

ICW Uniform Pathway to Psychology:

AA/AS DTA to Bachelor's degree in Psychology

Washington community and technical colleges (CTCs) along with independent colleges and universities share a long history of coordination and collaboration in support of students who transfer between associate degree- and bachelor degree-granting institutions. Eight independent bachelor degree-granting colleges and universities that are members of Independent Colleges of Washington (ICW) participate in the Direct Transfer Agreement (DTA) for Associate degrees, thus providing for benefits to students who transfer under the DTA, including:

- The receiving institution accepts up to 90 quarter/60 semester credits;
- Lower division general education or core curriculum requirements are *generally*¹ met; and
- Students are generally considered juniors upon transfer.

The purpose of this agreement is to strengthen the relationships between Washington CTCs and ICW member campuses that accept the DTA and also offer a major in psychology. This agreement aligns with the general DTA requirements, and specifies the coursework needed to gain direct admission to a Bachelor's program in psychology at a participating ICW member campus. Admitted students will usually have junior standing at the institution. This agreement honors the DTA agreement and does not replace or supersede additional degree requirements imposed by the ICW institution for all transfer students.

This uniform articulation agreement is intended to facilitate transfer by providing clear guidance for students intending to major in psychology after transfer. The CTC courses identified in the table below were identified by a Psychology Transfer Workgroup, commissioned by the Joint Transfer Council, and composed of psychology faculty and advising staff from CTC, ICW, and public 4-year institutions. CTC students who complete the DTA requirements, with the required and recommended courses, are eligible for direct entry to psychology programs at the ICW institutions that are signatories to this agreement, providing all other admissions requirements are met.

¹ Most ICW institutions have provisos for additional general education or core curriculum courses that all students must take; these are listed in the [ICRC Handbook](#).

BASIC REQUIREMENTS: 15 cr		SOCIAL SCIENCES DISTRIBUTION REQUIREMENT: 15-20 cr	
ENGL&101 – Composition I	5 cr	Completion of a minimum of 15 credits from at least two different disciplines.	
ENGL&102 – Composition II; or other communication skills course	5 cr	Required: PSYC & 100 – General Psychology	5 cr
Quantitative/Symbolic Reasoning Recommended: MATH& 146 - Statistics	5 cr	Recommended: PSYC & 200 – Lifespan Development	5 cr
		1-2 additional courses	5-10 cr
NATURAL SCIENCES DISTRIBUTION REQUIREMENT: 15-20 cr		HUMANITIES DISTRIBUTION REQUIREMENTS: 15-20 cr	
Completion of a minimum of 15 credits from at least 2 different disciplines, and include at least five (5) credits of a LAB course. At least 10 credits required in physical, earth and/or biological sciences. Only five (5) credits of Mathematics may be used.		Completion of a minimum of 15 credits from at least two different disciplines. No more than five (5) credits from those courses designated as performance/skills, applied theory or lecture/studio courses. Only five (5) credits of world language at the 100 level may be included.	
Recommended: BIOL& 175 – Human Biology	5 cr		
2-3 additional courses	10-15 cr		
ELECTIVE CREDITS: 15-30 cr			
Electives include other college-level courses. A maximum of 15 credits may be in college-level courses as defined by the community or technical college. The remainder shall be fully transferable as defined by the receiving institution or through inclusion in the DTA-Associate Degree Guidelines . Students are encouraged to check with their preferred four-year institution about world language requirements and whether PSYC electives will be accepted in transfer. Different universities may have limits on the number or types of psychology electives that can transfer.			
3-5 additional courses	15-30 cr		
90 TOTAL CREDITS			