Psychology

An Associate of Arts degree with coursework in psychology serves as a foundation for continued studies in the discipline. Because most careers in psychology require an advanced degree, many students transfer to a college or university to complete the Bachelor’s degree and apply for admission to a graduate program in psychology. The Collin psychology coursework features a variety of introductory courses exploring the principles of behavior and mental processes. Course offerings include general psychology, life-span psychology, human sexuality, psychology of personality and social psychology. These courses emphasize psychological theory and research, the historical context of the development of the field, and the use of psychological concepts as a tool for better understanding what it means to be a human being. Many courses in Psychology require participation in hands-on, experiential assignments that emphasize the application of course material.

To earn an associate degree, complete the 42 credit hour General Education Core, and 18 credit hours of general studies electives and the Associate of Arts (AA) or Associate of Science (AS) degree requirements.

**Recommended Electives**

- PSYC 1300 Learning Framework
- PSYC 2301 General Psychology
- PSYC 2306 Human Sexuality
- PSYC 2314 Life-Span Growth and Development
- PSYC 2315 Psychology of Adjustment
- PSYC 2316 Psychology of Personality
- PSYC 2319 Social Psychology
- SOCI 1301 Introduction to Sociology
- SOCI 1306 Social Problems
- SOCI 2301 Marriage and the Family