

## Northern Virginia Community College 2009-2010 Catalog

### LIBERAL ARTS:

#### Psychology Specialization

Associate of Arts Degree

AL, AN, LO, MA, WO

*Purpose:* The Psychology specialization is designed for students who plan to transfer to a college or university for a Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology.

*Transfer Information:* Students are advised to work closely with the faculty and counseling staff for program and course scheduling. Electives should be chosen carefully to meet requirements of transfer institution. The responsibility for proper course selection rests with the student.

Two Years		Credits
<b>1st Semester</b>		
BIO	101 General Biology I	4
ENG	111 College Composition I	3
<sup>1</sup> MTH	151 Math for the Liberal Arts I	3
<sup>2</sup> PED	116 Lifetime Fitness & Wellness	1
PSY	201 Introduction to Psychology I	3
SDV	Elective	<u>1</u>
	<b>Total</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>2nd Semester</b>		
BIO	102 General Biology II	4
<sup>3</sup> ENG	112 College Composition II	3
<sup>1</sup> MTH	152 Math for the Liberal Arts II	3
PSY	202 Introduction to Psychology II	3
CST	110 Intro to Communication or CST 126 Interpersonal Communication	<u>3</u>
	<b>Total</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>3rd Semester</b>		
ENG	200-Level Literature Elective	3
<sup>4</sup> _____	201 Foreign Language	3
<sup>5</sup> HIS	Elective	3
<sup>2</sup> PED/RPK	Elective	1
PSY	211 Research Methodology for Behavioral Sciences	3
<sup>6</sup> PSY	231 Life Span Human Development I or any 200-level psychology course	<u>3</u>
	<b>Total</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>4th Semester</b>		
ENG	200-Level Literature Elective	3
<sup>4</sup> _____	202 Foreign Language	3
<sup>5</sup> HIS	Elective	3
PSY	213 Statistics for Behavioral Sciences	3
<sup>6</sup> PSY	232 Life Span Human Development II or any 200-level psychology course	<u>3</u>
	<b>Total</b>	<b>15</b>

**Total credits for A.A. Degree in Liberal Arts with a Specialization in Psychology = 62**

<sup>1</sup> Any higher-level mathematics course may be substituted with advice of a counselor or faculty advisor to meet requirements of transfer institution.

<sup>2</sup> The PED requirement may be met by one of the following options: PED 116, 2 cr.; PED 116, 1 cr. plus a PED activities course, 1 cr.; or PED 116, 1 cr. plus RPK activities course. PED 116 is offered as both a 1-credit and a 2-credit course.

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<sup>3</sup> ENG 125 may be substituted with the advice of a counselor or faculty advisor according to requirements of transfer institutions.

<sup>4</sup> Students completing the A.A. in Liberal Arts must demonstrate intermediate college-level (201-202) proficiency in a language other than English. The 201-202 courses require a prerequisite proficiency equivalent to the 101-102 sequence in the language. Placement testing determines initial foreign language level. Students completing 101-102 foreign language may use those credits to meet general elective requirements. Waivers or credit by exam (through CLEP) for previous experience is available for *some* languages. Students whose native language is not English may substitute general electives for foreign language upon the approval of the advising division dean.

<sup>5</sup> HIS 101-102 are recommended.

<sup>6</sup> Psychology majors can either take the sequence of PSY 231 and PSY 232 or they can choose any TWO 200-level psychology courses to fulfill this requirement.