

Associate in Arts in Psychology

Program Overview

Upon completion of this degree, students will have experienced a broad introduction to the field of psychology. In coordination with the general education components, students will be able to communicate effectively in a variety of situations across multiple fields within psychology, as well as demonstrate knowledge of and apply psychological concepts and theories to real world situations. This degree is a stepping stone to long range goals in higher education in the field of psychology, as it prepares students to transfer to a four-year institute. Additionally, this degree serves as a foundation for entry-level positions in related disciplines.

To Learn More About This Program

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Degree Requirements

To earn this degree, students must have an overall GPA of 2.0 or higher, complete a minimum of 60 credit hours, and fulfill the course requirements of the program listed below. Students, working closely with their advisor, are permitted to substitute the courses in the General Education and MTA Courses section below according to the guidelines on page 34 of this catalog. Each general education course, prerequisite course, internship/practicum, and capstone course must be completed with a final grade of C or better.

Course Offerings

Students pursuing an Associate in Arts in Psychology may complete all requirements for this program fully online. Courses within this program may also be offered on-site at our Dowagiac or Niles campus.

General Education and MTA Courses

COMMUNICATIONS

Course ID	Course	Credits
ENGL 103 or ENGL 103W	Freshman English 2 (or with workshop)	3 to 4 credits
SPEE 102	Fundamentals of Public Speaking	3 credits

MATHEMATICS

Course ID	Course	Credits
MATH 150	Statistics	4 credits

NATURAL SCIENCE

Course ID	Course	Credits
BIOL 110	Human Biology	4 credits
ENST 112	Environmental Science	4 credits

SOCIAL SCIENCE

Course ID	Course	Credits
PSYC 101	General Psychology	3 credits
SOCI 201	Principles of Sociology	3 credits

HUMANITIES

Course ID	Course	Credits
ART 110	Art Appreciation	3 credits
PHIL 210	Introduction to Ethics	4 credits

Major-Specific Required Courses

Course ID	Course	Credits
EDUC 120	Educational Exploration and Planning	1 credit
PHED 103	Life Wellness	3 credits
PSYC 180	Social Psychology	3 credits
PSYC 260	Abnormal Psychology	3 credits

Complete at least 20 credits from the list below
(Online students must take EDUC 215, PSYC 102, 205, 215, 296, SOCI 203, and 240)

Course ID	Course	Credits
EDUC 215	Human Development and Learning	3 credits
CRIM 102	Serial Killer	3 credits
PSYC 102	Psychology of Adjustment	3 credits
PSYC 205	Child Psychology	3 credits
PSYC 215	Organizational Psychology	3 credits
PSYC 296	Educational Psychology	3 credits
PSYC 299	Independent Study	1 to 4 credits
SOCI 202	Social Problems	3 credits
SOCI 203	Marriage and Family	3 credits
SOCI 240	Minority Groups in America	3 credits
SOWK 100	Intro to Social Work	3 credits
SOWK 120	Social Work/Interview Skills	3 credits
SOWK 200	Intro to Social Welfare	3 credits

Total Program Credits: 61

Additional Notes About the A.A. in Psychology Program

- A prerequisite course may be needed prior to enrollment in some courses within this program. Specific prerequisite requirements are listed in the Course Description section in the Course Catalog. A summary of the prerequisites is listed below in the Example Course Sequence.
- This program as outlined meets MTA requirements.
- Students interested in transferring to Western Michigan University to complete a bachelor's degree should ensure that they complete PSYC 205, PSYC 260, and PSYC 101 as these are core psychology courses in WMU's program.
- Courses taken out of sequence may delay a student's ability to complete the program in a timely manner. Please consult your advisor regularly.
- Each student should submit a graduation application at least one full semester before they plan to graduate.
- This program is subject to change. Students should consult with their advisor for program updates.

Example Course Sequence for On-Campus Program Students

The following is a sample of a semester-by-semester approach to completing this program.

FIRST SEMESTER

Course	Credits	Prerequisites (Minimum Grade of C Required)
EDUC 120 Educational Exploration and Planning	1 credit	ENGL 115, ENGL 103W, ENGL 103, ENGL 104, or test score (concurrent enrollment in ENGL 115 allowed)
ENGL 103 or ENGL 103W Freshman English 2 (or with workshop)	3 to 4 credits	ENGL 103W: Test score ENGL 103: ENGL 115 or test score (concurrent enrollment allowed)
PSYC 101 General Psychology	3 credits	ENGL 115, ENGL 103W, ENGL 103, ENGL 104, or test score (concurrent enrollment in ENGL 115 allowed)
MATH 150 Statistics	4 credits	MATH 101, MATH 102, or test score
SPEE 102 Fundamentals of Public Speaking	3 credits	None

SECOND SEMESTER

Course	Credits	Prerequisites (Minimum Grade of C Required)
SOCI 201 Principles of Sociology	3 credits	ENGL 115, ENGL 103W, ENGL 103, ENGL 104, or test score (concurrent enrollment in ENGL 115 allowed)
BIOL 110 Human Biology	4 credits	ENGL 115, ENGL 103W, ENGL 103, ENGL 104, or test score (concurrent enrollment in ENGL 115 allowed)
PHED 103 Life Wellness	3 credits	None
Program Elective	3 credits	See Course Description for details
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THIRD SEMESTER

Course	Credits	Prerequisites (Minimum Grade of C Required)
ART 110 Art Appreciation	3 credits	ENGL 115, ENGL 103W, ENGL 103, ENGL 104, or test score (concurrent enrollment in ENGL 115 allowed)
ENST 112 Environmental Science	4 credits	None
PSYC 260 Abnormal Psychology	3 credits	PSYC 101
Program Elective	3 credits	See Course Description for details
Program Elective	3 credits	See Course Description for details

FOURTH SEMESTER

Course	Credits	Prerequisites (Minimum Grade of C Required)
PHIL 210 Introduction to Ethics	4 credits	ENGL 115, ENGL 103W, ENGL 103, ENGL 104, or test score (concurrent enrollment in ENGL 115 allowed)
PSYC 180 Social Psychology	3 credits	PSYC 101
Program Elective	3 credits	See Course Description for details
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Example Course Sequence for Online Program Students

The following is a sample of a semester-by-semester approach to completing this program.

FIRST SEMESTER

Courses	Credits	Prerequisites (Minimum Grade of C Required)
EDUC 120 Educational Exploration and Planning	1 credit	ENGL 115, ENGL 103W, ENGL 103, ENGL 104, or test score (concurrent enrollment in ENGL 115 allowed)
ENGL 103 or ENGL 103W Freshman English 2 (or with workshop) <i>*ENGL 103W may not be offered online*</i>	3 to 4 credits	ENGL 103W: Test score ENGL 103: ENGL 115 or test score (concurrent enrollment allowed)
PSYC 101 General Psychology	3 credits	ENGL 115, ENGL 103W, ENGL 103, ENGL 104, or test score (concurrent enrollment in ENGL 115 allowed)
MATH 150 Statistics	4 credits	MATH 101, MATH 102, or test score
SPEE 102 Fundamentals of Public Speaking	3 credits	None

SECOND SEMESTER

Courses	Credits	Prerequisites (Minimum Grade of C Required)
SOCI 201 Principles of Sociology	3 credits	ENGL 115, ENGL 103W, ENGL 103, ENGL 104, or test score (concurrent enrollment in ENGL 115 allowed)
BIOL 110 Human Biology	4 credits	ENGL 115, ENGL 103W, ENGL 103, ENGL 104, or test score (concurrent enrollment in ENGL 115 allowed)
PHED 103 Life Wellness	3 credits	None
EDUC 215 Human Development and Learning	3 credits	PSYC 101
PSYC 205 Child Psychology	3 credits	PSYC 101

THIRD SEMESTER

Courses	Credits	Prerequisites (Minimum Grade of C Required)
ART 110 Art Appreciation	3 credits	ENGL 115, ENGL 103W, ENGL 103, ENGL 104, or test score (concurrent enrollment in ENGL 115 allowed)
ENST 112 Environmental Science	4 credits	None
PSYC 260 Abnormal Psychology	3 credits	PSYC 101
PSYC 215 Organizational Psychology	3 credits	PSYC 101
SOCI 240 Minority Groups in America	3 credits	ENGL 103 or ENGL 103W

FOURTH SEMESTER

Courses	Credits	Prerequisites (Minimum Grade of C Required)
PHIL 210 Introduction to Ethics	4 credits	ENGL 115, ENGL 103W, ENGL 103, ENGL 104, or test score (concurrent enrollment in ENGL 115 allowed)
PSYC 180 Social Psychology	3 credits	PSYC 101
PSYC 102 Psychology of Adjustment	3 credits	PSYC 101
PSYC 296 Educational Psychology	3 credits	PSYC 101
SOCI 203 Marriage and Family	3 credits	ENGL 115, ENGL 103W, ENGL 103, ENGL 104, or test score (concurrent enrollment in ENGL 115 allowed)