

PSYCHOLOGY - ASSOCIATE OF ARTS DEGREE (AA)

- **Program Code:** PSYC.AA
- **Program Type:** Academic Transfer
- **Available Fully Online:** No
- **Eligible for Federal Financial Aid:** Yes

Explore More About This Program: <https://cwi.edu/program/psychology>

NOTE: Courses required for this program *may* have an additional fee; more information can be found on the [Special Course Fees](#) web page.

Degree Quick Facts

- **Instructional School:** Social Sciences and Public Affairs
- **Department:** Social Sciences

Degree Requirements

Course	Course Title	Min Credits
General Education Requirements		
CWI 101	Connecting With Ideas	3
Select one of the following (Global Perspectives):		3
CRIJ 280	Victimology	
PSYC 211	Psychosocial Aspects of Dying and Death	
PSYC 221	Gender	
PSYC 231	Human Sexuality	
SOC 120	Global Issues	
ENGL 101	Writing and Rhetoric I (GEM 1)	3
ENGL 102	Writing and Rhetoric II (GEM 1)	3
<u>GEM 2 - Oral Communication course</u>		3
<u>GEM 3 - Mathematical Ways of Knowing course</u> ¹		3
<u>GEM 4 - Scientific Ways of Knowing course</u> ^{1,2}		4
<u>GEM 4 - Scientific Ways of Knowing course</u> ³		3
<u>GEM 5 - Humanistic & Artistic Ways of Knowing course</u>		3
<u>GEM 5 - Humanistic & Artistic Ways of Knowing course</u> ³		3
PSYC 140	Human Relations for Career and Personal Success (GEM 6)	3
<u>GEM 6 - Social & Behavioral Ways of Knowing course</u> ³		3
Major Requirements		
PSYC 101	Introduction to Psychology	3
PSYC 120	Career Exploration	1
PSYC 190	Writing for the Social Sciences	3
PSYC 201	Child and Adolescent Development	3
PSYC 250	Fundamentals of Social Science Research ⁴	4
PSYC 251	Statistical Methods	3
PSYC 290	Professional Development	2
Electives	Select elective credits to bring the total credits earned to a minimum of 60	4
Minimum Credit Hours Required		60

¹ Students intending to transfer to four-year institutions are advised to complete MATH 153 to fulfill their GEM 3 requirement and BIOL 227 and BIOL 227L to fulfill one of their GEM 4 requirements.

² Must include a lab component.

³ Course must come from a different discipline.

⁴ This course fulfills the Ethical Reasoning requirement for an associate degree from CWI.

Degree Plan

The course sequence listed below is strongly recommended in order to complete your program requirements. Please register for each semester as shown using the Student Planning tool in myCWI. Plans may be modified to fit the needs of part-time students by adding additional semesters. Consult your advisor for any questions regarding this course sequence plan.

First Year

Fall		Credit Hours
CWI 101	Connecting With Ideas	3
ENGL 101	Writing and Rhetoric I (GEM 1)	3
PSYC 101	Introduction to Psychology	3
PSYC 120	Career Exploration	1
GEM 2 - Oral Communication course		3
GEM 3 - Mathematical Ways of Knowing course ¹		3
Total Semester Credit Hours		16

Spring		
ENGL 102	Writing and Rhetoric II (GEM 1)	3
PSYC 140	Human Relations for Career and Personal Success (GEM 6)	3
PSYC 190	Writing for the Social Sciences	3
GEM 4 - Scientific Ways of Knowing course ^{2,3}		4
GEM 6 - Social & Behavioral Ways of Knowing course ⁴		3
Total Semester Credit Hours		16

Second Year

Fall		
PSYC 250	Fundamentals of Social Science Research ⁵	4
PSYC 251	Statistical Methods	3
GEM 4 - Scientific Ways of Knowing course ^{2,4}		3-4
GEM 5 - Humanistic & Artistic Ways of Knowing course		3
Total Semester Credit Hours		13

Spring		
PSYC 201	Child and Adolescent Development	3
PSYC 290	Professional Development	2
Select one of the following (Global Perspectives): ⁷		3
CRIJ 280	Victimology	
PSYC 211	Psychosocial Aspects of Dying and Death	
PSYC 221	Gender	
PSYC 231	Human Sexuality	
SOC 120	Global Issues	
GEM 5 - Humanistic & Artistic Ways of Knowing course ⁴		3
Elective	Select elective credits to bring the total credits earned to a minimum of 60 ⁶	3-4
Total Semester Credit Hours		15
Minimum Credit Hours Required		60

¹ Psychology majors are encouraged to take the Math Diagnostic upon acceptance to CWI if they did not submit ACT or SAT scores for math placement. Students are advised to take MATH 153 to fulfill their GEM 3 requirement unless the students' preferred transfer institution requires a different math course.

² Students intending to transfer to a four-year institution are advised to take BIOL 227 and BIOL 227L to fulfill one of their GEM 4 requirements. If students don't meet the prerequisite for BIOL 227, they should consider taking BIOL 226 and BIOL 227P instead or they can take MMBS 111 and MMBS 111L to fulfill their additional GEM 4 requirement.

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⁴ Course must come from a different discipline.

⁵ This course fulfills the Ethical Reasoning requirement for an associate degree from CWI.

⁶ Review transfer institution requirements (if known) to help select the most beneficial elective course(s).

- ⁷ Students wishing to complete PSYC 211 to fulfill their Global Perspectives requirement must take it during a fall semester. In this case, the elective course listed in the previous semester may be swapped with the Global Perspectives course.

Program Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion of this program, students will be able to:

- Develop an understanding of social and/or behavioral science and how it relates to real-world problems.
- Appreciate and understand diversity of theory, philosophy, and people.
- Prepare for educational and career opportunities by developing verbal, non-verbal, and written communication skills.
- Understand scientific inquiry and critical thinking.
- Focus on personal and professional development skills.