

Psychology

What is the Psychology Program?

Psychology is broadly defined as the scientific study of the mind and behavior. The Psychology Program at HCC offers an Associate of Arts Degree (A.A.) in Psychology. The program includes courses for students who intend to transfer to a four-year college to complete the bachelor's degree. Specialized topics in psychology are very diverse. They include, among many others, biopsychology and neuropsychology, learning and memory, health psychology, sports and performance psychology, social persuasion and influence, child, adolescent and adult development, forensic psychology and profiling, personality theory, personal relationships in families, interpersonal attraction, and psychopathology.

What is the employment outlook for this career field?

Individuals who work in this profession are often people-oriented, have excellent communication skills (both written and oral), and are organized and extremely empathic as well as being good at establishing relationships with others. They also have a true desire to help others to improve their lives, circumstances and the world around them.

Those majoring in psychology can choose from a plethora of career options such as: teacher, mental health clinician, sports coach, school counselor, career counselor, parole officer, marketing, advertising, psychological research, social services, public relations, medical services, sales, social worker and human resources.

In some instances, students' career objectives will lead them to pursue a graduate degree in psychology in addition to the bachelor's degree.

The median annual wage of people with a bachelor's in psychology is around \$90K. There are approximately 196,000 psychology jobs in the United States with approximately 630 psychologists working in Maryland.



See also:

Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor, Occupational Outlook Handbook, Field of degree: Psychology, at <https://www.bls.gov/ooh/field-of-degree/psychology/psychology-field-of-degree.htm>.

Why should I choose HCC?

HCC's Psychology Program is an established program of study with small classes taught by psychologists/professors who specialize in areas such as: research, education, human development and clinical (abnormal) psychology. HCC is recognized for not only providing high standards and accredited courses at an affordable price, but also for having an articulation agreement with some of the universities at the University System of Maryland (USMH) -center in downtown Hagerstown.

What are the program outcomes?

- Students will apply basic research methods in psychology
- Students will differentiate basic psychological terminology, concepts, and theories as they relate to behavior and mental processes

PROGRAM OPTIONS

-  A.A. Degree, Psychology Concentration

CAREER OUTLOOK

MEDIAN SALARY

\$90K

median annual salary for psychology occupations

EMPLOYMENT



6% growth in next ten years

About 12,000 new psychology jobs are projected each year, on average, over the decade.

(source: www.bls.gov/ooh)

- Students will demonstrate communication skills related to the discipline
- Students will recognize ethical standards in psychology

Student transfer opportunities and agreements

Many students transfer from HCC to complete a B.S. degree in psychology offered through Frostburg State University through the University System of Maryland in Hagerstown.

HCC also offers transfer agreements with area colleges including:

- Point Park University (psychology)
- Dual Admission Agreement, University of Baltimore (2020)
- Guaranteed Admission Agreement, West Virginia University
- Dual Admission and Articulation Agreement, Wilson College (2018)

PSYCHOLOGY CLUB

Students (majors and non-majors) interested in learning more about psychology are welcome to join the Psychology club. The club allows students with experiences that enhance and deepen their understanding of the field. The club is also dedicated to the goal of engaging the community in mental health awareness. Past activities include presentations on "Meet the Faculty," "Salisbury Transfer Program," "Frostburg Careers in Psychology," and "Sheppard Pratt's Internship and Careers." The club also enjoys mental health wellness activities during meetings including painting rocks and coloring pages.

A.A. Degree Psychology

The transfer program in psychology is primarily designed for students who plan to transfer to a four-year institution, and major in psychology. Students have transferred successfully to *Frostburg University (*HCC has an articulation agreement with Frostburg University for the USM-H center downtown), Salisbury University, as well as many others.

General Education Requirements 31-32 credits

- Arts/Humanities**
Select two courses from the approved General course list in the Arts/Humanities category..... 6
- Behavioral/Social Sciences**
SOC 101 Introduction to Sociology..... 3
Select another course from the approved General Education course list in the Behavioral/Social Sciences category 3
- Biological/Physical Science**
Select two courses from the approved General course list in the Biological/Physical Science category- one must be a laboratory course 7-8
- Diversity**
Select one course from the approved General Education course list in the Diversity category 3
- English**
**A minimum grade of "C" or better is required for ENG-101, ENG-101E, and ENG-101P*
ENG 101 English Composition 3
(ENG 101E - English Composition for English Language Learners and ENG 101P - English Composition for College Success are approved substitutions for ENG 101)
Select another course from the approved General education list in the English Category..... 3

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| Mathematics | | |
| MAT 109 | Statistics | 3 |
| Program Requirements 15 credits | | |
| PSY 101 | General Psychology..... | 3 |
| PSY 204 | Developmental Psychology: Lifespan Human Development | 3 |
| PSY 206 | Abnormal Psychology..... | 3 |
| PSY 220 | Research Methods in the Social and Behavioral Sciences..... | 3 |
| Select one course from the following: | | |
| PSY 203 | Educational Psychology | 3 |
| PSY 208 | Theories of Personality | 3 |
| PSY 216 | Social Psychology | 3 |
| Free Electives 13-14 Credits | | |
| Should be chosen in consultation with a transfer advisor and/or the transfer institution. Some recommended courses are: | | |
| ANT 201 | Cultural Anthropology..... | 3 |
| CDC 212 | Interviewing and Counseling | 3 |
| COM 103 | Public Speaking | 3 |
| Any Foreign Language course..... 3 | | |
| <i>HCC offers language instruction from elementary to advanced proficiency in French (FRN 101, FRN 102, FRN 201, FRN 202), German (GER 101, GER 102, GER 201, GER 202), and Spanish (SPN 101, SPN 102, SPN 201, SPN 202)</i> | | |
| HST 103 | Introduction to Human Services and Social Work..... | 3 |
| MAT 109 | Statistics | 3 |
| PED 132 | Yoga..... | 1 |
| PSY 203 | Educational Psychology..... | 3 |
| PSY 208 | Theories of Personality..... | 3 |
| PSY 216 | Social Psychology | 3 |
| SOC 102 | Sociology of Social Problems..... | 3 |
| SOC 103 | Criminology | 3 |
| STU 106 | Professionalism in the Workplace | 1 |

Degree Requirement.....60

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