

## SOCIAL SCIENCES & PUBLIC SERVICE

### GUIDED PATHWAY: PSYCHOLOGY

For more information, visit [www.dcccd.edu/psychology](http://www.dcccd.edu/psychology) and your academic advisor at your college.

The guided pathway in Psychology combines psychology and sociology courses with core courses to complete the associate degree. An Associate of Arts degree in this pathway prepares you to transfer to a university to earn a bachelor's degree that opens the door to careers such as a psychologist/clinician, psychiatric technician, caseworker, mental health technician, and many others. Due to the brain-based direction of psychology it is suggested that you complete a B.S. degree. However, a B.A. will also prepare you for graduate school and/or employment.

This is an example course sequence for students interested in Psychology. It does not represent a contract, nor does it guarantee course availability. Following this pathway will help you earn an AA degree <sup>ii</sup>, which will increase your chances of transfer to bachelor's-level programs. Courses that complete the Degree (D) are noted below. For official degree requirements, [click here](#).

Visit [www.dcccd.edu/TransferServices](http://www.dcccd.edu/TransferServices) to view the Top 15 colleges and universities students at the colleges of DCCCD transfer to. Visit with your academic advisor to choose courses that will help you to transfer to a specific university.



#### COLLEGE READINESS REQUIREMENTS

Enrolling in one or more courses may be necessary if assessment activities and previous academic experiences indicate a need for additional knowledge and skills:

##### READING & WRITING PLACEMENT

TSI READING MET:  YES  NO  
TSI WRITING MET:  YES  NO

##### MATH PLACEMENT

TSI MATH MET:  YES  NO

##### ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY

ENGLISH PROFICIENCY:  YES  NO

*IF TSI OR ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY NOT MET, INSERT COURSE(S) NEEDED*

DREA / DWRI / DIRW (CIRCLE ONE)

DMAT \_\_\_\_\_

ESOL \_\_\_\_\_

OTHER: \_\_\_\_\_

OTHER: \_\_\_\_\_

OTHER: \_\_\_\_\_

*Exemptions/waivers may exist. Speak with an academic advisor regarding placement in college readiness courses and your ability to enroll in core academic coursework.*

#### SEMESTER-BY-SEMESTER MAP FOR FULL-TIME STUDENTS <sup>iii</sup>

*ALL MAPS CAN BE MODIFIED TO FIT THE NEEDS OF PART-TIME STUDENTS*

D	SEMESTER 1	ACTION ITEMS
♦	<b>ENGL 1301</b> – Composition I <sup>iv</sup> (core course)	<input type="checkbox"/> Meet with your advisor to confirm your academic and career goals by the end of the semester. <input type="checkbox"/> At the end of the semester, begin researching colleges and universities where you would want to major in Psychology. <input type="checkbox"/> Meet with a career advisor/coach to research your career options with a Psychology degree.
♦	<b>HIST 1301</b> – United States History I (core course)	
♦	<b>MATH 1342</b> – Elementary Statistical Methods <sup>iv v</sup> (core course)	
♦	<b>PSYC 2301</b> – General Psychology (core course)	
♦	<b>EDUC 1300</b> – Learning Framework <sup>vi</sup>	

**TOTAL SEMESTER CREDIT HOURS: 15**

D	SEMESTER 2	ACTION ITEMS
♦	<b>ENGL 1302</b> – Composition II (core course)	<input type="checkbox"/> Meet with your advisor to confirm or update your academic/career pathway and program of study. <input type="checkbox"/> Ask about transfer advising to discuss options to pursue the bachelor's degree.
♦	<b>HIST 1302</b> – United States History II <sup>vi</sup> (core course)	
♦	<b>Choose One:</b> <b>ARTS 1301</b> – Art Appreciation <sup>vi</sup> (core course) <b>DANC 2303</b> – Dance Appreciation <sup>vi</sup> (core course) <b>DRAM 1310</b> – Introduction to Theater <sup>vi</sup> (core course) <b>HUMA 1315</b> – Fine Arts Appreciation <sup>vi</sup> (core course) <b>MUSI 1306</b> – Music Appreciation <sup>vi</sup> (core course)	
♦	<b>SPCH 1311</b> – Introduction to Speech Communication <sup>vi</sup> <b>OR</b> <b>SPCH 1315</b> – Public Speaking <sup>vi</sup> (all core courses) <b>OR</b> <b>SPCH 1321</b> – Business and Professional Communication <sup>vi</sup>	
♦	<b>PHED 1164</b> – Introduction to Physical Fitness and Wellness <sup>vi</sup> (core course)	
♦	<b>PSYC 2314</b> – Lifespan Growth & Development <sup>vi vii</sup>	

**TOTAL SEMESTER CREDIT HOURS: 16**

D	SEMESTER 3	ACTION ITEMS
♦	<b>GOVT 2305</b> – Federal Government (core course)	<input type="checkbox"/> Begin applying to your top choice universities. <input type="checkbox"/> Begin applying for Financial Aid and Scholarships ○ You can start the FAFSA in October for the next academic year (i.e., in October 2020 you can complete the FAFSA for if you plan to register for classes at a college or university Fall 2021). <input type="checkbox"/> Check with your advisor for important deadlines and dates.
♦	<b>BIOL 1406</b> – Biology for Science Majors I <sup>vi</sup> (core course)	
♦	<b>X3XX</b> Language, Philosophy and Culture Core Elective <sup>vi vii</sup> (core course)	
♦	<b>SOCI 1301</b> – Introduction to Sociology <sup>vi vii</sup>	
♦	<b>Select One PSYC Elective from:</b> <b>PSYC 2306</b> Human Sexuality, <b>PSYC 2315</b> Psychology of Adjustment, <b>PSYC 2316</b> Psychology of Personality, <b>PSYC 2319</b> Social Psychology	

**TOTAL SEMESTER CREDIT HOURS: 16**

D	SEMESTER 4	ACTION ITEMS
♦	<b>GOVT 2306</b> – Texas Government (core course)	<input type="checkbox"/> After reviewing your final program of study, apply for graduation. ○ Meet with your advisor to apply for the Associate of Arts degree ○ Sign up for commencement. <input type="checkbox"/> Request final transcripts to be sent to the college or university to where you will transfer. <input type="checkbox"/> Join the <a href="#">Alumni Network!</a>
♦	<b>BIOL 1407</b> – Biology for Science Majors II <sup>vi</sup> (core course)	
♦	Elective (3 hour) <sup>vii</sup>	
♦	<b>Select One PSYC Elective from:</b> <b>PSYC 2306</b> Human Sexuality, <b>PSYC 2315</b> Psychology of Adjustment, <b>PSYC 2316</b> Psychology of Personality, <b>PSYC 2319</b> Social Psychology	

**TOTAL SEMESTER CREDIT HOURS: 13**

**AA DEGREE MINIMUM: 60 SEMESTER CREDIT HOURS | PATHWAY TOTAL: 60 SEMESTER CREDIT HOURS**

<sup>i</sup> Degree plans may change in later catalogs. You may use this pathway if you entered one of the seven colleges on or before this date.

<sup>ii</sup> Students must earn at least 25% of the credit hours (15 hours) required for graduation through instruction by one of the DCCCD colleges awarding the degree.

<sup>iii</sup> This is not an official degree plan. For official degree requirements, [click here](#).

<sup>iv</sup> You must earn a grade of "C" or better in English 1301 and the selected college-level mathematics course and receive a GPA of at least 2.00 on all college-level course work.

<sup>v</sup> There are several options to fulfill this requirement. See your academic advisor for a specific list.

<sup>vi</sup> All college students with fewer than 12 semester credit hours of successful college credit (grade of "C" or above) must take a student success course in the first semester.

<sup>vii</sup> Elective courses should be selected according to the intended university you will transfer to. See your academic advisor for assistance with course selection.