

Psychology, Associate in Arts

The Psychology degree offers a scientific framework for understanding the how and why of human behavior. Understanding the thinking, actions and motives of self and others has direct vocational use in many career areas, such as education, social work and allied health. Knowledge of psychology is required in many professional and paraprofessional fields. The program offers a range of courses designed to meet the varied interests and needs of undergraduate students. This degree can be earned part-time.

Atlantic Cape has a transfer agreement with Rutgers University-Camden for Psychology majors. To ensure that the specific requirements of the transfer college are met, all students interested in this option should contact the department chair.

For information, contact department chair, Dr. Beth Sanders-Rabinowitz, at (609)343-4982 or bsanders@atlanticcape.edu.

Upon completion of this program students will be able to:

- Demonstrate the methods of inquiry and techniques used in psychology research leading to a comprehension that psychology is based on empirical evidence;
- Describe ethical considerations in psychological research using animals, children and adults;
- Identify, question, compare and contrast various theoretical perspectives of human development;
- Distinguish and evaluate information from various sources using methods of inquiry;
- Apply major theoretical concepts of psychology and its role in the economic, political, and cultural institutions of society.

(PSYH-Fall 2023)

General Education Courses

When a course is not specified, refer to the list of approved General Education courses.

Communication

Course #	Title	Credits
ENGL101	Composition I	3
ENGL102	Composition II	3
	Choose: COMM110 or COMM120 (3 credits)	3

Mathematics-Science-Technology

Course #	Title	Credits
MATH220	Statistical Methods	4
	General Education Science Course (BIOL) (4 credits)	4

Social Science

Course #	Title	Credits
PSYC101	General Psychology	3
SOCL101	Principles of Sociology	3

Humanities

Course #	Title	Credits
	Choose: ARTS103, ARTS108, ARTS109, ARTS115, DANC170, MUSC100 or THEA110 (3 credits)	3
	Choose: ENGL104, ENGL201, ENGL202, ENGL205, ENGL206, ENGL213 or ENGL214 (3 credits)	3

History

Course #	Title	Credits
	Choose: HIST101, HIST102, HIST103 or HIST104 (3 credits)	3
	Choose: HIST101, HIST102, HIST103 or HIST104 (3 credits)	3

Diversity

Course #	Title	Credits
	Choose: GEOG102 or GEOG110 (3 credits)	3

Program Courses

**Note: Students planning on transferring to Rutgers University-Camden, please note that PSYC226 will transfer as a free elective, not as a program course. EDUC220 should be taken concurrently or after PSYC213.*

Course #	Title	Credits
PSYC/SOCL204	Social Psychology	3
PSYC212	Personality and Adjustment	3
PSYC214	Abnormal Psychology	3
	Choose: PSYC135 or PSYC207 or PSYC225 or PSYC230 (3 credits)	3
	Choose: PSYC213 or PSYC226* (3 credits)	3

Liberal Arts Electives*

*It is recommended that students who choose to take PSYC213 take EDUC220 (1 credit).

Course #	Title	Credits
	Liberal Arts Electives (7 credits)	7

Technological Competency: 0-4 Credits

(Is fulfilled with CISM125, CISM132, testing or reviewed departmental portfolio.)

Total Credits	60
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Recommended Sequence of Courses

First Semester

Course #	Title	Credits
ENGL101	Composition I	3
PSYC101	General Psychology	3
MATH220	Statistical Methods	4
	Choose: HIST101, HIST102, HIST103 or HIST104 (3 credits)	3
	Choose: ARTS103, ARTS108, ARTS109, ARTS115, DANC170, MUSC100 or THEA110 (3 credits)	3

Second Semester

**Note: Students planning on transferring to Rutgers University-Camden, please note that PSYC226 will transfer as a free elective, not as a program course.*

***It is recommended that students who choose to take PSYC213 take EDUC220 (1 credit).*

Course #	Title	Credits
ENGL102	Composition II	3
SOCL101	Principles of Sociology	3
	General Education Science Course (BIOL) (4 credits)	4
	Choose: PSYC213 or PSYC226* (3 credits)	3
	Liberal Arts Elective** (1, 3, or 4 credits)	1-4

Third Semester

Course #	Title	Credits
PSYC212	Personality and Adjustment	3
	Choose: COMM110 or COMM120 (3 credits)	3
	Choose: PSYC135 or PSYC207 or PSYC225 or PSYC230 (3 credits)	3
	Choose: ENGL104, ENGL201, ENGL202, ENGL205, ENGL206, ENGL213 or ENGL214 (3 credits)	3
	Choose: HIST101, HIST102, HIST103 or HIST104 (3 credits)	3

Fourth Semester

**If necessary to total 7 credits of Liberal Arts Electives.*

Course #	Title	Credits
PSYC214	Abnormal Psychology	3
PSYC/SOCL204	Social Psychology	3
	Choose: GEOG102 or GEOG110 (3 credits)	3
	Liberal Arts Elective (3 or 4 credits)	3-4
	Liberal Arts Elective* (3 credits)	3