A Course of Study for

PSYCHOLOGY AA-T

The Associate in Arts in Psychology for Transfer (AA-T) involves the scientific study of human and animal behavior and mental processes, including cognition, emotion, sensation, perception and interaction. The course of study provides students the opportunity to acquire skills in research, information gathering, analytical and critical thinking, problem solving, and written and verbal communication.

Upon completion of the Associate in Arts in Psychology for Transfer (AA-T), students will have a strong academic foundation in the field and be prepared for upper-division baccalaureate study. Completion of the degree indicates that the study will have satisfied the lower division requirements for transfer into a Psychology program for many campuses in the California State University system.

For additional career possibilities, visit the Career Services Center on the main campus to utilize computerized career information systems and other valuable career resources.

PROGRAM OFFERED
• Transfer Preparation

DEGREE
• Psychology Associate Degree for Transfer

Students may satisfy the requirements of this degree with approved courses (which may be fewer units) taken at other California Community Colleges. The courses listed below are Santa Monica College courses. If completed entirely at Santa Monica College, the Area of Emphasis requires 19 units.

TRANSFER PREPARATION
Many colleges/universities offer baccalaureate degrees in this field. Students planning to transfer to a four-year college or university should complete the lower-division major requirements and the general education pattern for the specific transfer institution. SMC has articulation agreements with the many UC and CSU campuses, as well as several private and out-of-state institutions.

Exact major requirements for UC and CSU campuses can be found online at assist.org.

A listing of private, nonprofit California colleges and universities can be found online at aiccu.edu. For articulation agreements between SMC and some of these institutions see smc.edu/articulation.

SMC offers the Psychology Associate Degree for Transfer. Students completing this degree are eligible for priority transfer admission consideration in the majors at the California State University campuses listed below. In addition, students will be required to complete no more than 60 semester/90 quarter CSU units of coursework after transfer to complete the baccalaureate degree.

NOTE: If you are considering transfer to a UC, private, or out-of-state school, please consult a counselor before applying to transfer, as the transfer requirements may be different from those required for the Psychology AA-T.
For the most current list of CSU campuses accepting this Transfer degree visit calstate.edu/transfer/adt-search/search.shtml

ASSOCIATE DEGREE IN PSYCHOLOGY FOR TRANSFER TO THE CSU
The Associate in Arts for Transfer (AA-T) is designed to facilitate transfer admission to a CSU in a similar major. If you are considering transfer to a UC, private, or out-of-state school, consult a counselor regarding the transfer requirements of that institution.

Associate Degree for Transfer Requirements:
- completion of at least 60 CSU-transferable semester including:
  - completion of the Area of Emphasis with a grade of C or higher in each course or with a P if the course was taken on a Pass/No Pass basis, and the P is equal to a C or higher (Title 5 §55063)
  - completion of either CSU GE or IGETC; students transferring to CSU using IGETC must complete Area 1C (see www.smc.edu/articulation or visit the Transfer/Counseling Center)
  - a minimum of 12 degree applicable semester units completed at SMC
  - a minimum overall GPA of 2.0 in all CSU-transferable units

Note: while a minimum GPA of 2.0 is required for admission to a CSU, some majors/campuses may require a higher GPA. Please consult with a counselor for details.

CATALOG RIGHTS
A student may satisfy the requirements of a degree that were in effect at any time of the student’s continuous enrollment. Continuous enrollment is defined as enrollment in consecutive Fall and Spring semesters until completion.
# PSYCHOLOGY, ASSOCIATE DEGREE FOR TRANSFER

**Program Learning Outcomes:** Upon completion of the program, students will be able to identify, apply and critique the use of the scientific method as it relates to the study of the human mind. Students should be capable of describing domains of psychology such as the relationship between the brain and behavior; patterns of thinking, memory and learning; developmental and social influences; as well as atypical psychology and pathology.

## AREA OF EMPHASIS: (18 UNITS)

### Required Core Courses: (9 units minimum)
- **MATH** 54, Elementary Statistics (4)
- **PSYCH** 1, General Psychology (3)
- **PSYCH** 7, Research Methods in Psychology (3)

*Students planning on transferring to CSULB should take the articulated course at one of the following community colleges for higher consideration for admission:*
- El Camino: PSYCH 9B or SOC 109B
- Pasadena City College: PSYC 5
- Long Beach City College: PSYCH 2
- West Los Angeles College: PSYCH 74

### LIST A: Select at least 1 of the following courses: (3 units minimum)
- **BIOL** 3, Fundamentals of Biology (4)
- **PSYCH** 2, Physiological Psychology (3)

### LIST B: Select at least 1 of the following courses: (3 units minimum)
- ANY LIST A COURSE NOT ALREADY USED OR ANY OF THE FOLLOWING COURSES:
  - **ANATMY** 2, Advanced Human Anatomy (4)
  - **CHEM** 11, General Chemistry I (5)
  - **CHEM** 12, General Chemistry II (5)
  - **CHEM** 19, Fundamentals of General, Organic, and Biological Chemistry (5)
  - **CS** 50, C Programming (3)
  - **CS** 52, C++ Programming (3)
  - **ENGL** 1, Reading and Composition 1 (3)
  - **ENGL** 2, Critical Analysis and Intermediate Composition (3)
  - **HIST** 47, The Practice of History (3)
  - **MATH** 2, Precalculus (5)
  - **MATH** 7, Calculus 1 (5)
  - **MATH** 8, Calculus 2 (5)
  - **MATH** 21, Finite Mathematics (3)
  - **MATH** 28, Calculus 1 for Business and Social Science (5)

### LIST C: Select at least one of the following courses (3 units minimum)
- ANY LIST A OR B COURSE NOT ALREADY USED OR ANY OF THE FOLLOWING COURSES:
  - **PSYCH** 3, Personality: Dynamics and Development (3)
  - **PSYCH** 5, The Psychology of Communication (3)
  - **PSYCH** 6, Marriage, Family, and Human Intimacy (3)
  - **PSYCH** 14, Abnormal Psychology (3)
  - **PSYCH** 25, Human Sexuality (3)
  - **PSYCH** 35, Seminar on Contemporary Psychological Issues (3)
  - **PSYCH** 40, Environmental Psychology (3) *(same as ENVRN 40)*