



# Psychology

AA (60 SCH\*)

\*Semester Credit Hour

5/2024

## First Semester - 14 SCH

ENGL 1301 - Composition I  
 HIST 1301 - United States History I  
 PSYC 2301 - General Psychology  
 PSYC 1100 - Learning Framework  
 BIOL 1408 - Biology for Non-Science Majors I

## Second Semester - 16 SCH

ENGL 1302 - Composition II  
 HIST 1302 - United States History II  
 MATH 1342 - Elementary Statistical Methods  
 COSC 1301 - Introduction to Computing  
 BIOL 1409 - Biology for Non-Science Majors II

## Third Semester - 15 SCH

SPCH 1321 - Business and Professional Communication  
 GOVT 2305 - Federal Government  
 PSYC 2314 - Lifespan Growth and Development  
 SPAN 2311 - Intermediate Spanish I  
 ENGL 2331 - World Literature

## Fourth Semester - 15 SCH

DRAM 1310 - Introduction to Theater  
 GOVT 2306 - Texas Government  
 PSYC 2319 - Social Psychology  
 COMM 1307 - Introduction to Mass Communications  
 SPAN 2312 - Intermediate Spanish II

## Marketable Skills

- Critical Thinking - Using logic and reasoning to identify the strengths and weaknesses of alternative solutions, conclusions, or approaches to problems as they pertain to physiological and psychological processes involved in human behavior.
- Empirical and Quantitative Skills - Manipulation and analysis of numerical data or observable facts resulting in informed conclusions regarding various research methods, and their characteristics, used in the scientific study of psychology and accepted approaches and standards in psychological assessment and evaluation.
- Social Perceptiveness - Being aware of others' reactions and understanding objective variables that contribute to why people think, feel, and behave as they do.
- Service Orientation - Actively looking for ways to help people, promote prosocial behaviors, and increase altruism.
- Written Comprehension - The ability to read and understand information and ideas presented in writing.
- Oral Comprehension - the ability to listen to and understand information and ideas presented through spoken words and sentences.
- Active Listening - Giving full attention to what other people are saying, taking time to understand the points being made, asking questions as appropriate, and not interrupting at inappropriate times to increase tolerance, appreciation of diversity, and, overall, understanding of human mental processes and behaviors.

## High School Endorsements

Social & Behavioral Sciences

## Expected Salary

**Texas wage data:** workers on average earn \$68,040; 10% of workers earn \$44,130 or less; 10% of workers earn \$101,050 or more. **US wage data:** workers on average earn \$79,820; 10% of workers earn \$46,410 or less; 10% of workers earn \$138,550 or more.

## Career Opportunities

**AA Minimum:** Social Services Assistant, Psychiatric Technician, Teacher's Aide, Home-Care Aide, Family/Victim Advocate, Research Assistant, Correctional Officer, Community Service Manager, Administrative Service Manager. **BA Minimum:** Substance Abuse Counselor, Career/Employment Counselor, Activities Director, Probation/Parole Officer, Teacher, Social Worker, Public Relations Specialist, Family Intervention Specialist, Qualified Intellectual Disability Professional, Human Resources Specialist. **MA Minimum:** Licensed Professional Counselor, Licensed Psychological Associate, School Psychologist, Psychology Professor, Industrial/Organizational Psychologist, Clinical Psychologist, Counseling Psychologist, Social Psychologist, Experimental/Research Psychologist, Sports Psychologist, Forensic Psychologist, Developmental Psychologist.

## Program Outcomes

- Demonstrate knowledge of the major theoretical perspectives in psychology.
- Demonstrate the ability to interpret what constitutes valid research in the field of psychology.
- Identify variable, physiological and psychological, influencing adaptive and maladaptive human behavior and mental processes.

## Transfer Path / Requirements

- A student completing the PJC curriculum is considered Core complete at Texas A&M Commerce.
- No more than 60-66 SCH from PJC will be applied to a bachelor degree at TAMU-Commerce. Another 60 or more must be completed at TAMU-Commerce.
- For the Psychology major, 13 advanced courses are required by TAMU-Commerce: Psychology Core courses, plus Psychology Natural Science Core, Psychology Social Science Core, Psychology Development Core, Psychology Applied Core, Psychology Special Topic and Psychology Independent Study.