

Behavioral Sciences – Certificate (BHSC.CERT)

This certificate is designed for students who plan to transfer to four-year institutions as psychology majors. Certificate graduates could also find entry-level employment as clinic technicians in human services fields. This coursework also fulfills many general education requirements for the Associate in Arts degree. Students should verify requirements with their transfer institutions.

Minimum credits: 19 to 25 Minimum cumulative GPA: 2.0 Minimum grade in all courses: 2.0 Minimum Jackson College credits: 7

GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS (3 CREDITS)

Take the following:

PSY 130 General Psychology

CORE REQUIREMENTS (18 CREDITS)

Choose one focus, based on transfer or program goals:

PSYCHOLOGY FOCUS:

Choose five of the following:

*If you choose to take PSY 245, you do not need to take PSY 252.

PSY 152 Social Psychology **PSY** 161 Introduction to Counseling PSY 252 **Developmental Psychology** PSY 251 Abnormal Psychology PSY 256 **Educational Psychology** PSY 290 **Human Sexuality** PSY 344 Organizational Psychology

SOCIAL WORK FOCUS:

Take the following:

SOC	152	Social Psychology (cross listed with PSY 152 Social Psychology)
SOC	231	Principles of Sociology
SOC	246	Marriage and Family
SWK	292	Introduction to Social Work
HIS	211	Minority Groups in America

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POLITICAL SCIENCE FOCUS:

Take the following:

PLS	141	American National Government
PSL	262	International Relations
HIS	211	Minority Groups in America
HIS	235	20 th Century History

Choose one of the following:

ECN	231	Macroeconomics
ECN	232	Microeconomics
HIS	231	Development of the U.S. through the Civil War
HIS	232	Development of the U.S. from the Civil War

LAW ENFORCEMENT FOCUS:

Take the following:

CRJ	101	Criminal Law
CRJ	111	Introduction to Criminal Justice
CRJ	114	Police Administration & Operations
CRJ	117	Criminology

Choose one of the following:

CRJ	102	Criminal Investigation
CRJ	112	Crime and Delinquency
CRJ	121	Introduction to Corrections
CRJ	125	Parole & Probation

EDUCATION FOCUS: (Designed for those seeking elementary teacher education)

Take the following:

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EDU	221	Exploring Teaching
EDU	232	The Exceptional Child
EDU	263	Child Development & Learning
PSY	152	Social Psychology
PSY	256	Educational Psychology
MAT	210	Foundations of Mathematics I
MAT	211	Foundations of Mathematics II

COMMUNICATION FOCUS:

Take the following:

COM	231	Communication Fundamentals
COM	234	Public Address
COM	240	Interpersonal Communication
COM	250	Intercultural Communication
COM	260	Small Group Communication

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HISTORY FOCUS

Take five of the following:

HIS	120	Ancient History
HIS	125	African American History
HIS	131	Western Civilization to 1555
HIS	132	Western Civilization to Present
HIS	211	Minority Groups in America
HIS	231	Development of the U.S. Through the Civil War
HIS	232	Development of the U.S. from the Civil War
HIS	235	20 th Century History

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