Psychology, the science concerned with behavior and mental processing, is a broad discipline, essentially spanning subject matter from biology to sociology. It covers the intersection of two critical relationships: one between brain function (biology) and behavior, and one between the environment (sociology) and behavior. Psychology is concerned with the study of human and nonhuman animal behavior and mental processing. While the individual is usually the focal point (as in personality, developmental, clinical and therapy areas) the influence of group behavior on the individual is also considered. Psychology involves both pure science and practical application to everyday living. The field of psychology follows scientific methods, using careful observation, experimentation, and analysis that results in scientific findings of natural and social science.

Career Opportunities
The U.S. Bureau of Labor expects opportunities for careers in psychology to continue growth over the next decade. Numerous opportunities will develop in secondary and postsecondary education, public and private social service agencies, and management consulting service. Careers in health care will grow fastest in outpatient mental health and substance abuse treatment clinics. Businesses will use psychologists’ expertise for analysis and research to provide marketing evaluation and statistical analysis as well as employee assistance programs, which offer employees help with personal problems.

Program Learning Outcomes
Students completing this program will be able to:
1. Analyze social science concepts and theories.
2. Evaluate diverse viewpoints related to the human experience.
3. Produce evidence-based arguments.

AA Degree Requirements
Major: Core and Selective Requirements

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Selective courses: choose a minimum of 9 units from the following:

- **List A**, complete a minimum of 3 units from the following:
  - BIOL 110 Principles Of Biology | 4 units
  - BIOL 130 Human Biology | 3 units

- **List B**, complete a minimum of 3 units from the following:
  - Any List A course not already used | 3 - 4 units
  - PSYC 200 Developmental Psychology | 3 units
  - PSYC 300 Social Psychology | 3 units
  - PSYC 410 Abnormal Psychology | 3 units

- **List C**, complete a minimum of 3 units from the following:
  - Any course from List A or B not already used | 3 - 4 units
  - PSYC 106 Psychology of Prejudice and Discrimination | 3 units
  - PSYC 340 Introduction to Human Sexuality | 3 units
  - SOCI 100 Introduction to Sociology | 3 units

And required General Education coursework and electives as needed to meet the minimum 60 units required for the Associate degree.