

Palo Verde College

Program Outline Report

Program Basics

Program Title:	Psychology
Program Status:	Active from 2026-2027 Fall (2026FA)
Department:	Psychology
Award Type:	A.A. Degree for Transfer (Credit)
Program/Catalog Description	The Associate in Arts in Psychology for Transfer Degree introduces students to the psychological principles and methodologies used in the scientific study of mental processes and behaviors. Students will acquire the essential foundation and skills necessary to pursue advanced degrees in Psychology, a wide variety of occupational specializations in the field and a seamless transfer to CSU. The following is required for all AA-T or AS-T degrees: 1. Minimum of 60 CSU-transferable semester units. 2. Minimum grade point average (GPA) of at least 2.0 in all CSU-transferable coursework. While a minimum of 2.0 is required for admission, some majors may require a higher GPA. Please consult with a counselor for more information. 3. Completion of a minimum of 18 semester units in an "AA-T" or "AS-T" major. All courses in the major must be completed with a grade of C or better or a "P" if the course is taken on a "pass-no pass" basis (title 5 § 55063). 4. Certified completion of the CalGETC General Education Pattern. NOTE: Should the student fall below the 60 units between the major unit requirements and the CalGETC pattern, the deficit units shall be comprised of transferrable elective units.
Control Number:	30594
Credential ID:	No value
Transferability:	No value
(SP01) Program TOP Code:	2001.00
(SP01) Program TOP Code:	Psychology, General
(SP02) Student Program Award:	Associate of Arts (A.A.) degree
Maximum Credits:	60
Minimum Credits:	60
Curriculum Committee Approval Date:	12/11/2025
Board of Trustees Approval Date:	01/13/2026
External Review Approval Date:	01/13/2026

Proposal Details

Proposal Start:	2026-2027 Fall (2026FA)
What changes have been made to the program:	Updating to pull in Phase 2 A and B CCN.
Program Justification:	No value

Submission Rationale

Program Requirements

Psychology (Total 60)

Complete the following number of credits: 60

Required Core Courses (Total 10)

Complete the following number of credits: 10

STATC1000 - Introduction to Statistics	4
PSY150 - Introduction to Research Methods	3
PSYCC1000 - Introduction to Psychology	3

List A (select one course) (Total 3-5)

Complete the following number of credits: 3-5

PSY205 - Introduction to Biological Psychology	3
BIOLC1001 - Introduction to Biology	4
BIOLC1001L - Introduction to Biology Lab	1

List B (select one course) (Total 3)

Complete the following number of credits: 3

PSY215 - Social Psychology	3
PSY201 - Lifespan Development	3

List C (select one course) (Total 3)

Complete the following number of credits: 3

PSY110 - Personal and Social Adjustment I	3
PSY115 - Human Sexuality	3
PSY145 - Human Relations	3
PSY210 - Abnormal Psychology	3
PSY203 - Health Psychology	3
PSY202 - Positive Psychology	3
PSY220 - Counseling and Interviewing	3
CDEVC1000 - Child Growth and Development	3

CalGETC: Transfer General Education Requirements	34-38
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Recommended Sequences

No value

Program Outcomes

Associate in Arts in Psychology

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Performance

1. After completing the degree students will have acquired fundamental grounding in communication, critical thinking, scientific inquiry, and quantitative reasoning, the arts, literature and humanities, social, political and economic institutions, and self-development.

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Program Narrative

Narrative Item 1. Program Goals and Objectives

The Associate in Arts in Psychology for Transfer Degree introduces students to psychological principles and methodologies used in the scientific study of mental processes and behaviors. The Associate in Arts in Psychology for Transfer Degree provides students with the essential groundwork necessary to pursue advanced degrees in the field. Areas of study include: general psychology; lifespan development; the brain and behavior; diagnostic and clinical skills; research methodologies; and statistics.

The Associate in Arts in Psychology for Transfer Degree supports the mission of Palo Verde College by providing students with a comprehensive degree program that promotes student success, educational advancement, a multitude of career opportunities, and a seamless transfer to CSU.

Narrative Item 2. Catalog Description

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Transfer Model Curriculum TMC Template

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Transfer Documentation (AAM/BCT/GECC,C-ID)

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