

PSYCHOLOGY PRE-MAJOR

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The following pre-major is recommended for students who are considering completing a Bachelor's degree in Psychology after transferring to a four-year institution. It will help students to deepen their knowledge of Psychology as well as their overall understanding of individuals, societies and cultures, while completing the general education requirements for Associate degree.

It is designed for students who have not decided upon a specific four-year college or university. Once a transfer school is selected, students are strongly encouraged to consult the Office of Advising, Transitions, and Student Success and the transfer institution's catalog to select courses that will meet both Oakton and transfer institution requirements.

For more information on course selection or program-specific advising, contact the department chairperson. Part time students should also consult the Office of Advising, Transitions, and Student Success for part-time pre-major recommendations. **General Education courses should be selected from the list of IAI General Education Courses.**

First Year		Hours
Semester One		
PSY 101	Introduction to Psychology	3
EGL 101	Composition I	3
MAT 125 or MAT 131	General Education Mathematics or Elementary Statistics	4
Select one of the following:		3-4
HUM 122	Contemporary Culture and the Arts	
HUM 127	Introduction to Philosophy	
HUM 140	Introduction to Women's and Gender Studies ¹	
HUM 142	Women and Creativity ¹	
PHL 105	Logic	
PHL 106	Ethics	
Modern Language Course (202 ² or higher) ³		
Select one of the following:		3
ART 112	Art History: Renaissance to Modern	
ART 113	Art History: Modern Art (Twentieth Century)	
ART 114	Art History: Art of the Non-Western World ²	
MUS 236	Music Literature and History	
or other Fine Arts course		
Hours		16-17
Semester Two		
EGL 102	Composition II	3
SPE 103	Effective Speech	3
PSY 120 or PSY 211	Human Development or Child Psychology	3
Select one Science course with lab:		4
One science course must be from the Life Sciences (LS) and one science course must be from the Physical Sciences (PS)		
BIO 101	Introduction to Life Science (LS)	
BIO 106	Introduction to Environmental Science (LS) ²	
BIO 121	General College Biology I (LS)	
EAS 100	Introduction to Earth Science (PS)	
EAS 101	Physical Geology (PS)	
EAS 102	Historical Geology (PS)	
Select one of the following:		3
HIS 112	United States History from 1877	

PSC 101	American Government	
SOC 101	Introduction to Sociology ¹	
SSC 101	The Individual in Modern Society	
Hours		16
Second Year		
Semester One		
PSY 202 or PSY 205	Social Psychology ¹ or Adult Psychology	3
Select one Science course without lab:		3
One science course must be from the Life Sciences (LS) and one science course must be from the Physical Sciences (PS)		
BIO 104	Human Genetics (LS)	
BIO 109	Plants and Society (LS) ²	
EAS 105	Introduction to Weather and Climate (PS)	
EAS 205	Environmental Geology (PS)	
Select one of the following:		3
ANT 102	Introduction to Social and Cultural Anthropology ⁴	
PHL 205	World Religions ²	
PSC 202	International Relations ²	
SSC 201	Introduction to Global Studies ²	
Select one of the following:		3
ANT 104	Introduction to Physical Anthropology	
SOC 103	Social Problems ⁴	
SOC 232	Sociology of Race and Ethnicity ¹	
SSC 105	Introduction to Ethnic Studies ¹	
Select one of the following:		3
EGL 131	Multicultural Literature in the U.S.	
EGL 115	Introduction to Fiction	
EGL 129	Introduction to Literature	
EGL 131	Multicultural Literature in the U.S. ¹	
EGL 132	LGBTQ+ Literature ¹	
EGL 133	Women and Literature ¹	
EGL 134	Introduction to African-American Literature ¹	
EGL 222	American Literature II (from The Civil War To The Present) ¹	
Hours		15
Semester Two		
Now that you have completed your required general education courses as well as the psychology courses to prepare you for a future major in Psychology, you can choose to take electives to fulfill your last 13 to 15 credit hours. We recommend you choose one to three courses from Social and Behavioral Sciences and/or one to three Humanities/Fine Arts courses from those listed in the previous semesters that you have not yet taken or from other IAI General Education Courses.		13-15
Hours		13-15
Total Hours		60-63

¹ Course fulfills the U.S. Diversity Studies requirement. At least one U.S. Diversity Studies course is required for degree completion.

² Course fulfills the Global Studies requirement. At least one Global Studies course is required for degree completion.

³ Transfer institutions may have a language requirement. Any Modern Language Intermediate II course can meet the Humanities and Global Studies requirements.

⁴ Course fulfills both the Global Studies and U.S. Diversity Studies requirements.

Note: Pre-major is a recommended sequence and selection of courses. See Associate in Arts (A.A.) page for degree requirements.