

# Psychology

## Associate in Arts

Minimum of 61 credit hours

Psychology is a field that studies the human mind and behavior to better understand and explain interaction of thoughts, emotions and behaviors. In the study of psychology, students at Oklahoma City Community College learn how the human brain organizes and interprets information and how that interpretation affects a person's perceptions and interactions with others. Students working toward an associate degree in arts in psychology also learn more about the complexities of the learning process, motivation and effects of stress on health in addition to understanding psychological disorders and treatments.

### Course Sequence

Course ID	Course Name	Credits	Type	Min Gd
<b>Suggested Freshman 1st Semester</b>				
SCL 1001	Success in College and Life	1	Life Skills	
PSY 1113	Introduction to Psychology	3	Major	
ENGL 1113	English Composition I	3	Gen Ed	
HIST 1483	U.S. History to The Civil War	OR	Gen Ed	
HIST 1493	U.S. History Since The Civil War	3	Gen Ed	
BIO	Biological Science	3-4	Gen Ed	
MATH 1513	College Algebra for Business, Life Sciences and Social Sciences	OR	Gen Ed	
MATH 1503	Contemporary Mathematics	OR	Gen Ed	
MATH 2013	Introduction to Statistics	3	Gen Ed	
<b>Suggested Freshman 2nd Semester</b>				
PSY 2403	Developmental Psychology	3	Major	
ENGL 1213	English Composition II	3	Gen Ed	
POLSC 1113	American Federal Government	3	Gen Ed	
PHYS	Any Physical Science	3-4	Gen Ed	
GEN ED	Gen Ed Elective	3	Gen Ed	
<b>Suggested Sophomore 1st Semester</b>				
PSYCH	Psychology Elective	3	Major	
SOC 1113	Introduction to Sociology	3	Gen Ed	
HUM	Humanities Elective	3	Gen Ed	
FA SUPPORT	Faculty Approved Support Electives	3	Support	
<b>Suggested Sophomore 2nd Semester</b>				
PSYCH	Psychology Elective	6	Major	
HUM	Humanities Elective	3	Gen Ed	
FA SUPPORT	Faculty Approved Support Electives	5	Support	
SOC SC	Social Science Elective	3	Gen Ed	

### Course Grouping

Major Courses: (15 credit hours) \*\* Psychology: PSY 1113; twelve credit hours of psychology electives, which must include PSY 2403 and two of the following: PSY 2123; PSY 2193; or PSY 2743.

General Education Courses: (37 credit hours) English: ENGL 1113; ENGL 1213; History: HIST 1483 or HIST 1493; Political Science: POLSC 1113;

\*Sciences: General education Biological Science; and Physical Science (at least one must have a lab); Humanities: Six credit hours of humanities electives.; Mathematics: MATH 1513 or MATH 1503 or MATH 2013; Social Sciences: SOC 1113; three credit hours of social science electives.;

General Education Electives: Three credit hours of electives.

Life Skills Courses: (1 credit hour) Life Skills: SCL 1001

Support Courses: (8 credit hours) \*\*\* Support courses selected from: AHP, ART, BIO, CHEM, CD, COM, CS, ENGL, HIST, HUM, MATH, MGMT, MU, PHIL, PHYS, POLSC, PSY, SOC and any foreign language course. Other courses by approval of program advisor.

### Program Notes

Notes: This program is designed for students planning to continue their education at a four-year college or university. See University Parallel/Transfer Programs in the general information section of the catalog.

At least one science course must have a lab component.

## Degree Program Course Descriptions

### **BIO - Biological Science**

3 Credits Biological Science

### **ENGL 1113 - English Composition I**

*Prerequisites: ENGL 0203, adequate placement score, or by meeting determined placement measures*

3 Credits The student will write well-developed compositions which demonstrate the principles of unity, coherence, and organization and which contain specific details and vivid language. The students will locate library material and incorporate researched materials into compositions.

### **ENGL 1213 - English Composition II**

*Prerequisites: ENGL 1103 or ENGL 1113 taken within the last year, with strong encouragement for immediate continuation.*

3 Credits In this advanced writing course, students will create essays that explore and evaluate a variety of issues and perspectives suggested by fiction, poetry, drama, essays, and other types of cultural texts. Students will refine and augment the writing techniques they learned in ENGL 1113 or ENGL 1103 to develop well-reasoned, well-structured arguments in a clear, fluid, and engaging prose style.

### **FA SUPPORT - Faculty Approved Support Electives**

3 Credits Faculty approved support electives

### **GEN ED - Gen Ed Elective**

3 Credits General Education elective

### **HIST 1483 - U.S. History to The Civil War**

*Prerequisites: ENGL 0203, adequate placement score, or by meeting determined placement measures*

3 Credits After analyzing events in American history from 1400 to 1877 in such areas as revolution, geographic and social mobility, political reform, government precedents and war, students will be able to identify patterns of present day mobility, describe governmental operations in their society and help resolve conflict in society based on the student's search for change, precedents, and conflict in the American past. A general education requirement.

### **HIST 1493 - U.S. History Since The Civil War**

*Prerequisites: ENGL 0203, adequate placement score, or by meeting determined placement measures*

3 Credits After analyzing events in American history from 1870 to the present in such areas as political reform, industrialization, urbanization, ethnic acculturation and war,

the student will be able to identify meaningful changes in his society, identify equal rights in that society, and help resolve conflict in this society based on the students search for change, equal rights and conflicts in the American past.

### **HUM - Humanities Elective**

3 Credits Humanities elective

### **MATH 1503 - Contemporary Mathematics**

*Prerequisites: MATH 0403 or adequate math placement test score. Pre or Co-requisite ENGL 1113 or ENGL 1103*

3 Credits A study of the mathematics needed for critical evaluation of quantitative information and arguments (including logic, critical appraisal of graphs and tables); use of simple mathematical models, and an introduction to elementary statistics. This course satisfies the computer proficiency requirement.

### **MATH 1513 - College Algebra for Business, Life Sciences and Social Sciences**

*Prerequisites: MATH 0403 or adequate math placement test score; ENGL 0203, adequate placement score, or by meeting determined placement measures*

3 Credits The student will demonstrate an understanding of the general concepts of relation and function and specifically of polynomial, exponential, and logarithmic functions; the ability to solve systems of equations by utilizing matrices and determinants; and the ability to solve practical problems using algebra.

### **MATH 2013 - Introduction to Statistics**

*Prerequisites: MATH 0403 or adequate math placement test score; ENGL 0203, adequate placement score, or by meeting determined placement measures*

3 Credits The student will solve problems applying the concepts of random sampling, elementary probability, testing hypotheses, descriptive measures, chi-square, regression and correlation, and analysis of variance.

### **PHYS - Any Physical Science**

3 Credits Any Physical Science

### **POLSC 1113 - American Federal Government**

*Prerequisites: ENGL 0203, adequate placement score, or by meeting determined placement measures*

3 Credits A study of the principles, structure, processes and functions of the United States federal government.

### **PSY 1113 - Introduction to Psychology**

*Prerequisites: ENGL 0203, adequate placement score, or by meeting determined placement measures*

3 Credits A survey of the major areas of study in psychology such as motivation, learning, physiology, personality, social psychology, abnormal behavior, perception, memory, cognition/thought, and treatment.

### **PSY 2403 - Developmental Psychology**

*Prerequisites: PSY 1113*

3 Credits A theoretical and research-based course that covers social, emotional, physical and cognitive aspects of human development throughout the life-span.

### **PSYCH - Psychology Elective**

3 Credits Psychology elective

### **SCL 1001 - Success in College and Life**

*Prerequisites: ENGL 0106 or adequate reading/writing assessment scores*

1 Credit Students will learn best practices for academic, career, and personal success. Students will discover their individual strengths, interests, and values to create a personalized plan; select and utilize resources that are applicable to their growth and success; and engage as active and responsible members of the academic community. This course should be taken during a student's first semester of college work at Oklahoma City Community College and is a required course in degree plans to satisfy the Life Skills requirement.

### **SOC 1113 - Introduction to Sociology**

*Prerequisites: ENGL 0203, adequate placement score, or by meeting determined placement measures*

3 Credits The student will identify the sociological dimensions of human behavior by analyzing the concepts of society, culture, socialization, institutions, social stratification and social change.

### **SOC SC - Social Science Elective**

3 Credits Social Science elective