The psychology pathway examines the way humans feel, think, and learn. Today’s psychologists study all sorts of fascinating questions, such as: Why is learning a language as an infant easier than as a teenager? What are the roots of violence? What is the best way to help someone with depression, or grief? But psychologists also look on the bright side. They encourage, coach and motivate people to change their lives for the better.

This is an example course sequence for students interested in pursuing Psychology. This does not represent a contract, nor does it guarantee course availability. If this pathway is followed as outlined, you will earn an AA degree. One course will satisfy the Human Diversity (HD) requirement, and is labeled with an (HD) in the sequence below. Following this pathway will help you get your associate degree, which will increase your chances of transfer to Bachelor’s-level programs of study. Choose Illinois Articulation Initiative (IAI) courses to fulfill general education requirements whenever possible. Visit [www.itransfer.org](http://www.itransfer.org) and speak with your college advisor to learn more about IAI.

As of July 2014, World Language courses are no longer a degree requirement. In the sequence below, World Language courses are called out as suggested electives. Please talk with your College Advisor to determine the best education plan for you.

Choose your courses with your College Advisor.

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**SEMESTER-BY-SEMESTER PROGRAM PLAN FOR FULL-TIME STUDENTS**

All plans can be modified to fit the needs of part-time students by adding more semesters.

**D SEMESTER 1**

- English 101—Composition I (3)  Communications
- Mathematics 125—Introductory Statistics (4)  Mathematics
- Psychology 201—General Psychology (3)  Social & Behavioral Sciences
- Social Science course (3)  Social & Behavioral Sciences
- Elective (3)  Elective

**D SEMESTER 2**

- English 102—Composition II (3)  Communications
- Life Sciences course (4)  Life Sciences
- Speech 101—Fundamentals of Speech Communication (3)  Communications
- Fine Arts course (3)  Fine Arts
- Psychology 213—Abnormal Psychology (3) OR other Program Elective (3)  Elective

**D SEMESTER 3**

- Physical Sciences course (4)  Physical Sciences
- Fine Arts & Humanities course (3)  Fine Arts & Humanities
- Psychology 207—Child Psychology (3) OR other Program Elective (3)  Elective
- World Language course (4)  Elective

**D SEMESTER 4**

- Social Sciences course (HD) (3)  Social & Behavioral Sciences (HD)
- World Language course (4)  Elective
- Humanities course (3)  Humanities
- Psychology 211—Social Psychology (3) OR other Program Elective (3)  Elective
- Program Elective (3)  Elective

**DEGREE MINIMUM: 60 CREDIT HOURS // PATHWAY TOTAL: 62 CREDIT HOURS**
Program Electives

- Psychology 206 – Business and Industrial Psychology (3)
- Psychology 207 – Child Psychology (3)
- Psychology 211 – Social Psychology (3) (HD)
- Psychology 213 – Abnormal Psychology (3)
- Psychology 215 – Psychology of Personality (3)
- Psychology 222 – Adult Development and Aging (3)
- Psychology 223 – Death, Dying, and Bereavement (3)
- Psychology 224 – Life Span Developmental Psychology (3)
- Psychology 240 – Research and Statistical Methods in the Behavioral Sciences (3)
- Psychology 299 – Special Topics in Psychology (6)
- Any Anthropology course
- Any Criminal Justice course
- Any Political Science course
- Any Sociology course

D = DEGREE // AC = ADVANCED CERTIFICATE // BC = BASIC CERTIFICATE

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