

PSYCHOLOGY

ASSOCIATE IN SCIENCE DEGREE PROGRAM

When someone hears the word “Psychologist” a few images may come to mind. A researcher, a teacher, a person who provides mental health treatment. While these are true definitions of the field of Psychology, the scope of the field of study is much broader. The Associate in Science in Psychology program provides students with the opportunity to explore one of the most diverse and exciting fields of study in the world. Psychology attempts to describe, explain, predict, and at times, control the circumstances that impact our day-to-day lives. Psychologists study brain science, cognition, climate and the environment, human development, forensics, industrial and other work-related factors, teaching and learning, rehabilitation, social interaction, and communication.

“The greatest discovery of my generation is that human beings can alter their lives by altering their attitudes of mind.” William James (1842-1910) President of the American Psychological Association in 1894



Engage in innovative and integrative thinking



What Psychology graduates do:

- Predict and understand the behavior of individuals and groups
- Understand how to use and interpret data
- Evaluate the legitimacy of claims about behavior
- Know how memory and learning function
- Have insight into problematic behaviors
- Demonstrate the capacity to adapt to change
- Manage difficult situations and high stress environments

Career Opportunities:

- Psychiatric nursing assistant
- Youth counselor
- Case technician
- Human services assistant
- Home care aide
- Addiction rehabilitation assistant

For further questions about this program, please contact: enrollment@kvcc.me.edu

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First Semester

COM104	Introduction to Communication	OR	
COM105	Interpersonal Communication		3
ENG101	College Composition		3
MAT111	Quantitative Reasoning		3
PSY101*	Introduction to Psychology		3
PSY102*	Psychology Seminar		1
	Lab Science		4

Second Semester

ENG121	Introduction to Literature		3
PSY204*	Abnormal Psychology		3
PSY215*	Developmental Psychology		3
SOC101*	Introduction to Sociology		3

Third Semester

ENG218	Advanced Academic Writing		3
PSY209*	Biopsychology		3
PSY224*	Statistics for Psychology		4
PSY2XX	200 Level PSY Elective		3
	Pathway Elective		3

Fourth Semester

PSY234*	Research Methods		4
	Fine Arts Elective		3
PSY200*	History of Psychology		3
	Pathway Elective		3
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Total Credits	64
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CRITERIA FOR GRADUATION

Completion of 64 credits, and a grade of “C” or better in all core courses (*) and a cumulative GPA of 2.0, or better, are required for graduation.

TRANSFER INFORMATION

Nearly every four-year institution in the State of Maine (and beyond) offers a degree in Psychology. The core courses in the Associate of Science in Psychology have been selected to ensure maximum alignment with the standard first two-year requirements in many of these programs. The development of specific articulation agreements with these institutions is continuous. Please refer to the program website for information on specific agreements for transfer that we have created with various institutions.

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DESCRIPTION

The Associate in Science in Psychology is a program designed to provide students with an interest in Psychology the opportunity to explore the breadth and depth of different areas of study that fall into the field of Psychology. The program core requirements have been selected to provide a broad overview of the major areas and focal points of the field and to align with the basic core requirements of Psychology majors at 4-year institutions.

PROGRAM MISSION

The Associate in Science in Psychology program provides students the opportunity to engage in career exploration within the broad field of Psychology and Social Sciences, to develop critical thinking and problem-solving skills related to the human condition, to develop “psychological literacy” skills related to understanding circumstances and diversity in explaining human behavior, and to develop scientific reasoning skills applicable to all fields of human activity.

EDUCATIONAL OUTCOMES

Upon successful completion of the Psychology program, a graduate is expected to:

- Describe key concepts, principles, and overarching themes in psychology.
- Develop a working knowledge of psychology’s content domains.
- Describe applications of psychology.
- Apply scientific reasoning to interpret psychological phenomena.
- Demonstrate psychology information literacy.
- Interpret, design, and conduct basic psychological research.
- Incorporate sociocultural factors in scientific inquiry.
- Apply ethical standards to evaluate psychological science and practice.
- Discuss values that build community at local, national, and global levels.
- Demonstrate effective written, presentation and teamwork skills.
- Establish and engage in a process of continued professional growth.
- Demonstrate project-management skills.

COLLEGE ADMISSION

General admission guidelines can be found on [page 33](#) in the catalog.