



Illinois State University
Transfer Planning Guide
Psychology B.A. or B.S.

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The major in [Psychology](#) requires a capstone experience, which provides students with challenging opportunities to apply their knowledge of psychology to research, teaching, or practice endeavors. Students can work with faculty in the classroom or their research labs, or study specific topics of the student's interest.

The ISU Department of Psychology has also established an extensive internship program that gives students opportunities to apply their knowledge in a work setting in the local community. The Research Apprenticeship Program, Undergraduate Teaching Assistantship Program, and Internship Program are designed to give students practical experiences beyond their academic coursework.

TRANSFER FACTS

- The Psychology major at Illinois State University receives about four applications for each student admitted to the major. Therefore, transfer students should apply early during the preferred filing period (Sept. 1 – Jan. 15 for summer or fall admission; April 1 – August 1 for spring admission), earn a competitive GPA and complete required courses **including mathematics** in order to have the best opportunity for admission to this major.
- A minimum GPA of 2.5 is required to be considered for admission to the Psychology major. The average GPA of admitted students is 2.93 to 3.47.
- Required courses must be completed with a grade of “C” or better.
- The bachelor degree requires a minimum of 120 total credits, including 42 credits at the 200-300 level. Students with 75 or more hours are admitted on a limited, case-by-case basis.

Complete the Black Hawk College courses below within the
[Associate in Arts \(AA\) degree](#)

Required for admission to the major

PSYC 101 Introduction to Psychology *

MATH 131 Finite Mathematics for Business, **MATH 132** Calculus for Bus/Soc Sciences, or **MATH 124** Calculus I with Analytic Geometry (all courses have pre-requisites; consult advisor)

One IAI General Education Life Science or IAI Physical Science course that includes a lab (4 credits min.) A Biology or Chemistry course is recommended.

Additional recommendations to complete before transferring for the purpose of efficient degree completion

- **ENG 101** Composition I, **ENG 102** Composition II, and **SPEC 101** Principles of Speech Communication (required for the AA and AS degree)
- **PHIL 100** Logic or **PHIL 101** Introduction to Philosophy

- **PSYC 200** Human Growth & Development *
- **PSYC 210** Personality Theories *
- **PSYC 230** Social Psychology *
- **A second lab science course.** *The AA degree requires one IAI General Education Life Science, and one IAI General Education Physical Science course*
- **Foreign Language:** All students in the [College of Arts and Sciences \(CAS\)](#) must satisfy a foreign language graduation requirement that may be met by: three years of the same foreign language in high school or completion of the second semester or higher of college-level foreign language with a passing grade or equivalent proficiency as determined by examination. American Sign Language may be used to fulfil this requirement by transfer credit or by proficiency. Students completing a Bachelor of Arts degree must complete a foreign language course at a level equivalent to three college semesters (LAN 115). These are not requirements for admission, but for graduation from Illinois State.
- **ISU's 'AMALI' requirement:** any Black Hawk IAI GECC non-western studies course.

* Not more than 16 hours of 100-level Psychology courses, or Psychology courses transferred from community colleges, may count toward the major.

This guide is not intended to be a contract with ISU. The information of this guide is subject to change; students are advised to contact ISU to keep informed of changes. Final responsibility for verifying all transfer information lies with the student. Use this guide in conjunction with the BHC Catalog to fulfill degree requirements.

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