

# PSYCHOLOGY

## ASSOCIATE IN SCIENCE (AS) DEGREE PSYCHOLOGY CONCENTRATION

For students considering a major in PSYCHOLOGY upon transferring to a four-year institution, the Associate of Science degree with a PSYCHOLOGY concentration from ACC offers a strong foundation, providing essential courses that serve as building blocks for advanced study.

A concentration in PSYCHOLOGY can lead to diverse career opportunities, including clinical psychology, cognitive psychology, experimental psychology, forensic psychology, health psychology, physiological psychology, and neuropsychology.

### Program Objectives

Upon graduating from ACC with an Associate of Science degree with a concentration in PSYCHOLOGY, students will:

1. **Demonstrate** a foundational understanding of psychological principles, including human behavior, cognitive processes, and mental health.
2. **Apply** critical thinking and research skills to analyze psychological studies and real-world scenarios.
3. **Communicate** psychological concepts effectively and be prepared for further academic study or careers in psychology, counseling, social services, and related fields.

It is strongly recommended that students consult with an ACC Academic Advisor in PSYCHOLOGY to ensure they meet specific program requirements, objectives, and transfer goals.

### PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS (PR)

**PSY 101**            **GENERAL PSYCHOLOGY (3/3)**

AND AT LEAST 3 OF THE FOLLOWING COURSES:

**PSY 226**            **DEVELOPMENTAL PSYCHOLOGY (3/3)**

**PSY 230**            **HUMAN SEXUALITY (3/3)**

**PSY 241**            **SOCIAL PSYCHOLOGY (3/3)**

**PSY 242**            **ABNORMAL PSYCHOLOGY (3/3)**

### GENERAL EDUCATION

#### DEGREE DISTRIBUTION REQUIREMENTS

##### GROUP 1 (G1) – ENGLISH COMPOSITION

Six (6) semester credits are required, including ENG 111 or 121 and 112, 122 or 123

##### GROUP 2 (G2) – SCIENCES/MATHEMATICS

Twenty (20) semester credits are required, including at least one laboratory science course. Courses will be taken in more than one academic discipline (course abbreviation/prefix). Note: Two (2) courses in Natural Sciences, including one with laboratory experience (from two disciplines), in addition to MTH 118 or MTH 121 or higher, are required to achieve the Michigan Transfer Agreement (MTA).

##### GROUP 3 (G3) – SOCIAL SCIENCES & HUMANITIES/FINE ARTS

Ten (10) semester credits are required in combination from both of these groups, with a minimum of three (3) credits from each group. Political Science or U.S. History courses used to satisfy the American Government requirement can be included. Courses will be taken in more than one academic discipline

(course abbreviation/prefix). Note: Two (2) courses in Social Sciences (from two disciplines) and two (2) courses in Humanities and Fine Arts (from two disciplines and excluding studio and performance classes) are required for the Michigan Transfer Agreement (MTA).

### ELECTIVE CREDITS (EC)

The remainder of credits for an AS degree with this concentration should be oriented toward additional courses in PSYCHOLOGY with prefixes **BIO, CEM, MTH, PSY, PHL, and SOC** when available in consultation with an ACC Academic Advisor in PSYCHOLOGY.

### RECOMMENDED COURSES - SEQUENCE

#### GROUP 1-4 REQUIREMENTS + ELECTIVE CREDITS

Meets ACC degree distribution and MTA requirements  
60 CREDITS - 65 CONTACT HOURS

YEAR 1 FALL	14 CREDITS
G1	ENG 111 ENGLISH COMPOSITION I (3/3)
G2	BIO 161 GENERAL COLLEGE BIOLOGY (4/5)
G2	MTH 123 COLLEGE ALGEBRA & ANALYTIC TRIG (4/4)
<b>G3 PR</b>	<b>PSY 101 GENERAL PSYCHOLOGY (3/3)</b>

YEAR 1 SPRING	17 CREDITS
G1	ENG 112 ENGLISH COMPOSITION II (3/3)
G2	GEO 127 PHYSICAL GEOGRAPHY (4/5)
G2	MTH 223 STATISTICAL METHODS (4/4)
<b>G3 PR</b>	<b>PSY 230 HUMAN SEXUALITY (3/3)</b>
G3	HST 121 EARLY WESTERN WORLD (3/3)

YEAR 2 FALL	16 CREDITS
G2	CEM 111 GENERAL CHEMISTRY (4/7)
G3	PLS 221 AMERICAN GOVERNMENT & POLITICS (3/3)
<b>G3 PR</b>	<b>PSY 226 DEVELOPMENTAL PSYCHOLOGY (3/3)</b>
<b>G3 PR</b>	<b>PSY 242 ABNORMAL PSYCHOLOGY (3/3)</b>
G3	SOC 123 INTRODUCTION TO SOCIOLOGY (3/3)

YEAR 2 SPRING	13 CREDITS
G3	HST 122 MODERN WESTERN WORLD (3/3)
<b>G3 PR</b>	<b>PSY 241 SOCIAL PSYCHOLOGY (3/3)</b>
G3	SPE 121 SPEECH COMMUNICATION (3/3) <i>or</i> SPE 123 PUBLIC COMMUNICATION (3/3)
EC	ELECTIVE GENERAL ELECTIVE (4/4)