

# PSYCHOLOGY

## Associate of Art / Associate of Science degree



### Program and Career Description:

The Psychology emphasis is a two-year program for students planning to complete a bachelor's degree at a four year school. Psychology is defined as the scientific study of behavior and mental processes. The qualities that make a good psychologist are also the qualities that make good business managers, health care workers, educators, or researchers. Psychology majors with advanced higher education degrees can teach at the college level. A few examples of career and salary estimates are listed below.

Career	Entry-Level Education	Entry-Level Pay	Median Pay	Experienced Pay
School Psychologist	Master's degree	\$46,530	\$65,380	\$88,160
Educational, Guidance, and Vocational Counselors	Master's degree	\$32,220	\$46,930	\$56,640
Clinical Psychologists	Doctoral or Professional degree	\$46,530	\$65,380	\$88,160
Psychology Teacher, Postsecondary	Master's degree or Doctoral degree	\$35,830	\$57,510	\$77,080

Career and salary information taken from [JOBS4TN.GOV](http://JOBS4TN.GOV). Check out this website for additional information about job descriptions, education requirements and abilities, and supply and demand for these careers. For additional information from a national perspective, go to Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor on the internet at [www.bls.gov](http://www.bls.gov). Visit the [Occupational Outlook Handbook](#) on this website. Salaries are not guaranteed.

### Transfer Options

This program is a Tennessee Transfer Pathway (TTP) major. A student who completes the associates degree in this major is guaranteed that all required community college courses will be accepted in this major at the transfer institution. To see which four-year institutions offer this TTP major and guarantees a seamless transfer, visit the Tennessee Transfer Pathway website at [www.tntransferpathway.org](http://www.tntransferpathway.org).

Articulation agreements exist between other private and non-TN public institutions. These agreements are available at [www.columbiastate.edu/admissions/transfer-information](http://www.columbiastate.edu/admissions/transfer-information).



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## Major in Tennessee Transfer Pathway with Emphasis in Psychology (A.A., A.S.)

### Program Requirements

Students may be required to take additional Learning Support courses.

#### Communications Requirement

COMM 2025 or COMM 2055  
ENGL 1010, 1020

#### History Requirement (Take 2 courses)

HIST 2010, 2020, 2030, 2310, 2320

#### Humanities/Fine Arts (Take 3 courses -- one must be a literature course)

ART 1035, 2000, 2020  
ENGL 2160, 2860  
HUM 1010, 1020  
MUS 1030  
PHIL 1030, 1040, 2200  
THEA 1030

Literature Options: ENGL 2055, 2130, 2235, 2310, 2320

#### Natural Sciences Requirement

BIOL 1110, 1120

#### Mathematics Requirement

MATH 1530

#### Social/Behavioral Sciences (Take 2 courses - one must be PSYC 1030)

ANTH 1230, 1430  
ECON 2100, 2200  
GEOG 2010  
MCOM 1110  
PHED 2120  
POLS 1010, 1030, 2025, 2035  
PSYC 2130 (can not be used more than once to satisfy program requirements)  
SOC 1010, 1040, 2010

#### Major Required Courses

COLS 101

Two of the following Psychology courses\*

PSYC 2110 (offered Fall only)  
PSYC 2120 (offered Spring only)  
PSYC 2130  
Electives\*\*

\*Students should consult the catalog and academic advisor of the institution to which they wish to transfer to determine which of these courses best meets baccalaureate requirements.

\*\*Note: An elective can be any college-level course.

If you have completed TN eCampus courses, run a degree audit from the student tab in myChargerNet to determine how these courses apply to this program.

### Sample Academic Plan

#### First Year – Fall Semester

___ ENGL 1010	English Composition I	3
___ PSYC 1030	Introduction to Psychology	3
___ History Requirement		3
___ MATH 1530	Introductory Statistics	3
___ Electives**		3
___ COLS 101	Columbia State College Success	1
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#### First Year – Spring Semester

___ ENGL 1020	English Composition II	3
___ COMM 2025	Fundamentals of Communication <b>or</b>	
___ COMM 2055	Argumentation and Debate	3
___ Social/Behavioral Science		3
___ History Requirement		3
___ Humanities/Fine Arts		3
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#### Second Year – Fall Semester

___ Literature Requirement		3
___ Electives**		3
___ BIOL 1110	General Biology I	4
___ Humanities/Fine Arts		3
___ PSYC Elective*		3
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#### Second Year – Spring Semester

___ BIOL 1120	General Biology II	4
___ PSYC Elective*		3
___ Electives**		6
		<b>13</b>

**TOTAL CREDIT HOURS 60**

\*\*Students pursuing the A.A. degree must complete 6 semester hours of the SAME foreign language.

#### Requirements for Graduation include:

- earning 25% of total program credits in residence at Columbia State.
- earn a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or higher.
- taking the Exit Exam.

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