***Psychology:*** *Associate in Arts for Transfer*

*Focus: Neuroscience – CSU*

Topics of interest and study: Human development, consciousness, memory, psychological disorders, positive psychology, learning theory, personality development, personal growth, neuroscience, motivation, social psychology, research methodology, behavioral statistics, and others. The patterns of courses offered for the degree are designed to prepare students to study, understand and to think critically about behavior and mental processes of humans and other organisms under a scientific paradigm.

***Please see a Pathways Counselor:*** Transfer degrees require a minimum of 60 semester CSU transferable units or UC semester transferable units with a minimum 2.0 GPA overall. [Contact a Counselor](https://www.msjc.edu/hub/) to create an education plan customized to meet your needs.

Transfer Majors/Award Focus

* Psychology, A.A.-T CSU, Focus: Business & Industry, Education & Advocacy, Neuroscience, Therapy & Counseling
* Psychology, A.A.-T UCR/UCLA

GE Pattern/Units

* GE Pattern: Option B
* Total Units: 60-61

**Program maps** indicate the major coursework and recommended general education courses to fulfill your degree in 2 years (approximately 15 units/semester or 30 units/year). If you are a part-time student, start Semester 1 courses and follow the course sequence. Some of the courses listed may be substituted by another course. Please view these options in the official course [catalog](https://catalog.msjc.edu/instructional-programs/).

***Semester 1 14 Units***

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| a | COURSE | TITLE | UNIT |
| c | ENGL-101 | College Composition  | 4 |
| c | BIOL-100 orBIOL-115 | Human Biology orTopics in Biology | 4 |
| c | PSYC-101 | Introduction to Psychology | 3 |
| c | PSYC-102 | Personal Growth | 3 |

***Semester 2 15 Units***

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| a | COURSE | TITLE | UNIT |
| c | ENGL-103 | Critical Thinking and Writing | 3 |
| c | PSYC-121 | Statistics for Behavioral Sciences | 3 |
| c | PSYC-107 | Psychobiology | 3 |
| c | PS-101 | Introduction to American Government and Politics | 3 |
| c | ART-104 orDAN-100 orMUS-108 | World Art orHistory and Appreciation of Dance orHistory of Jazz and Blues | 3 |

Career Options

Psychobiology Instructors/Professors, Postsecondary (M, D)

Neuroscientists (M, D)

Neuroscience Researcher/Lab Technician (B, M)

Pre-Med (B)

Nurses, Physician's Assistants, Doctors (A, B, M, D)

Psychiatric Technician (SM, B, M)

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Required Education: SM: some college; C: Certificate; A: Associate, B: Bachelor’s, M: Master’s; D: Doctorate

Financial Aid

Financial aid is determined by the number of credit hours you take in a semester. Maximize your financial aid by taking 12-15 units per semester.

***Semester 3*** ***15-16 Units***

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| a | COURSE | TITLE | UNIT |
| c | PSYC-124 | Social Research Methodology with Lab  | 4 |
| c | CHEM-100 orCHEM-101 | Introduction to Chemistry orGeneral Chemistry I | 4-5 |
| c | ELECTIVE1 | Elective Courses | 3 |
| c | SPAN-101 or FREN-101 or ASL-100 | Elementary Spanish I orElementary French I or American Sign Language I | 4 |

## Additional Course Options:

*1PSYC-103, PSYC-104, PSYC-105, SOCI-108, ANTH-101, ANTH-102 (select one)*

***Semester 4*** ***16 Units***

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| a | COURSE | TITLE | UNIT |
| c | PS-103/ETHS-103,HIST-160/ETHS-160,LIT-275/ETHS-275, orLIT-280/ETHS-280 | Ethnic Politics in America orBlack History in the American Context orLatinx/Chicanx Literature orMultiethnic Literature | 3 |
| c | PSYC-108 or HS-123 | Abnormal Psychology orDrugs, Health and Society  | 3 |
| c | COMM-100 orCOMM-104 | Public Speaking orArgumentation and Debate  | 3 |
| c | HIST-111 | U.S. History to 1877 | 3 |
| c | SPAN-102 or FREN-102 or ASL-101 | Elementary Spanish II orElementary French II or American Sign Language II | 4 |

Notes***:***

**Language Requirement**: Some CSU's require the equivalency of an intermediate language proficiency for graduation. Please see a counselor for more detail regarding specific CSU major and graduation requirements.

Work Experience

Sign up for a special project or internship opportunity. Gain [work experience](https://msjc.edu/careereducation/cwee/index.html) and earn credits.