

ARTS (PSYCHOLOGY) - ASSOCIATE OF ARTS

Doña Ana Community College 2026-2027 Catalog Associate of Arts (Psychology) (60-64 credits)

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Prefix	Title	Credits
Area I: Communications - Select one course from each sub group. ¹		10
<i>English Composition Level 1 ²</i>		
ENGL 1110G	Composition I	
or ENGL 1110H	Composition I Honors	
or ENGL 1110M	Composition I	
<i>English Composition Level 2 - Choose one from the following:</i>		
ENGL 2210G	Professional and Technical Communication	
or ENGL 2221G	Writing in the Humanities and Social Science	
<i>Oral Communication</i>		
COMM 1115G	Introduction to Communication	
or COMM 1130G	Public Speaking	
Area II: Mathematics (May need to complete prerequisites) ^{2,3}		3
MATH 1350G	Introduction to Statistics	
or MATH 2350G	Statistical Methods	
Area III/IV: Laboratory Sciences and Social/Behavioral Sciences		10-11
<i>For Area III: Laboratory Sciences and Area IV: Social/Behavioral Sciences, students must take one course from each area for a total of 7 credits. Students will then take an additional course in either Area III or Area IV for 3-4 credits depending on the students selection (i.e. Area III is 4 credits, Area IV is 3 credits).</i>		
<i>Area III: Laboratory Sciences (4 credits) Select one course from the following (students may need to complete prerequisites): ²</i>		
BIOL 1120G & BIOL 1120L	Human Biology and Human Biology Laboratory	
BIOL 2110G & BIOL 2110L	Principles of Biology: Cellular and Molecular Biology and Principles of Biology: Cellular and Molecular Biology Laboratory	
BIOL 2610G & BIOL 2610L	Principles of Biology: Biodiversity, Ecology, and Evolution and Principles of Biology: Biodiversity, Ecology, and Evolution Laboratory	
<i>Area IV: Social/Behavioral Sciences (3 credits)</i>		
ANTH 1115G	Introduction to Anthropology	
ANTH 1140G	Introduction to Cultural Anthropology	
CEPY 1120G	Human Growth and Behavior	
CJUS 1110G	Introduction to Criminal Justice	

ECON 1110G	Survey of Economics
ECON 2110G	Macroeconomic Principles
ECON 2120G	Principles of Microeconomics Honors
POLS 1110G	Introduction to Political Science
POLS 1120G	American National Government
JOUR 105G	Media and Society
LING 2110G	Introduction to the Study of Language and Linguistics
PHLS 1110G	Personal Health & Wellness
PSYC 1110G	Introduction to Psychology
SOWK 2110G	Introduction to Human Services & Social Work
SOCI 1110G	Introduction to Sociology
SOCI 2310G	Contemporary Social Problems
GNDR 2110G	Introduction to Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies
GNDR 2120G	Representing Women Across Cultures
or other approved New Mexico General Education Area IV course listed in the current DACC/NMSU Catalog	
<i>Either an Area III/IV: Laboratory Sciences or Social/Behavioral Sciences Course (4 or 3 credits)</i>	

Area V: Humanities - Any Area V course but the following courses are recommended: **3**

PHIL 1115G	Introduction to Philosophy
PHIL 1120G	Logic, Reasoning, & Critical Thinking
PHIL 1140G	Philosophy and World Religions
PHIL 1145G	Philosophy, Law, and Ethics
or other approved New Mexico General Education Area V course listed in the current DACC/NMSU Catalog	

Area VI: Creative and Fine Arts - Choose one from the following: **3**

ARTH 1115G	Orientation in Art
ARTH 2110G	History of Art I
ARTH 2120G	History of Art II
ARTS 1145G	Visual Concepts
ENGL 2310G	Introduction to Creative Writing
MUSC 1110G	Music Appreciation: Jazz
MUSC 1130G	Music Appreciation: Western Music
THEA 1110G	Introduction to Theatre
or other approved New Mexico General Education Area VI course listed in the current DACC/NMSU Catalog	

Concentration Requirements **13**

PSYC 1110G	Introduction to Psychology ²
PSYC 1115	Introduction to the Psychology Major ²
Select three of the four following classes:	
PSYC 2110	Social Psychology ^{2,4}
PSYC 2120	Developmental Psychology ^{2,4}
PSYC 2250	Brain and Behavior ^{2,4}
PSYC 2220	Cognitive Psychology ^{2,4}

General Education Elective ⁵ **3-4**

Electives, to bring the total credits to 60 ^{6,7} **15-17**

Total Credits **60-64**

¹ Students with Area I transfer credits may sometimes complete this requirement with 9 credits.

² Must complete with a C- or better.

³ Can also take A ST 311 Statistical Applications; however if A ST 311 Statistical Applications is taken, an Area II course is still needed as A ST is not a New Mexico General Education course.

⁴ The following PSYC 2000 level courses have prerequisites of PSYC 1110G Introduction to Psychology, MATH 1215 Intermediate Algebra, and ENGL 1110G Composition I.

PSYC 2110 Social Psychology
 PSYC 2120 Developmental Psychology
 PSYC 2220 Cognitive Psychology
 PSYC 2250 Brain and Behavior

⁵ In order to complete the General Education Requirements, students must take an elective course for 3-4 credits. This course can be any course in any area, excluding Area I: Communications and any crosslisted courses that exceeds the minimum requirement. The elective course must have the "G" distinction. See the General Education (<https://catalogs.nmsu.edu/dona-ana/general-education-and-transfer-options/transfer-new-mexico-institutions/>) section of the catalog for a full list of courses.

⁶ Credits may vary based on prerequisites, dual credit, or AP credit. The amount indicated in the requirements list is the amount needed to bring the total to 60 credits and may appear in variable form based on the degree. However students may end up needing to complete more or less on a case-by-case basis. *Electives should be selected in consultation with an academic advisor, the NMSU Catalog and the bachelor's degree requirements to ensure course transfer. Second language courses are recommended if they are required by the intended bachelor's degree.*

⁷ Can use electives to meet the second language requirement for NMSU-Las Cruces language requirement. See requirement in the catalog for details

(60-64 credits)

A Suggested Plan of Study

The contents of this roadmap may vary depending on initial student placement in mathematics and English. This is only a suggested plan of study for students, and is not intended as a contract. Individual student academic plans may vary. Please contact your academic advisor to create a plan that works for you. Course availability may vary from fall to spring semester and may be subject to modification or change.

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Semester 1	Credits
Area I: Communications - English Composition Level 1	4
ENGL 1110G Composition I ¹	
Or other approved NM General Education Area I course listed in Level 1 in the NMSU/DACC Catalog	
Area II: Mathematics - Choose one from the following: ^{1,3}	3
MATH 1350G Introduction to Statistics or MATH 2350G or Statistical Methods	
Area IV: Social/Behavioral Sciences	3
PSYC 1110G Introduction to Psychology ¹	
Area V: Humanities - (one of the following PHIL courses recommended)	3

PHIL 1115G	Introduction to Philosophy	
PHIL 1120G	Logic, Reasoning, & Critical Thinking	
PHIL 1140G	Philosophy and World Religions	
PHIL 1145G	Philosophy, Law, and Ethics	
PHIL 2230G	Philosophical Thought	
Concentration Requirement		1
PSYC 1115	Introduction to the Psychology Major ¹	
Credits		14
Semester 2		
Concentration Requirement		3
PSYC 2000 Level Course ^{1,2}		
Area I Communications - Oral Communication		3
COMM 1115G Introduction to Communication or COMM 1130G or Public Speaking		
Area VI: Creative and Fine Arts ⁴		3
Area III: Laboratory Science ¹		4
BIOL 1120G Human Biology & BIOL 1120L and Human Biology Laboratory		
BIOL 2110G Principles of Biology: Cellular and Molecular & BIOL 2110L Biology and Principles of Biology: Cellular and Molecular Biology Laboratory		
BIOL 2610G Principles of Biology: Biodiversity, Ecology, and & BIOL 2610L Evolution and Principles of Biology: Biodiversity, Ecology, and Evolution Laboratory		
Elective (Recommend using elective to meet second language requirement)		3-4
Credits		16-17
Semester 3		
Concentration Requirement		3
PSYC 2000 Level Course ^{1,2}		
Area I: Communications - English Composition Level 2		3
ENGL 2210G Professional and Technical Communication		
ENGL 2221G Writing in the Humanities and Social Science Or other approved NM General Education Area I course listed in Oral Communication in the NMSU/DACC Catalog.		
General Education Elective (Any "G" course excluding Area I) ⁴		3
Elective (Recommend using elective to meet second language requirement)		3-4
Elective		3
Credits		15-16
Semester 4		
PSYC 2000 Level Course ^{1,2}		3
Area IV: Social/Behav. Science or Area III: Lab Science ⁴		3-4
Elective		3-4
Elective		3
Elective		3
Credits		15-17
Total Credits		60-64

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² Options for this requirement are
 PSYC 2110 Social Psychology
 PSYC 2120 Developmental Psychology
 PSYC 2250 Brain and Behavior
 PSYC 2220 Cognitive Psychology

³ May need to take prerequisites as determined by placement

⁴ See the General Education section of the catalog for full list of courses.