

Associate in Arts: Psychology Emphasis

Degree Program 2012-2013

Program Requirements.....	17
General Education/MnTC	40
Wellness Requirement.....	3
TOTAL CREDITS.....	60

PROGRAM INFORMATION:

This degree is intended to constitute the first two years of a baccalaureate degree program. Transferability of courses from Anoka-Ramsey Community College (ARCC) to public higher education systems in Minnesota is enhanced by transfer agreements that are in place. Coursework will transfer in its entirety to the Community Psychology and Chemical Dependency programs at St. Cloud State University, and may transfer in part or entirety to other programs and/or postsecondary institutions. Listings of available courses to satisfy the areas of the Minnesota Transfer Curriculum are available at the Advising Office. Students interested in specific transfer majors and/or institutions should consult the transfer guides available on the Web site at <http://www.anokaramsey.edu/student/Transfer/TransferGuides.aspx>. For more information on ARCC, visit our Web site at <http://www.AnokaRamsey.edu>.

PROGRAM GOALS:

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

1. To develop writers and speakers who use the English language effectively and who read, write, speak, and listen critically.
2. To develop thinkers who are able to unify factual, creative, rational, and value-sensitive modes of thought.
3. To improve students' understanding of natural science principles and of the methods of scientific inquiry, i.e., the ways in which scientists investigate natural science phenomena.
4. To increase students' knowledge about mathematical and logical modes of thinking.
5. To increase students' knowledge of how historians and social and behavioral scientists discover, describe, and explain the behaviors and interactions among individuals, groups, institutions, events, and ideas.
6. To expand students' knowledge of the human condition and human cultures, especially in relation to behavior, ideas, and values expressed in works of human imagination and thought.
7. To increase students' understanding of individual and group differences (e.g. race, gender, class) and their knowledge of the traditions and values of various groups in the United States.
8. To increase students' understanding of the growing interdependence of nations and people and develop their ability to apply a comparative perspective to cross-cultural social, economic, and political experiences.
9. To develop students' capacity to identify, discuss, and reflect upon the ethical dimensions of political, social, and personal life and to understand the ways in which they can exercise responsible and productive citizenship.
10. To improve students' understanding of today's complex environmental challenges.
11. To improve students' awareness and understanding of issues related to personal wellness.

DEVELOPMENTAL COURSES:

Some students may need preparatory courses in the areas of English, mathematics, or typing/keyboarding. Courses numbered below 1000 will not apply toward this degree.

COMPLETION REQUIREMENTS:

- A minimum of **60 semester credits** in courses **numbered 1000 or above**.
- A minimum cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.0 in courses numbered 1000 or above at ARCC.
- A minimum of **20 semester credits** applied toward the degree must be taken from ARCC. This requirement may be reduced from **20 to 12 semester credits** for students transferring in at least 8 semester credits from either another MnSCU college or the University of Minnesota.
- Completion of specific degree requirements.

Program Requirements: 17 credits

- PSYC 1110 General Psychology4
 - PSYC 2235* Lifespan Development4
 - PSYC 2260* Social Psychology3
- Electives (choose 6 credits):**
- PSYC 2250* Abnormal Psychology3
 - PSYC 2265* Educational Psychology3
 - PSYC 2270* Theories of Personality3

General Education/MnTC Requirements: 40 credits

Distribution requirements are satisfied through completion of the Minnesota Transfer Curriculum (MnTC) listed below. These criteria must be met to complete the MnTC:

1. All ten emphasis areas listed below must be completed.
2. A total of at least **40 semester credits** from courses listed in the MnTC must be satisfactorily completed. One course may satisfy more than one emphasis area, but the course credits may be counted only once.
3. A 2.0 MnTC GPA is required for recognition of a student's completion of the entire Minnesota Transfer Curriculum, with or without completing an associate degree.

- 1. **Communications (at least two courses)**
 - ENGL 1121*4
 - CMST 1110 OR CMST 2215 OR CMST 22203
- 2. **Critical Thinking (at least three courses)**
- 3. **Natural Sciences (one course required in B and C, one course must include a lab)**
 - A. Lab
 - B. Physical Science
 - C. Biological Science
- 4. **Mathematical/Logical Reasoning**
 - MATH 1110*3
- 5. **History and the Social and Behavioral Sciences (at least two courses; one from each of two categories)**
 - A. Economics/Geography
 - B. Anthropology/Psychology/Sociology (fulfilled by program requirements)
 - C. History/Political Science
- 6. **The Humanities & Fine Arts (at least two courses; one from each of two categories)**
 - A. Literature
 - B. Humanities/Philosophy
 - C. Art/Music/Theatre
- 7. **Human Diversity (at least one course)**
- 8. **Global Perspective (at least one course)**
- 9. **Ethical and Civic Responsibility (at least one course)**
- 10. **People and the Environment (at least one course)**

Wellness 3 credits

Complete either 1 or 2 below.

- 1. Three credits from any two HPER courses.
- 2. HPER 1120

* Course has a prerequisite. Prerequisites are listed on the course schedule and in the ARCC Catalog Course Descriptions pages.

NOTE: The requirements of this program are subject to change without notice. Students may earn only one AA degree regardless of emphasis area. You are encouraged to contact an academic advisor, Cambridge Campus 763-433-1840 or Coon Rapids Campus 763-433-1240, for course planning assistance and information about transfer credit evaluation.

