

Psychology Transfer Pathway
Associate of Arts | 60 credits

Campus: Hibbing, Itasca, Mesabi Range, Rainy River, and Vermilion

First Year

| FALL SEMESTER 2026 – 15 credits | Prerequisites | Credits | Hr Lc/Lb |
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| ENGL 1231 – College Composition 1 (MnTC Goal 1) | (CLR, CLW) | 4 | |
| PHIL 1230 – Ethics (MnTC Goals 6-T/A & 9) | (CLR, CLW) | 3 | |
| PSYC 1215 – General Psychology (MnTC Goals 5 & 7) | (CLR, CLW) | 3 | |
| MnTC Goal 3 – Natural Science lab course (<i>a course in Biology is strongly recommended</i>) | (see course outline) | 4 | (var.) |
| Physical Activity/Competitive Sports - AA Requirement | (see course outline) | 1 | |

| SPRING SEMESTER 2027 – 15 credits | Prerequisites | Credits | Hr Lc/Lb |
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| ENGL 1232 – College Composition 2 (MnTC Goal 1) | (ENGL1231) | 3 | |
| PSYC 1220 – Lifespan Development (MnTC Goals 5 & 7) | (CLR) | 3 | |
| MnTC Goal 3 – Natural Science course (<i>a mix of Physical and Life Science suggested</i>) | (see course outline) | 3 | (var.) |
| MnTC Goal 5 – Course from Second Discipline Area (outside of Psychology) | (see course outline) | 3 | |
| MnTC Goal 6 – Humanities and Fine Arts, Creative Process/Interpretive Performance | (see course outline) | 3 | |

Second Year

| FALL SEMESTER 2027 – 13 to 15 credits | Prerequisites | Credits | Hr Lc/Lb |
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| COMM 1210 – Intro to Communication (MnTC Goal 1) OR COMM 1220 – Interpersonal Communication (MnTC Goal 1) | | 3 | |
| PSYC 2216 – Abnormal Psychology (MnTC Goals 5 & 7) | (PSYC1215) | 3 | |
| MnTC Goal 6 – Humanities and Fine Arts | (see course outline) | 3 | |
| Psychology Elective (any additional PSYC prefixed course) | | 2-4 | |
| Wellness/Health - AA Requirement | (see course outline) | 2 | |

| SPRING SEMESTER 2028 – 15 to 17 credits | Prerequisites | Credits | Hr Lc/Lb |
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| MATH 1215 – Statistics (MnTC Goal 4) | (MATH 0200 or by placement) | 4 | |
| MnTC Goal 8 – Global Perspective | (see course outline) | 3 | |
| MnTC Goal 10 – People and the Environment | (see course outline) | 3 | |
| Elective Credits* | (see course outline) | 5-7 | |

*Select any courses numbered 1000 or above to total 60 credits for the Associate of Arts Degree.

Schedule Note

Although most of these courses can be taken in any semester, this is the suggested plan to help ensure that courses you need will be available in an on-campus format, without schedule conflicts. Many courses are also available online.

Program Description

The Psychology Transfer Pathway AA offers students a powerful option: The opportunity to complete an Associate of Arts degree with course credits that directly transfer to designated Psychology bachelor's degree programs at Minnesota State universities. The curriculum has been specifically designed so that students completing this pathway degree and transferring to one of the seven Minnesota State universities enter the university with junior-year status. All courses in the Transfer Pathway associate degree will directly transfer and apply to the designated bachelor's degree programs in a related field.

Universities within the Minnesota State system include Bemidji State University; Metropolitan State University; Minnesota State University, Mankato; Minnesota State University Moorhead; Southwest Minnesota State University; St. Cloud State University; and Winona State University.

Career Opportunities

Most students in the Psychology Transfer Pathway continue their education, as this degree program seamlessly transfers to designated bachelor's degree programs in a related field at any of the seven Minnesota State system universities. Careers in human service areas such as counseling, social work, human resources, and others typically require a bachelor's degree or higher. This AA degree program is a good first step toward completing that four-year degree, to prepare for a variety of careers. Note that many psychology-related occupations do require a graduate degree.

Program Learning Outcomes

Students of this program will:

1. Describe key concepts, principles, and overarching themes in psychology.
2. Develop a working knowledge of psychology's content domains.
3. Describe applications of psychology.
4. Use scientific reasoning to interpret psychological phenomena.
5. Demonstrate psychology information literacy.
6. Engage in systematic problem-solving inferred by psychological research.
7. Interpret, design, or conduct basic psychological research.
8. Incorporate sociocultural factors in scientific inquiry.
9. Use statistical programs (i.e., SPSS) to augment scientific inquiry.
10. Apply ethical standards to evaluate and/or conduct psychological research and practice.
11. Build and enhance interpersonal relationships.
12. Explore values and/or practices that build community at local, national, and global levels.
13. Demonstrate effective writing for different purposes including basic APA style
14. Exhibit effective presentation skills for different purposes.
15. Interact effectively with others.

Transfer and Articulation Agreements

All courses in this Transfer Pathway associate degree will directly transfer and apply to the designated bachelor's degree programs in a related field at any of the Minnesota State system universities: Bemidji State University; Metropolitan State University; Minnesota State University, Mankato; Minnesota State University Moorhead; Southwest Minnesota State University; St. Cloud State University; and Winona State University.

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