



# People and Society

## Career Information Session





Spotlight on:

Psychology



# Psychology



# Degrees and Certificates

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### Associate in Arts for Transfer (AA-T) - Psychology

Many colleges/universities offer bachelor's 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 agreements with UC and CSU campuses, as well as several private and out-of-state institutions.



## Academic Planning

For information on this program, assistance creating your educational plan, or exploring transfer preparation visit the SMC Counseling Center at:

- <http://smc.edu/student-support/academic-support/counseling/contact.php>

Once on the web page, you can make an appointment or see a counselor on a drop-in basis by clicking on:

- The General Counseling & Transfer Services link or;
- The link to any special programs that you are a member of



## Potential Career Options

Job Title	Typical Education	Median Wage in CA
Applied Behavioral Analysis Therapist	Bachelor's Degree	\$40,500
Industrial-Organizational Psychologist	Doctoral Degree or More	\$85,357
Clinical Psychologist	Doctoral Degree or More	\$82,397
School Psychologist	Master's or Professional Degree	\$82,397
Child, Family, and School Social Worker	Bachelor's Degree	\$57,236

For additional career ideas and current salary information, we encourage you reach out to an SMC Career Counselor at the Career Services Center. They can be reached at (310) 434-4337.



## Starter Classes

➤ **PSYCH 1 | General Psychology**

This course is an introduction and general survey course in psychology. This course grounds the student in the epistemology of psychology as a scientific discipline, research methods, and critical analysis of research findings.

➤ **PSYCH 11 | Child and Growth Development**

This course will examine the major developmental milestones for children, both typically and atypically developing, from conception through adolescence in the areas of physical, psychosocial, and cognitive development.



# Program Highlights

## ➤ Experiential Learning

- **PSYCH 8 | Community Psychology**  
Community psychology focuses on the application of psychological principles to understand and address community issues. This course requires students to engage in learning outside the classroom in conjunction with various community-based organizations.
- **PSYCH 88A and 88B | Independent Studies in Psychology**  
Conduct independent research on a special study topic related to Psychology with the approval of the department chair and supervising instructor
- **SOCIOL 1S | Introduction to Sociology - Service Learning**  
Students engage in experiential learning outside of the classroom in conjunction with various community based organizations. Check with the Sociology program (<http://smc.edu/sociology>) to see when this course is offered.





## University Research Opportunities

### ➤ **Community College to PhD (CC2PhD) Association at UCLA**

Intro-level social science research and PhD preparation program; 25 community college students in social science related majors are accepted each year; Preference is given to students who are underrepresented within academia (e.g. underrepresented racial/ethnic minorities, former foster youth, formerly incarcerated, veteran, students with a disability, nontraditional age students, etc.); **Program runs from November to May, with the opportunity to participate in a summer undergraduate research program.**

Scholars receive support through a small research grant, meet and interact with their CC2PhD Graduate Student Mentor and CC2PhD Community College Faculty Advisor, and attend Saturday Academies at UCLA as well as monthly discussion sessions with a CC2PhD Transfer Student Peer Advisor.

To get on their mailing list for the next application period, visit <https://www.cc2phd.com/mailling-list>. For more information, contact [cc2phd@ucla.edu](mailto:cc2phd@ucla.edu) or visit their page <https://www.cc2phd.com/>



# Community Involvement and Volunteer Opportunities

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- Virginia Avenue Park
- The Mar Vista Family Center
- Alexandria House
- Coalition for Humane Immigrant Rights (CHIRLA)
- Los Angeles LGBT Center
- Midnight Mission
- Santa Monica Public Library

For more information, contact the Volunteer Coordinator at the Career Services Center at (310) 434-4337.



# Student Clubs

➤ **Office of Student Life - Student Clubs ([www.smc.edu/icc](http://www.smc.edu/icc))**

- **Psychology Club**

Expand your knowledge in psychology, facilitate discussions, gain new perspectives, and build relationships between students, faculty, and the community. For more information, contact [psychsmc@gmail.com](mailto:psychsmc@gmail.com)

- **Cultural Affairs Club**

Learn about different cultures through discussing political, socio-cultural and economic affairs on a national and global level; For more information, contact [culturalaffairsclub@gmail.com](mailto:culturalaffairsclub@gmail.com)




## Campus Resources

### ➤ Psychology

- **Website:** <http://smc.edu/psychology>
- **Contact Information:**  
Phone: (310) 434-4276

### ➤ Career Services Center

- **Website:** <http://smc.edu/careercenter>
- **Contact Information:**  
Email: [careerservices@smc.edu](mailto:careerservices@smc.edu)  
Phone: (310) 434-4337



# Don't forget to explore the additional videos on Programs and Careers in People and Society:

- Administration of Justice
- Economics
- Political Science
- Public Policy
- Global Studies
- Sociology
- Women's, Gender, & Sexuality Studies
- Communication Studies
- Liberal Arts
- Anthropology
- Environmental Studies
- Geography