



# Academic & Career **PATHWAYS**

## Associate **in** Arts (A.A.)

### Psychology Emphasis – Advising Guide

Psychologists study mental processes and human behavior. They observe, interpret, and record how people relate to one another and the environment. They look for patterns to understand and predict behavior. Our psychology pathway is built around the Associate in Arts (AA) degree. A graduate degree is usually required in order to work in the field. This degree gives you a solid two year background in general education courses that can transfer to a four-year institution.

<b>Semester 1</b>		
Course	Credits	Action Steps
^ENGL 101 (Written Communications)	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Meet with Academic Advisor to build degree plan in Starfish</li> </ul>
ARAB 101, ^ARAB 102, ART 110, ART 108, ART 150, ART 151, CHIN 101, ^CHIN 102, ^COMM 128, ^ENGL 201, ^ENGL 209, ENGL 214, ENGL 216, ENGL 218, ENGL 220, ENGL 221, ENGL 222, ENGL 223, ENGL 240, ENGL 254, ENGL 255, ENGL 260, ENGL 262, ENGL 264, ENGL 267, ENGL 268, FREN 101, ^FREN 102, HIST 133, HIST 134, GERM 101, ^GERM 102, MUSI 101, MUSI 103, MUSI 105, MUSI 107, MUSI 108, MUSI 116, MUSI 134, MUSI 160, PHIL 100, PHIL 101, PHIL 148, PHIL 200, PHIL 203, ^SPAN 102, ^THEA 106, THEA 116 or THEA 120 (Humanities & Fine Arts)	3 – 5*	
^MATH 115 or higher (Mathematical Sciences)	3 – 5*	
PSYC 140 (Social & Behavioral Sciences)	3	
(Elective) if needed for total units	3*	
Total Credits	12 - 19	
<b>Semester 2</b>		
^ENGL 102 (Written Communications)	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Research/contact transfer institutions</li> </ul>
Any course 100 or higher (Elective)	3	
ARAB 101, ^ARAB 102, ART 110, ART 108, ART 150, ART 151, CHIN 101, ^CHIN 102, ^COMM 128, ^ENGL 201, ^ENGL 209, ENGL 214, ENGL 216, ENGL 218, ENGL 220, ENGL 221, ENGL 222, ENGL 223, ENGL 240, ENGL 254, ENGL 255, ENGL 260, ENGL 262, ENGL 264, ENGL 267, ENGL 268, FREN 101, ^FREN 102, HIST 133, HIST 134, GERM 101, ^GERM 102, MUSI 101, MUSI 103, MUSI 105, MUSI 107, MUSI 108, MUSI 116, MUSI 134, MUSI 160, PHIL 100, PHIL 101, PHIL 148, PHIL 200, PHIL 203, ^SPAN 102, ^THEA 106, THEA 116 or THEA 120 (Humanities & Fine Arts)	3 – 5*	
BIOL 132, PHYS 101, PHYS 104, or PHYS 106 (Natural Sciences without the lab)	3-4*	
Total Credits	12 - 15	



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## Semester 3

PSYC 243 (Social & Behavioral Sciences)	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Complete Civics exam with 70% or higher</li> <li>• Apply for admission at transfer institution</li> <li>• Apply for scholarships at transfer institution</li> </ul>
HIST120, HIST 121, or POLS 136 (Social & Behavioral Sciences/Civics)	3	
ART108, ENGL 220, ENGL 254, ENGL 255, ENGL 260, ENGL 262, ENGL 264, ENGL 267, ENGL 268, MUSI 108, or MUSI 160 (Humanities & Fine Arts/Global Diversity)	3	
^COMM 100 (Oral Communications)	3	
ANTH 110, GEOG 113, PSYC 143, PSYC 220, PSYC 230, PSYC 240, PSYC 260, SOCI 101, SOCI 163, or SOCI 220	3	
Total Credits	16	

## Semester 4

HIST 133 or HIST 134 (Humanities & Fine Arts)	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Apply for Graduation</li> </ul>
BIOL 101, BIOL 102, BIOL 104, BIOL 106, BIOL 110, ^BIOL 210, CHEM 101, CHEM 105, ^CHEM 107, ^CHEM 111, GEOG 104, GEOG 110, GEOL 101, GEOL 103, GEOL 110, GEOL 180, ^PHYS 101L, ^PHYS 104L, ^PHYS 106L, ^PHYS 130, or ^PHYS 220 (Natural Sciences with lab)	4- 5*	
PSYC 143, PSYC 220, PSYC 230, PSYC 240 or PSYC 260 (Elective – choose two courses)	6	
ENGL 214, ENGL 216, ENGL 218, ENGL 220, ENGL 221, ENGL 222, ENGL 223, ENGL 240, ENGL 254, ENGL 255, ENGL 260, ENGL 262, ENGL 264, ENGL 267, ENGL 268, PHIL 100, PHIL 101, PHIL 148, PHIL 200, or PHIL 203 (Humanities & Fine Arts)	3	
Total Credits	16 - 17	
<b>Credits Required</b>	<b>60*</b>	

*\*The A.A. degree requires a minimum of 60 total credits to graduate. When selecting a course from multiple options, please consider the number of credits for each course to ensure meeting the minimum requirements for graduation.*

This Pathway Map is an advising tool designed for full-time students on this A.A. degree and identifies the course taking recommendation for timely degree completion. Please be aware that all pathway maps can be modified to fit the individual needs of students. Degree requirements and prerequisite information can be found here: <https://www.mcckc.edu/programs/aa/> All students are encouraged to meet with their academic advisor to develop an individualized completion plan that best meets their goals, interests, and objectives.

^Course requires a prerequisite or appropriate placement, see catalog for additional information.