrees or for higher vocational preparation. To be eligible to receive an Associate Degree the student must complete the requirements for the major, the District requirements for an Associate Degree, and the General Education requirements. In addition students must maintain a minimum grade point average and meet the minimum grade requirements of their program. Detailed information is available in the college catalog.

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.org – 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 MAJOR – A.A. DEGREE

Twenty-one (21) units required for the major.

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

I. Required courses for the major (9.0 units)

PSY	101	Introduction to Psychology	3.0
PSY	200	Biological Psychology	3.0
PSY	202	Learning	3.0

II. Select a minimum of twelve (12.0) units from any of the following courses

ADS/PSY	120	Introduction to Counseling (3.0)	
ADS/PSY	220	Practicum (3.0)	
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MATH	119	Elementary Statistics (4.0)	
PSY	142	Psychology of Adjustment (3.0)	
PSY	144	The Psychology of Interpersonal Relationships (3.0)	
PSY	146	Psychology of Human Sexuality (3.0)	
PSY	204	Developmental Psychology: Conception to Death (3.0)	
PSY/SOC	206	Social Psychology (3.0)	
PSY	208	Abnormal Psychology (3.0)	
PSY	212	Research Methods in Psychology (3.0)	

Total Major Units	21.0
IVC Graduation Requirements and GE Pattern:	30.0
Electives (as needed to reach 60 degree applicable units)	_____
Total Maximum Units:	60.0