

PSYCHOLOGY AREA OF CONCENTRATION WITHIN SOCIAL SCIENCES A.A. (TRANSFER)

Program website (<https://www.frederick.edu/programs/social-sciences/psychology.aspx>)

Program Description

Designed to provide students the opportunity to continue their education beyond the community college. Characteristic of this option is the acquiring of knowledge and skills related to working with individuals in providing for their emotional and psychological needs.

Program Learning Outcomes

- Demonstrate familiarity with the major concepts, theoretical perspectives, empirical findings, and historical trends in psychology through the successful completion of discipline specific courses.
- Explore and examine critical thinking using the scientific approach to solve problems related to human behavior and mental processes through completion of a series of application exercises.
- Apply psychological concepts, theories, and research findings to everyday life.
- Develop insight into one's own behavior and mental processes and apply effective strategies for self-management and self-improvements.
- Explore the elements of multiculturalism through learning about social constructs such as gender, SES, race, and ethnicity.
- Students will emerge from the program of study with ideas on how to implement one's knowledge of psychology, skills, and values in future occupational and educational pursuits.

Program Requirements

- Students must complete their credit **English and Mathematics** within the first 24 credits.
- One course must meet the cultural competence graduation requirement (<https://frederick-public.courseleaf.com/general-education-core/#cultural>).
- **CORE: The General Education CORE** is that foundation of the higher education curriculum providing a coherent intellectual experience for all students. Students should check with an advisor or the transfer institution (ARTSYS) before selecting General Education CORE requirements. <http://artsys.usmd.edu/>
- In some General Education categories (Mathematics, Biological & Physical Sciences), a 4-credit course selected from the GenEd course list will satisfy the requirement in place of a 3-credit course. Students should check with an advisor before selecting these courses.
- For the Physical Education, Health, or Nutrition requirement, a 3-credit PHED, HLTH, or NUTR course may satisfy the requirement in place of a 1-credit course. Students should check with an advisor before selecting this course.
- Students must earn a grade of "C" or better in ENGL 101 English Composition.

- Students must complete a minimum of nine credits at the 200-level.

Code	Title	Credits
English		
ENGL 101	English Composition	3
Mathematics		
Mathematics Elective (Gen Ed course list) (https://frederick-public.courseleaf.com/general-education-core/#mathematics) - Recommended course(s) below:		3
MATH 175	Applied Calculus	
MATH 120	Statistics	
Social & Behavioral Sciences		
Social & Behavioral Sciences Elective (Gen Ed course list) (https://frederick-public.courseleaf.com/general-education-core/#social-behavioral) - select two courses from different disciplines		6
Arts & Humanities		
Arts Elective (Gen Ed course list) (https://frederick-public.courseleaf.com/general-education-core/#arts)		3
Humanities Elective (Gen Ed course list) (https://frederick-public.courseleaf.com/general-education-core/#humanities) - Recommended course(s) below:		3
PHIL 105	Ethics	
Communication Elective (Gen Ed course list) (https://frederick-public.courseleaf.com/general-education-core/#communication)		3
Biological & Physical Sciences		
Biological & Physical Sciences Elective (Gen Ed course list) (https://frederick-public.courseleaf.com/general-education-core/#biological-physical) - Recommended course(s) below:		3
BSCI 107	Study of the Human Body	
BSCI 117	Human Biology	
Biological & Physical Sciences Elective (Gen Ed course list) (https://frederick-public.courseleaf.com/general-education-core/#biological-physical) (lab course) - Recommended course(s) below:		4
BSCI 150	Principles of Biology I	
General Education Elective		
General Education Elective (Gen Ed course list) (https://frederick-public.courseleaf.com/general-education-core/#general)		3
Physical Education, Health, or Nutrition Requirement		
Select one PHED, HLTH, or NUTR course		1
Concentration Courses		
PSYC 101	General Psychology	3
PSYC 201	Developmental Psychology	3
PSYC 202	Social Psychology	3
PSYC 206	Abnormal Psychology	3
Select one Social Science course from Anthropology, Criminal Justice, Economics, Education, Geography, History, Human Services, Political Science, Psychology, or Sociology		3
Electives		
Select 13 credits; recommended electives might include: ¹		13
PSYC 204	Psychology of Adolescence	
PSYC 205	Psychology of Aging	
PSYC 207	Death and Dying	
SOCY 212	Gender and Society	
SOCY 101	Introduction to Sociology	
SOCY 102	Social Problems	
SOCY 202	Families and Society	
World language		
Total Credits		60

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Students should check with an advisor or the transfer institution (ARTSYS) before selecting their electives.

Transfer Note

For more information on careers and transfer, contact the Career and Academic Planning Services office at 301.846.2471 or visit Transfer

Services (<https://www.frederick.edu/student-resources/counseling-advising/transfer-services.aspx>).

Guided Pathway to Success (GPS)

Suggested schedules map your path to degree completion.

Students should meet with an advisor each semester to carefully select and sequence courses based on their specific academic goals and interests. Visit Jefferson Hall or call 301.846.2471 for advising.

Recommended First Semester		Credits
ENGL 101	English Composition ¹	3
PSYC 101	General Psychology (Milestone)	3
Mathematics Elective (Gen Ed course list) (https://frederick-public.courseleaf.com/general-education-core/#mathematics) - Recommended course(s) below: ¹		3-4
MATH 175	Applied Calculus	
MATH 120	Statistics	
Biological & Physical Sciences Elective (Gen Ed course list) (https://frederick-public.courseleaf.com/general-education-core/#biological-physical) (lab course) - Recommended course(s) below:		4
BSCI 150	Principles of Biology I	
Arts Elective (Gen Ed course list) (https://frederick-public.courseleaf.com/general-education-core/#arts)		3
Credits		16-17
Recommended Second Semester		Credits
PSYC 201	Developmental Psychology (Milestone)	3
Social & Behavioral Sciences Elective (Gen Ed course list) (https://frederick-public.courseleaf.com/general-education-core/#social-behavioral)		3
Communication Elective (Gen Ed course list) (https://frederick-public.courseleaf.com/general-education-core/#communication)		3
Elective ²		3
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Credits		15
Recommended Third Semester		Credits
PSYC 202	Social Psychology (Milestone)	3
Social & Behavioral Sciences Elective (Gen Ed course list) (https://frederick-public.courseleaf.com/general-education-core/#social-behavioral) (in a different discipline from first)		3
Humanities Elective (Gen Ed course list) (https://frederick-public.courseleaf.com/general-education-core/#humanities) - Recommended course(s) below:		3
PHIL 105	Ethics	
Biological & Physical Sciences Elective (Gen Ed course list) (https://frederick-public.courseleaf.com/general-education-core/#biological-physical) - Recommended course(s) below:		3-4
BSCI 107	Study of the Human Body	
BSCI 117	Human Biology	
Elective ²		3
Credits		15-16
Recommended Fourth Semester		Credits
PSYC 206	Abnormal Psychology (Milestone)	3
General Education Elective (Gen Ed course list) (https://frederick-public.courseleaf.com/general-education-core/#general)		3
Physical Education, Health, or Nutrition Requirement		1,3
Social Science Elective ³		3
Elective (credits may vary to fulfill 60 credits for degree) ²		4
Credits		14-16
Total Credits		60-64

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Take this course within the first 24 credits.

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Students should check with an advisor or transfer institution (ARTSYS) before selecting their electives. Depending on the transfer institution, recommended electives might include: PSYC 204 Psychology of Adolescence, PSYC 207 Death and Dying, SOCY 101 Introduction to Sociology, SOCY 102 Social Problems, or SOCY 212 Gender and Society or world language.

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Choose one Social Science course from Anthropology (ANTH), Criminal Justice (CCJS), Economics (ECON), Geography (GEOG), History (HIST), Human Services (HUMS), Political Science (POSC), Psychology (PSYC), or Sociology (SOCY).

Transfer Note: FCC has articulation agreements with Mt. St. Mary's University, University of Maryland College Park/Shady Grove, and Stevenson University for students completing their associate degree and who are looking for transfer opportunities. For more information, contact Counseling & Advising at 301.846.2471.

Part-time Students

Part-time students should complete courses in the order listed on the pathway. Please contact program manager for questions about part-time status.

Students who take fewer than 15 credits each semester or who require developmental English or Math coursework will need additional semesters to complete their degrees. Summer term and January session classes may help students to make faster progress.

Pathway Legend

Milestone - courses with the Milestone notation should be taken within the recommend credit range to stay on track for program completion.

Fall, Spring, Summer - courses with a Fall, Spring, or Summer notation indicate the course is offered in the specified semester only.