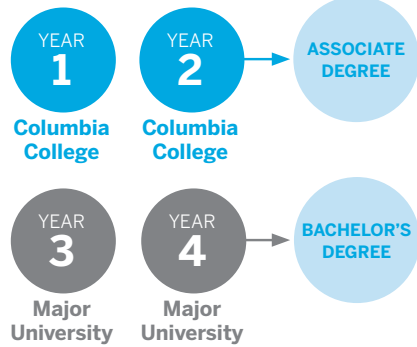


ASSOCIATE OF ARTS DEGREE

Psychology Concentration

An Associate Degree is equivalent to the first two years of a four-year university degree. Universities in British Columbia will guarantee 60 transfer credits to holders of an Associate Degree. Students must meet the grade point average (GPA) established by each university for admission. Upon completion, students qualify to apply for a post-graduate work permit in Canada.



Program Overview

- The Associate of Arts Degree in Psychology allows students to build a foundation in the field of psychology and prepared them to pursue a Bachelor's degree in Psychology or a related field.
- Students will learn the history and theories of psychology while developing critical thinking, written and verbal skills that will carry over to various careers and disciplines.
- Students will be able to explore various areas in psychology such as research methods, data analysis as well as social, cognitive, eco, child and biological psychology.

Skills Gained

-  Knowledge of human behaviors and mental processes.
-  Critical thinking, research skills and ability to interpret and analyze data.
-  Professional verbal and written communication.
-  Develop solutions to complex human issues.
-  Interpersonal and intercultural skills.

Accelerated Associate Degree: Tri-mester system

Students benefit from the tri-mester system with intakes in January, May, and September. This means students can take more courses over a 12-month period and can complete an Associate Degree in 16 months or two years.

School System	Semester 1				3-4 week break	Semester 2				3-4 week break	Semester 3				3-4 week break	Semester 4			
	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec		Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr		May	Jun	Jul	Aug		Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
Trimester Fast Track: 16 months	4 COURSES					4 COURSES					4 COURSES					4 COURSES			

Students take a minimum of 3 and a maximum of 5 courses per semester.

Students who do not wish to accelerate can complete an Associate Degree in 2 years.




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Program Curriculum Framework

Must include: All requirements of an Associate of Arts Degree
20 courses (minimum 60 credits) of 1st & 2nd year courses, to include at least 6 courses (minimum 18 credits) in Arts at the 2nd year level, taken in two or more subject areas.

1st year courses
PSYC 110 Introductory Psychology I
PSYC 120 Introductory Psychology II
2nd year courses (include at least 4 and no more than 5)
PSYC 217 Research Methods in Psychology
PSYC 218* Introduction to Data Analysis in the Behaviour Sciences
2 courses outside the field of Psychology

Choose 3 courses from the list below
PSYC 210 Introductory Child Psychology
PSYC 220 Behaviour Disorders
PSYC 240 Social Psychology
PSYC 270 Theories of Personality
PSYC 281 Biological Psychology
PSYC 299 Introduction to Eco-psychology

Career Possibilities

 SOCIAL SERVICES	 MARKETING & PUBLIC RELATIONS	 CORRECTIONS / LAW ENFORCEMENT	 BUSINESS
Behaviour Interventionist	Advertising Consultant	Front Counter Clerk - Police	Human Resources Coordinator
Mental Health Worker	Public Relations Officer	Border Services Officer	Employment Counselor
Youth Worker	Marketing Coordinator	Corrections Officer	Administrative Officer
Community Support Worker	Event Coordinator	Police Officer	Talent Acquisition Coordinator

* Average estimated starting salary for [these listed jobs in Canada](#)

\$39,520 - \$55,164

(Labour Force Survey/Statistics Canada)

Approximately **748,500** job openings in British Columbia within the next 10 years will require some form of post-secondary education.

(British Columbia Labour Market Report Outlook: 2023 Edition, p. 4)

#1 in Canada, B.C has the highest salary increase for 2023 for all industries compared to all over provinces.

(www.hrreporter.com)

Who should apply?

Students who:

- have an interest in understanding the behaviour, thoughts and feelings of people.
- are willing to adopt scientific approaches to understanding the complex nature of human behaviour.




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