

Psychology Transfer Pathway (AA to BA)

for Ohio Community College students
transferring to Ohio Wesleyan University

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This document outlines the [Ohio Guaranteed Transfer Pathway \(OGTP\) in Psychology](#) that has been designed to provide clarity and consistency for college courses transferring between Ohio 2-year and 4-year public institutions.

This same transfer pathway in Psychology is now approved for students transferring to Ohio Wesleyan University, through a partnership between 11 Ohio community colleges and 14 private colleges called the [Ohio Consortium for Transfer Pathways to the Liberal Arts](#), and whose faculty and administration have collaborated to expand access and credit clarity for students transferring with an associate's degree from an Ohio community college to an Ohio private college or university.

Pages 1 & 2 of this document outline **community college courses that are approved statewide** for transfer credit for the AA to BA degree in psychology at an approved 4-year institution. Pages 3-4 show the AS to BS degree. Pages 5-7 show how these courses transfer to Ohio Wesleyan University to meet bachelor degree requirements.

COMMUNITY COLLEGE – ASSOCIATE OF ARTS DEGREE – TOTAL 60-65 CREDITS GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS/OHIO TRANSFER 36		Minimum Credit Hours
ENGLISH COMPOSITION AND ORAL COMMUNICATION:		3
Course 1:	Any OT36 approved First Writing course	3
MATHEMATICS, STATISTICS AND LOGIC		4-5
Course 1:	Introductory Statistics recommended ¹	3
ARTS AND HUMANITIES (Two courses from two different areas)		6
Course 1:	Any OT36 approved Arts and Humanities course	3
Course 2:	Any OT36 approved Arts and Humanities course	3
SOCIAL AND BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES (Two courses from two different areas)		6
Course 1:	Introduction to Psychology ²	3
Course 2:	Any OT36 approved Social and Behavioral Sciences course (outside of psychology)	3
NATURAL SCIENCES		8-10
Course 1:	Any OTM approved Natural Science course with or without lab ³	3
Course 2:	Any OTM approved Biological Science course with lab ³	3-4
ADDITIONAL CREDITS		10
Course 1:	Any OT36 approved Second Writing course	3
Course 2:	Up to 9 additional hours of OT36 approved courses ⁴	9
GENERAL EDUCATION/OHIO TRANSFER 36 TOTAL:		37-40

Advising Notes:

Where it indicates "Any OT36 approved," students should work closely with their advisors.

¹ Please note that some institutions may require College Algebra. Check with your receiving institution.

² Introduction to Psychology also counts toward pre-major/beginning major requirements.

³ Only one natural sciences lab is required. In some cases, taking one Biological Science and one Physical Science is preferred. Check with your receiving institution.

⁴ One recommended course is OT36 approved Oral Communication.

Due to the variability across institutions, students should work with their academic advisor to determine an appropriate program of study and appropriate amount of additional credits to satisfy the OT36.

COMMUNITY COLLEGE – ASSOCIATE OF ARTS DEGREE – <i>Continued from page 1</i>		Minimum Credit Hours
PRE-MAJOR/BEGINNING MAJOR		
Course 1:	Introduction to Psychology (counted as part of the OT36)	0
* Course 2:	Social Psychology	3
* Course 3:	Abnormal Psychology	3
* Course 4:	Psychology of Personality	3
* Course 5:	Choose only one Human Development or Lifespan Development Course from the list below. If no course equivalency at the receiving institution, course will transfer as a major elective. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child Development Course • Adolescent Development Course • Adulthood and Aging Course • Lifespan Development Course • Child and Adolescent Development Course 	3
PRE-MAJOR/BEGINNING MAJOR TOTAL:		12-15
OTHER REQUIREMENTS		
Foreign Language:	Demonstrate competencies through the intermediate level (Statewide guaranteed transfer courses available in American Sign Language, Arabic, Chinese, Japanese, French, German, Italian, and Spanish)	6-8
Electives:	It is recommended for students to use these elective hours to explore pursuing a double major or minor using TAG approved courses. These hours can also be used to complete prerequisite coursework.	3-6
OTHER REQUIREMENTS TOTAL:		8-18
<p>Advising Notes:</p> <p>(*) indicates that the course has a prerequisite of Introduction to Psychology. Introduction to Psychology simultaneously satisfies OT36 and pre-major/beginning major requirements and is counted under the OT36 Social and Behavioral Sciences requirement.</p> <p>A minimum of two semesters of foreign language should be taken if available. Additional foreign language courses may be needed as well – check with your receiving institution. If more foreign language courses are taken, then the number of elective hours will be lower.</p> <p>Some bachelor-degree granting institutions require additional general education courses outside of the Ohio Transfer Module and students may be required to take these courses in their junior or senior year. Students will still be able to follow this pathway and complete their bachelor’s degree in approximately 60 additional credit hours.</p>		
Associate Degree		Total Credit Hours
ASSOCIATE DEGREE TOTAL:		60-65
SPECIAL NOTES		
<p>A minimum of two semesters of foreign language should be taken if available. Additional foreign language courses may be needed as well – check with your receiving institution. If more foreign language courses are taken, then the number of elective hours will be lower.</p> <p>Some bachelor-degree granting institutions require additional general education courses outside of the Ohio Transfer Module and students may be required to take these courses in their junior or senior year. Students will still be able to follow this pathway and complete their bachelor’s degree in approximately 60 additional credit hours.</p>		

How Psychology Pathway Courses Transfer to Ohio Wesleyan University

A student transferring to Ohio Wesleyan University with the associate of arts degree and psychology transfer pathway completed will receive maximum credit, placing them at or near junior standing with introductory coursework in the psychology major completed. Most or all of the Ohio Wesleyan University general education requirements can be completed as part of the associate degree, through planning with a transfer advisor. Students interested in transferring to Ohio Wesleyan University should meet with an admission counselor regarding optimal course selection and admission requirements.

The following table outlines how transfer credits from the psychology transfer pathway and associate's degree will be applied to the Bachelor of Arts in Psychology degree at Ohio Wesleyan University.

Ohio Wesleyan University COURSE EQUIVALENCIES FROM THE ASSOCIATE DEGREE PATHWAY	Course Number	Credit Hours
GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS/OHIO TRANSFER 36		
Any OT36 approved First Writing course	ENG 105	3
Any OT36 approved Second Writing course	ENG Elective	3
College Algebra	MATH 105	3
Introduction to Statistics	MATH 105 or PSYC 210	3
Any OT36 approved Arts and Humanities course	OT36 Elective	3
Any OT36 approved Arts and Humanities course	OT36 Elective	3
Introduction to Psychology	PSYC 110	3
Any OT36 approved Social and Behavioral Sciences course (outside PSYC)	OT36 Elective	3
Biology I or General Chemistry I	BIOL 120 or CHEM 110	3-4
Any OT36 approved Biological Science course with or without lab	OT36 Elective	4-5
Up to 6 additional hours of OT36 approved courses	OT36 Electives	6
PRE-MAJOR/BEGINNING MAJOR		
Introduction to Psychology (counted as part of the OT36)	PSYC 110	0
Social Psychology	PSYC 252	3
Abnormal Psychology	PSYC 322	3
Psychology of Personality	PSYC 259	3
Choose only one Human Development or Lifespan Development Course from this list. If no course equivalency at the receiving institution, course will transfer as a major elective: Child Development, Adolescent Development, Adulthood and Aging, Lifespan Development or Child and Adolescent Development	PSYC 282, PSYC 333, or PSYC 233 (for OSS048); others would be major elective	3
OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS		
Foreign Language - demonstrate competencies through the intermediate level (Statewide guaranteed transfer courses available in American Sign Language, Arabic, Chinese, Japanese, French, German, Italian, and Spanish)	OT36 Electives	6-8
Electives	OT36 Electives	3-6
TOTAL HOURS FROM ASSOCIATE DEGREE:		60-65

Advising Notes:

This Transfer Pathway completes the Associate of Arts degree, which must total at least 60 semester credits and includes 36 credits of the Ohio Transfer 36 (OT36), which are approved general education requirements. OT36 details can be found at <https://transfercredit.ohio.gov/initiatives-upd/ohio-transfer-36>.

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Remaining Courses to Complete at
Ohio Wesleyan University

This table outlines the remaining coursework required for the Bachelor of Arts in Psychology degree at Ohio Wesleyan University.

REMAINING COURSEWORK TO COMPLETE THE BACHELOR'S DEGREE AT (4-YEAR INSTITUTION NAME)	Course Number	Credit Hours
INSTITUTIONAL DEGREE REQUIREMENTS		
OWU Experience/Transfer Connection	UC 160	0.25 ^b
One Arts Course (e.g., Theater, Dance, Music, Art)	Varies	1 ^b
One Natural Science/Mathematics/Computer Science Course	Varies	1
One Humanities/Literature Course	Varies	1
Diversity Course Requirement (One DIV-Designated Courses) ^a	Varies	1
Writing Credits/Requirements (Three WRI-Designated Courses) ^a	Varies	1
MAJOR REQUIREMENTS		
One Neuroscience Course (i.e., Group A Course)	PSYC 255, 342, 349, 343, 345, or NEUR 374	1
One Thinking/Adaptive Behavior Course (i.e., Group B Course)	PSYC 267, 363, 364, or 366	1
Psychology Elective Course	Varies	1
Research Methods	PSYC 310	1
OTHER BACHELOR DEGREE REQUIREMENTS		
Elective credits	Varies depending on transfer credit awarding.	
TOTAL REMAINING COURSEWORK TO COMPLETE BACHELOR'S DEGREE		60-65

Advising Notes:

Ohio Wesleyan University Psychology Degree and full List of course options available here:

https://catalog.owu.edu/preview_program.php?catoid=30&poid=5597

- a) At Ohio Wesleyan University all students must complete one course that is designated as a “diversity” course (i.e., DIV) and three courses that are designated “writing” courses (i.e., WRI). These are not separate courses, but rather courses that have a designation as DIV or WRI.
- b) Note, Ohio Wesleyan University utilizes a credit system whereby most traditional classes count for 1.0 credits. This is usually equivalent to 3.0 credit hours for other universities. Hence, a class taken elsewhere for 3.0 credits is generally equivalent to 1.0 credits at Ohio Wesleyan University. However, the exact transfer of credit may equal less than 1.0 (e.g., a 3.0 credit class often transfers in to Ohio Wesleyan University as 0.81 credits). Students are strongly encouraged to discuss the exact credit hours transfer amounts with an admissions counselor before enrolling.

OWU will institute new General Education requirements in Fall 2023 that differ from the current institutional requirements. Students should talk with an OWU transfer advisor about course selection.

Sample Degree Map for Psychology Transfer Pathway

Psychology Major



This sample degree map shows how students who transfer to Ohio Wesleyan University with the psychology transfer pathway can complete the bachelor's degree and psychology major in four semesters.

THIRD YEAR			
SEMESTER 5		SEMESTER 6	
Course Name & Number	Credit Hours	Course Name & Number	Credit Hours
UC 160 OWU Connection/Transfer Connection	1	Humanities/Literature Course	1
Natural Science/Mathematics/Computer Science Course	1	Neuroscience or Thinking/Adaptive Behavior Course	1
Neuroscience or Thinking/Adaptive Behavior Course	1	Art Course	1
Elective Credits	1	Elective Credits	1
Total Semester Credit Hours		Total Semester Credit Hours	
4.0		4.0	

FOURTH YEAR			
SEMESTER 7		SEMESTER 8	
Course Name & Number	Credit Hours	Course Name & Number	Credit Hours
Research Methods	1	Psychology or Other Elective Course (Consider PSYC 490, 491, or 495)	1
Psychology Elective Course	1	Psychology or Other Elective Course	1
Psychology or Other Elective Course (Consider PSYC 490, 491, or 495)	1	Other Elective Course	1
Psychology or Other Elective Course	1	Other Elective Course	1
Total Semester Credit Hours		Total Semester Credit Hours	
4.0		4.0	

Ohio Wesleyan Total Hours: Depends on Transfer

Bachelor of Arts Degree Awarded

Total Credit Hours: 34+