

# GUIDED PATHWAY: PSYCHOLOGY FIELD OF STUDY (For transfer to National University, BA in Psychology)

LAW and PUBLIC SERVICE CAREER PATH

For more information, visit the [Dallas College Psychology webpage](http://www.dallascollege.edu/psychology) [www.dallascollege.edu/psychology] and your success coach at your campus.



The guided pathway in Psychology combines psychology and sociology courses with core courses to complete the associate degree. An Associate of Arts degree in this pathway prepares you to transfer to a university to earn a bachelor's degree that opens the door to careers such as a psychometrist/clinician, psychiatric technician, caseworker, mental health technician, and many others. Due to the brain-based direction of psychology it is suggested that you complete a B.S. degree. However, a B.A. will also prepare you for graduate school and/or employment.

This is an example course sequence for students interested in Psychology. It does not represent a contract, nor does it guarantee course availability. Following this pathway will help you earn an A.A. degree with a field of study in Psychology, which will increase your chances of transfer to National University (NU) to earn the Bachelor of Arts in Psychology. Courses that complete the degree are noted below. Students must earn at least 25% of the credit hours (15 hours) required for graduation through instruction by Dallas College. See the catalog for [official degree requirements](#).

Visit [National University](#) to view more information about transferring to National University. Speak with your success coach to choose courses that will help you to transfer to NU.

<b>Catalog Year</b>	2021-2022	You may use this pathway if you entered Dallas College on or before this date.
<b>Degree Type</b>	Associate of Arts Field of Study	
<b>GPA Requirement</b>	Student must earn a GPA of 2.0 or higher	
<b>TSI</b>	Must be Complete	

## SEMESTER-BY-SEMESTER MAP FOR FULL-TIME STUDENTS

All plans can be modified to fit the needs of part-time students. This is not an official program of study. See the catalog for [official degree requirements](#).

### ASSOCIATE OF ARTS FIELD OF STUDY DEGREE MINIMUM: 60 SEMESTER CREDIT HOURS

#### SEMESTER 1

**Total Hours: 15**

- [ENGL 1301](#) – Composition I *This is a Core course. Must earn a grade of "C" or higher.*
- [HIST 1301](#) – United States History I *This is a Core course.*
- [MATH 1314](#) – College Algebra *This is a Core course. Must earn a grade of "C" or higher.*
- [PSYC 2301](#) – General Psychology *This is a required Field of Study course.*
- [SOCIAL AND BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES ELECTIVE\\*](#) *This is a Core course.*

\*There are several options to fulfill this requirement. See your success coach for a specific list. Elective courses should be selected according to the intended university to which you will transfer.

#### SEMESTER 1 ACTION ITEMS

1. Meet with your success coach to confirm academic and career goals before the end of the semester.
2. At the end of the semester, begin researching NU to pursue a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology.
3. Meet with your success coach to research your career options with a degree in Psychology.

#### SEMESTER 2

**Total Hours: 16**

- [ENGL 1302](#) – Composition II *This is a Core course.*
- [HIST 1302](#) – United States History II\* *This is a Core course.*

[PSYC 2314](#) – Lifespan Growth & Development *This is a required Field of Study course.*

[PHED 1164](#) – Introduction to Physical Fitness and Wellness\* *This is a Core course.*

**CHOOSE ONE:** [ARTS 1301](#) – Art Appreciation\* *This is a Core course.* **OR**

[DANC 2303](#) – Dance Appreciation\* *This is a Core course.* **OR**

[DRAM 1310](#) – Theater Appreciation\* *This is a Core course.* **OR**

[HUMA 1315](#) – Fine Arts Appreciation\* *This is a Core course.* **OR**

[MUSI 1306](#) – Music Appreciation \* *This is a Core course.*

**CHOOSE ONE:** [SPCH 1311](#) – Introduction to Speech Communication\* *This is a Core course.* **OR**

[SPCH 1315](#) – Public Speaking\* *This is a Core course.* **OR**

[SPCH 1321](#) – Business and Professional Communication\* *This is a Core course.*

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#### SEMESTER 2 ACTION ITEMS

1. Meet with your success coach to request an official program of study audit and confirm or update your academic/career pathway and program of study.
2. Ask your success coach about transfer options to pursue a bachelor's degree.

## SEMESTER 3

**Total Hours: 16**

[GOVT 2305](#) – Federal Government *This is a Core course.*

[BIOL 1406](#) – Biology for Science Majors I *This is a Core course.*

[LANGUAGE, PHILOSOPHY, and CULTURE ELECTIVE\\*](#) *This is a Core course.*

[PSYC 2317](#) – Statistical Methods in Psychology *This is a required Field of Study course.*

[PSYC 2319](#) – Social Psychology *This is a required Field of Study course.*

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#### SEMESTER 3 ACTION ITEMS

1. Begin applying to NU.
2. Begin applying for Financial Aid and Scholarships. You can start the FAFSA in October for the next academic year. (*i.e., in October 2021, you can complete the FAFSA if you plan to register for classes at a university Fall 2022*)
3. Check with your success coach for important deadlines and dates.

## SEMESTER 4

**Total Hours: 13**

[GOVT 2306](#) – Texas Government *This is a Core course.*

[BIOL 1407](#) – Biology for Science Majors II *This is a Core course.*

[PSYC 2320](#) – Abnormal Psychology *This is a required Field of Study course.*

[PSYC 2330](#) – Biological Psychology *This is a required Field of Study course.*

#### SEMESTER 4 ACTION ITEMS

1. After reviewing your degree plan and program of study, meet with your success coach to apply for the Associate of Arts degree Field of Study in Psychology.
2. Sign up for commencement.
3. Request final transcripts to be sent to NU.
4. Join the [Alumni Network!](#)

**DALLAS COLLEGE PATHWAY TOTAL: 60 SEMESTER CREDIT HOURS**

## National University

For questions about the National University portion of this transfer pathway, contact the **Academic Advising Office at (855) 355-6288 or [advisor@nu.edu](mailto:advisor@nu.edu)**. It is best to apply to National University a full semester before you plan to transfer. It will help if you submit a copy of this pathway with your application. Each class at National University is one month (4 weeks) long. Students take one class per month. Students can complete 6 courses during each semester. Each class is 4.5 quarter units, which is equivalent to 3 semester units at Dallas College. See catalog for [official degree requirements](#).

## BACHELOR OF ARTS IN PSYCHOLOGY

### SEMESTER 1

**Total Hours: 27 quarter units**

**PSY 426** – History & Philosophy of Psych (4 weeks)

**PSY 427** – Biological Psychology (4 weeks)

**PSY 428** – Developmental Psychology (4 weeks)

**PSY 429** – Intro to Personality Theory (4 weeks)

**PSY 430** – Intro to Psychopathology (4 weeks)

PSY 432 – Social Psychology (4 weeks)

## SEMESTER 2

Total Hours: 27 quarter units

PSY 433 – Cognitive Psychology (4 weeks)

PSY 441 – Global Psychology (4 weeks)

HUB 441 – Research Design and Analysis (4 weeks)

CHD 440 – Drugs, Values and Society (4 weeks)

**CHOOSE ONE:** PSY 480 – Senior Project **OR**

PSY 491 – Guided Study for Honors Students (4 weeks, variable units)

\*Upper-Division Electives (4 weeks)

\*Please see program catalog for the Recommended Upper Division courses and Upper Division GE courses.

## SEMESTER 3

Total Hours: 22.5 quarter units

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\*One Upper Division General Education course (4 weeks)

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**Note:** In addition to Preparatory, Major Core, and Upper Division/Concentration Courses for the **Bachelor of Arts in Psychology** at National University, all students are required to complete 70.5 quarter units of General Education. Students completing the **Associate of Arts with a Field of Study in Psychology** at Dallas College will need to complete an additional estimated 18 quarter units (12 semester units) of GE to meet program and unit requirements. For more information, please see National University's [catalog](#).

**NATIONAL UNIVERSITY PATHWAY TOTAL: 76.5 QUARTER UNITS**

**BACHELOR OF ARTS DEGREE MINIMUM: 180 QUARTER UNITS**

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