

**Program Description**

Psychology is the study of behavior and mental processes. People sometimes think of psychology as the study of mental and emotional problems, or as psychotherapy, but the field is actually much broader. Psychology uses the scientific method to study human behavior in all its many forms, from the genetic level and the biological basis of behavior, to understanding how individuals and groups behave in everyday activities. Psychology includes the study of what we have in common with other human beings, along with what makes us unique individuals. In Psychology, you will study what makes people thrive and grow, as well as what might lead to problems. The Psychology Transfer Pathway provides a broad base of general education relevant to psychology careers, and prepares students for transfer into a Psychology baccalaureate degree at Minnesota State universities.

**Program Course Requirements**

**Required Discipline Courses (14 credits)**

- PSYC 2421 General Psychology (Goals 2,5) **OR**
- PSYC 2423\* Honors General Psychology (Goals 2,5)..... 4 cr
- PSYC 2427\* Statistics for Psychology (Goal 5)..... 4 cr
- PSYC 2431\* Human Development (Goal 5) **OR**
- PSYC 2470\* Abnormal Psychology (Goals 5,7) **OR**
- PSYC 2441\* Social Psychology (Goals 5,7)..... 3 cr
- Additional Psychology course ..... 3 cr

**Required MnTC Courses (32 credits)**

**Goal 1 - Communications**

- COMM 1420 Interpersonal Communication **OR**
- COMM 1422\* Honors Interpersonal Communication **OR**
- COMM 1410 Introduction to Communication (Goal 1) ... 3 cr
- ENGL 1410 Composition I (Goal 1) **OR**
- ENGL 1420\* Honors Composition I (Goal 1) ..... 4 cr
- ENGL 1411\* Composition II (Goal 1) **OR**
- ENGL 1421\* Honors Composition II (Goals 1,9) ..... 4 cr

**Goal 2 – Critical Thinking\*\***

“Double Dip” with another MnTC Goal ..... 1 course

**Goal 3 - Natural Sciences**

BIOL 1404 Human Biology (Goal 3) **OR** BIOL 2411 Biology of Women (Goals 3,7) recommended, 2 disciplines recommended, 1 lab course required ..... 6 cr

**Goal 4 – Math/Logical Reasoning**

- MATH 1460\* Introduction to Statistics (Goal 4) **OR**
- MATH 1461\* Honors Intro to Statistics (Goals 2,4) **OR**
- MATH 1470 College Algebra (Goal 4) ..... 3-4 cr

**Goal 5 – History/Social Behavioral Sciences**

Any discipline other than Psychology ..... 3 cr

**Goal 6 – Humanities and Fine Arts**

Courses from two disciplines required

Philosophy course (PHIL 2420 Ethics or PHIL 2421 Honors Ethics (Goals 6,9) recommended)..... 3 cr

Goal 6,7 course recommended..... 3 cr

Goal 6,8 course recommended..... 3 cr

**Goal 7 – Human Diversity\*\***

“Double Dip” with another MnTC Goal .....1 course

**Goal 8 – Global Perspective\*\***

“Double Dip” with another MnTC Goal .....1 course

**Goal 9 – Ethic and Civic Responsibility\*\***

“Double Dip” with another MnTC Goal .....1 course

**Goal 10 – People and The Environment\*\***

“Double Dip” with another MnTC Goal .....1 course

**Fitness for Life (2 credits)**

PHED 1594 Fitness for Life (or choose any other HLTH or PHED Fitness for Life course) ..... 2 cr

**Student Success (1-3 credits)**

CCST 1510 College Success Skills (recommended) .... 1-3 cr

**Electives**

As needed to total 60 credits\*\* ..... 9-11 cr

**GRADUATION REQUIREMENT - 60 CREDITS**

*\*Denotes Prerequisites*

*\*\*Many courses from Goals 1 – 6 also meet Goal 7 – 10. Credits count only once. Students are advised to select MnTC courses with multiple goal assignments whenever possible.*

**Program Outcomes**

By completing this program, students will achieve the following learning outcomes:

- Describe key concepts, principle and overarching themes in psychology
- Develop a working knowledge of psychology's content domains
- Describe applications of psychology
- Use scientific reasoning to interpret psychological phenomena
- Demonstrate psychology information literacy
- Engage in systematic problem-solving inferred by psychological research
- Interpret, design or conduct basic psychological research
- Incorporate sociocultural factors in scientific inquiry
- Use statistical programs to augment scientific inquiry
- Apply ethical standards to evaluate and/or conduct psychological research and practice
- Build and enhance interpersonal relationships

- Explore values and/or practices that build community at local, national and global levels
- Demonstrate effective writing for different purposes including basic APA style
- Exhibit effective presentation skills for different purposes
- Interact effectively with others
- Demonstrate effective communication skills

## Semester Course Requirements

***This is a sample full-time student pathway.***

### Semester One (15 credits)

|              |  |      |
|--------------|--|------|
| CCST 1510    | College Success Skills (recommended) .....     | 3 cr |
| COMM 1420    | Interpersonal Communication (Goal 1) <b>OR</b> |      |
| COMM 1422*   | Honors Interpersonal Comm (Goal 1) <b>OR</b>   |      |
| COMM 1410    | Introduction to Communication (Goal 1) ...     | 3 cr |
| ENGL 1410    | Composition I (Goal 1) <b>OR</b>               |      |
| ENGL 1420*   | Honors Composition I (Goal 1) .....            | 4 cr |
| PHED 1594    | Fitness for Life (or choose any other          |      |
| HLTH or PHED | Fitness for Life course) .....                 | 2 cr |
| PSYC 1423    | Positive Psychology (Goals 5,9) .....          | 3 cr |

### Semester Two (14 credits)

|            |  |        |
|------------|--|--------|
| ENGL 1411* | Composition II (Goal 1) <b>OR</b>                |        |
| ENGL 1421* | Honors Composition II (Goals 1,9) .....          | 4 cr   |
| MATH 1460* | Introduction to Statistics (Goal 4) <b>OR</b>    |        |
| MATH 1461* | Honors Intro to Statistics (Goals 2,4) <b>OR</b> |        |
| MATH 1470  | College Algebra (Goal 4) .....                   | 3-4 cr |
| PSYC 2421  | General Psychology (Goals 2,5) <b>OR</b>         |        |
| PSYC 2423* | Honors General Psychology (Goals 2,5) .....      | 4 cr   |
| Goal 5**   | (any discipline other than Psychology) .....     | 3 cr   |

### Semester Three (16 credits)

|            |   |      |
|------------|---|------|
| BIOL 1404  | Human Biology (Goal 3) <b>OR</b>          |      |
| BIOL 2411  | Biology of Women (Goals 3,7) .....        | 3 cr |
| PSYC 2427* | Statistics for Psychology (Goal 5) .....  | 4 cr |
| PSYC 2431* | Human Development (Goal 5) <b>OR</b>      |      |
| PSYC 2470* | Abnormal Psychology (Goals 5,7) <b>OR</b> |      |
| PSYC 2441* | Social Psychology (Goals 5,7) .....       | 3 cr |
| Goal 6**   | (Goal 6,8 course if you have not met      |      |
| the Goal 8 | requirement) .....                        | 3 cr |
| Electives  | .....                                     | 3 cr |

### Semester Four (15 credits)

|                   |                                       |      |
|-------------------|---------------------------------------|------|
| Philosophy course | (PHIL 2420 Ethics or PHIL 2421 Honors |      |
| Ethics            | (Goals 6,9) recommended) .....        | 3 cr |
| Goal 3**          | (Goal 3,10 course recommended) .....  | 3 cr |
| Goal 6**          | (Goal 6,7 course if you have not met  |      |
| the Goal 7        | requirement) .....                    | 3 cr |
| Electives         | .....                                 | 6 cr |

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## Transfer Opportunities

The Psychology Transfer Pathway A.A. Degree offers students 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 students completing this pathway degree and transferring to a Minnesota State university may enter with junior-year status. Courses in the Psychology Transfer Pathway associates degree will directly transfer and apply to the designated bachelor's degree programs. Students should consult with an advisor for guidance regarding how to best meet the requirements of their intended baccalaureate program. Universities within the Minnesota State system participating in the Psychology Transfer Pathway include:

- Bemidji State University – BA/BS
- Metropolitan State University - BA
- Minnesota State University, Mankato – BA/BS
- Minnesota State University, Moorhead - BA
- Southwest State University - BA
- St. Cloud State University - BA
- Winona State University - BA

## Course Prerequisites

Some courses may require appropriate test scores or completion of basic math, basic English and/or reading courses with a “C” or better. CLC utilizes a multiple measure approach for placement which may include high school MCA, SAT, ACT scores in addition to high school GPAs. For insurance purposes, internships may require that students be 18 years old.

## Graduation Requirements

- These requirements apply to new students, and students who have been absent from this college one academic year or longer.
- At least one semester before you plan to graduate, complete an Application to Graduate.
- A total of 60 college level credits with a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or higher are required for an Associate of Arts Degree.
- 15 credits must be earned at Central Lakes College to be eligible for an Associate of Arts Degree.
- Classes may meet requirements for more than one goal area, but credit will not be awarded for any course twice.

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