

James Madison University Bachelor of Arts or Sciences in Psychology

TRANSFER GUIDE
Catalog Years: 2024-2027

Associate Transfer Degree Plan in Psychology

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Complete at VCCS					Complete at JMU		
BACHELOR'S DEGREE REQUIREMENT	SATISFIED BY				BACHELOR'S DEGREE REQUIREMENT		
Course	Credits	Gen ED*	CC Course	Notes	Course	Credits	Notes
UNST 000	1-2		SDV 100 College Success Skills or 101 Orientation		Sociocultural Awareness	0-3	If not completed prior to transfer, choose one of JMU's 7+ course options
WRTC 000	3	PUA	ENG 111 College Comp I	ENG 111 + 112 must both be taken to receive credit for WRTC 103	Social Science Core	0-9	Choose 3: PSYC 330, PSYC 335, PSYC 345, PSYC 365. Some may have been completed before transfer.
WRTC 103	3	UA	ENG 112 College Comp II				
JMU General Education Requirements**	3	PUA	Any UCGS Humanities, Art, or Literature	PHI 100 recommended (=PHIL 101). These two courses must come from two different disciplines.	Natural Science Content Core	9	Choose 3: PSYC/BIO 375, PSYC 380, PSYC 390, PSYC/BIO 385 or PSYC/BIO 395. (PSYC/BIO 385 is required for the B.S.)
JMU General Education Requirements**	3	UA	Any UCGS Art or Humanities				
PSYC 101	3	PUA	PSY 200 Introduction to Psychology		Psychology Electives	9	At least 6 credits must be at the 400 level
JMU General Education Requirements**	3	PUA	Any UCGS History		Capstone Course	3-4	Choose one 400-level course from a list of options
JMU General Education Requirements**	4	PUA	BIO 101 Introduction to Biology	= BIO 140 + 140L	Scientific Literacy Requirements	0-6	Additional science coursework required for the B.S., if not yet complete
MATH 220	3	PUA	MTH 245 Statistics (Prerequisite: MTH 154 or 161)	MTH 245 is a prerequisite or corequisite for PSY 210	Electives	20-39	Students can pursue a second major, a pre-professional program, or one or more minors in completing these requirements. Be sure to fulfill all graduation requirements, including 30 credits from JMU, 60 credits from a 4-year institution, 60 non-psychology credits, and 120 total credits.
JMU General Education Requirements or Elective	6-8	UA	2 UCGS transfer courses	Students pursuing a B.A. at JMU can complete foreign language through the intermediate level (202 at VCCS or 232 at JMU). Students pursuing a B.S. can consider CST 100 or 110, additional science, transfer electives, or courses for a minor.			
PSYC 160	3		PSY 230				
PSYC 210	4		PSY 210 Statistics for Behavioral Science	Prerequisite: PSY 200. Prerequisite or corequisite: MTH 245			

PSYC 211	4		PSY 211 Research Methodology	Prerequisite: PSY 210		
Major Requirements	6		Options: PSY 215 Abnormal Psychology PSY 216 Social Psychology PSY 219 Cross-Cultural Psychology PSY 225 Theories of Personality PSY 235 Developmental Psychology	<u>Complete 2 courses from this list.</u> These satisfy Social Science Core requirements; 9 credits in this area are required for the major at JMU: PSY 215 = PSYC 335 PSY 216 = PSYC 345 PSY 225 = PSYC 330 PSY 235 = PSYC 365 Or satisfy the 3-credit sociocultural awareness requirement with PSY 219 = PSYC 220		
Prerequisites, major or minor requirements and/or electives	11-15		Options: Math prerequisites needed to be eligible for MTH 245 above An additional psychology course from the list above World language through 202 level Other science and math coursework Additional transfer electives	Options could include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MTH 154 or MTH 161 if needed as a prerequisite for MTH 245 • 1-2 more courses from above list to fulfill psychology requirements or electives • Students who choose the B.A., complete a world language or demonstrate proficiency through the intermediate level (202 at VCCS or 232 at JMU) • Students considering graduate school in Pre-Professional Health (PPH), complete courses for your PPH minor at JMU. Read the transfer guidance section of this guide for details. 		
CREDITS PRE-TRANSFER: 60-61				CREDITS POST-TRANSFER: 60		
<p>* A = Completion of the Associate Degree satisfies this General Education Requirement. U = This course satisfies a Uniform Certificate of General Studies requirement. P = This course satisfies a Passport requirement.</p> <p>** Students who complete an approved transferable associate degree will qualify for a full waiver of general education requirements at JMU. Students who will not be earning an approved transferable associate degree should complete core community college requirements with courses that also satisfy area requirements in JMU's general education program. For example, the WRTC 103 requirement can only be filled with ENG 111-112 at VCCS. Learn more about JMU general education equivalents offered at VCCS at www.jmu.edu/transfer/vccs-transfer/genedequiv.shtml. Email transferadvising@jmu.edu with questions.</p>						

TRANSFER GUIDANCE

Admission into the psychology major at JMU

To be eligible for guaranteed admission to JMU, students must complete an approved transferable associate degree from their Virginia community college with a minimum GPA of 3.0 for guaranteed admission to JMU. Students who do not qualify for guaranteed admission are encouraged to apply to JMU through the regular admission process. For additional details about requirements for guaranteed admission, please see the JMU letter of intent for your community college: www.jmu.edu/admissions/apply/transfer-gaa.shtml.

Students must meet the additional criteria below to be eligible to be fully admitted into the Psychology program at the time of admission to JMU:

- Complete PSY 200 (=PSYC 101) and a 200-level math course at VCCS with grades of C or better
- Earn a grade of B or better in either PSY 200 (= PSYC 101) or PSY 230 (=PSYC 160)

Further information about the major admissions procedure in Psychology is available on the department's website (<https://psyc.jmu.edu/ug/admission.html>) and in the JMU undergraduate catalog.

IMPORTANT LINKS & DATES:

- **University Transfer Center:** <https://www.jmu.edu/transfer/>
- **Register Intent to Transfer:** Students can notify JMU of their interest in transferring through College Connect at www.TransferVirginia.org. Transfer applicants from a VCCS institution intending to apply through the Guaranteed Admission Agreement (GAA) must submit a Letter of Intent prior to applying. Requirements and forms are available at: <https://www.jmu.edu/admissions/apply/transfer-GAA.shtml>.
- **Admission Application:** By March 1 for Fall or October 15 for Spring at <https://www.jmu.edu/admissions/apply/apply-online.shtml>
- **Financial Aid:** <https://www.jmu.edu/financialaid>
- **FAFSA - Free Application for Federal Student Aid:** Deadline is March 1. Learn more at studentaid.gov.

WHAT SHOULD I CONSIDER WHEN SELECTING COURSES?

- Students who receive transfer credit for PSYC 210 and PSYC 211 and who meet major admissions requirements will typically be able to complete the major in 4 semesters, even if they have not completed any courses in the Social Science or Natural Science core prior to transferring. Students who have not completed PSYC 210 and PSYC 211 equivalent courses before transferring to JMU will need to complete these courses at JMU before they can register for core classes in the major.
- Students interested in pursuing one of the pre-professional health (PPH) minors at JMU sometimes choose to major in psychology. If you are considering a PPH minor, you are encouraged to also review information from the Office of Pre-Professional Health Advising. Helpful resources can be found at: <https://www.jmu.edu/pph/index.shtml> and <https://www.jmu.edu/pph/2023-2024minors.pdf>. In some cases, graduate schools prefer that you complete certain requirements at a 4-year institution rather than a community college.

- Create a schedule for all required courses, pay attention to prerequisites and when courses are offered, complete your first math and English courses in your first year. For help, see Transfer Steps and Resource Center at www.TransferVirginia.org.
- Connect with an advisor at your community college and James Madison University within your first year. College Connect available in your account at www.TransferVirginia.org

IS THIS DEGREE RIGHT FOR ME?

The general psychology major is appropriate for students who are interested in the scientific study of behavior. Courses in statistics and research methods, as well as courses across a broad range of psychological science, are required.

WHAT IS THE IMPACT ON MY DEGREE OF WORK I HAVE ALREADY COMPLETED?

- **Associate Transfer Degree Completion:** An approved transferable associate degree from a Virginia Community College will waive general education requirements at JMU.
- **Dual Enrollment – Completion of Associate Degree in HS:** Students who complete a transferable associate degree from a Virginia Community College through Dual Enrollment will not be eligible for guaranteed admission but will receive the general education waiver at JMU. DE associate degree earners who want to make progress toward their intended major should follow the curriculum in this guide.
- **Credit for Prior Learning:** Credit for prior learning may be awarded differently at JMU than at your previous institution. JMU accepts and reviews AP, IB CIE, and CLEP examinations for all students with eligible scores. JMU will complete an independent review of the test score to apply credit to your JMU student record. Other credit for prior learning is awarded on a per case basis for the ADP and RN-BSN programs in consultation with the department of expertise. Credit for learning acquired in military service is awarded by the registrar's office using the ACE guide credit recommendation for study/experience listed on the military transcript and in consultation with the department of expertise.
- **Catalog Year:** Catalog year determined by first semester of attendance at JMU

IS THIS COLLEGE RIGHT FOR ME?

JMU is a mid to large size institution that behaves more like a smaller institution. Faculty and staff hold students as the top priority. JMU has a 96% satisfaction rate. 88% of classes have less than 50 students. JMU is the #1 most recommended public university in the US by the Wall Street Journal and Times Higher Education; JMU is the #1 Best College for Employment in Virginia according to U.S. Department of Education statistics compiled by Zippia. JMU has the highest post-graduation job levels of all Virginia colleges. Learn more about our college at www.jmu.edu and www.TransferVirginia.org.

DID YOU KNOW THAT...

- There is no limit to the number of credits you can transfer to JMU, but 50% of the credits required for graduation in your major must be taken at a 4-year college or university, and 25% must be taken at JMU. (Most JMU majors require 120 credits, so 60 must come from a 4-year and 30 must be taken at JMU.)

- Completing your Associate transfer degree post-high school satisfies all lower division general education requirements and increases the chance of completing your bachelor's degree.
- Exceeding 3 years or 90 credits at your community college means you may have exhausted your financial aid at that college and have limited your future financial aid at JMU.

WHAT CAN I DO WITH THIS DEGREE?

Explore possible careers, salaries, and job outlook at www.TransferVirginia.org

PROGRAM SUCCESSES & HIGHLIGHTS

Each year, many students participate in research with faculty members or gain experience as teaching assistants in classes. Many students present their work at our annual Psychology Symposium, as well as at regional, national, and international psychology conferences. Our graduates pursue many areas of graduate study as well as a wide variety of careers following their bachelors' degrees. Our department has a strong emphasis on teaching and on the scholarship of teaching and learning; many of our faculty have been recognized at the local and national levels for outstanding teaching.

WHAT ARE MY CHANCES FOR GETTING ACCEPTED?

- Generally, two-thirds of transfer applicants are admitted to JMU. Competitive applicants will have mostly As & Bs and have completed at least one class in each of our four core areas (English, mathematics, lab science, and social science).
- JMU defines a transfer student as a student that has graduated from high school (or holds a GED equivalency) AND has taken courses in college after high school graduation.
- Learn more about applying at <https://www.jmu.edu/transfer/> or www.TransferVirginia.org.

DO MORE WITH YOUR DEGREE!

The Psychology Department offers numerous opportunities for hands-on experience, including research, teaching assistantships, and a field placement program for selected students. In addition, the department offers summer Study Abroad classes.