

Randolph-Macon College Bachelor of Arts in Psychology

Associate Transfer Degree Plan in Psychology

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Complete at VCCS				Complete at Randolph-Macon College		
BACHELOR'S DEGREE REQUIREMENT		SATISFIED BY		BACHELOR'S DEGREE REQUIREMENT		
Course	Credits	CC Course	Notes	Course	Credits	Notes
Not applicable	1-2	SDV 100 or 101	Not applicable	Diversity & Inclusion	3	
ENGL 185	3	ENG 111	Required of all RMC students	Non-Western Culture	3	
ENGL 010 (general elective) or WRIT 040 (upper-level)	3	ENG 112 or 113	Applies as an elective to the College's requirement of 120 hours of total course credit to graduate.	Experiential Learning	3	PSYC 122, 141, 160, 196, and 322 fulfill this requirement
Equivalency dependent on selected courses	6	Any two UCGS Art or Humanities or Lit. courses. These courses must come from two different disciplines.	Completion of these requirements through the GAA will satisfy the Pillar requirements at RMC. Students transferring to RMC who have not met GAA requirements may still satisfy general education requirements on a course-by-course basis. We encourage students to refer to the equivalency guide and among AA/AS courses select courses which meet the following RMC designations: Aesthetic Expression Civic Life Global Experiences Human Condition Quantitative/ Symbolic Reasoning Scientific Process	Capstone	4	PSYC 433 fulfills this requirement
Equivalency dependent on selected course	3	Any UCGS History		Communication in Context course	3	Not required if transferring under the GAA.
PSYC 200	3	PSY 200		Wellness	0	Any two 100-level Physical Education classes
BIOL 123	4	BIO 101		PSYC 203	3	Writing and Speaking in Psychology
MATH 111	3	MTH 245 or MTH 155		Must take one course in four of the following five areas: Cognitive Science (310 group) Psychobiology (320 group) Developmental Psychology (330 group) Social Psychology (340 group)	12	Select ONE from PSYC 310, PSYC 312, PSYC 315
						Select ONE from PSYC 320, PSYC 321, PSYC 322, PSYC 323, PSYC 324, PSYC 325
						Select ONE from PSYC 330, PSYC 332, PSYC 334, PSYC 336
Equivalencies dependent on selected courses	6-8	Any two UCGS approved transfer courses				

PSYC 201	4	PSY 211	PSY 210 is a prereq. to PSY 211. PSY 210 has a prereq. of PSY 200 and a coreq. of MTH 245.	Clinical Applications (350 group)		Select ONE from PSYC 340, PSYC 342, PSYC 344, PSYC 345
Upper-level psychology electives. Equivalencies dependent on selected courses.	6	Select TWO of the following courses: PSY 215, PSY 216, PSY 219, PSY 225, PSY 230				Select ONE from PSYC 350, PSYC 351, PSYC 352, PSYC 353
Foreign Language Requirement	6-8	Any two UCGS World Language courses	Select the two courses of a single language in a two-semester language sequence.	PSYC 389	3	Advanced Research Projects in Psychology. Also fulfills the general education requirement in Oral Communication.
Oral Communication	3	CST 100 or 110	Select a course for oral communication. Not required if transferring under the GAA.	Select THREE additional upper-level elective courses	9	EDUC 321 may be used to satisfy one upper-level elective. An internship (PSYC455, 456, or 457) may also be used to fulfill one upper level elective
Electives	6-10	PSY 210 as prereq for PSY 211, and electives approved for the Associate Degree in PSY	As needed to reach 60 pre-transfer credits	Other Electives to reach a total of 120 credits	17	Elective hours can also be used to complete a minor and/or a second major in a different discipline. For more details about available major and minor programs, see the College's Course Catalog .
CREDITS PRE-TRANSFER: 60				CREDITS POST-TRANSFER: 60		

TRANSFER GUIDANCE

Guaranteed Admission Agreement: Randolph-Macon College

This agreement does not guarantee your enrollment in any specific major.

By meeting the following criteria, you are guaranteed admission into Randolph-Macon College, although completion of the GAA is not required in order to transfer to RMC.

- Transfer-oriented associate degrees include the Associate of Arts (AA), the Associate of Science (AS), and the Associate of Arts & Sciences (AA&S) degrees identified by the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia (SCHEV) as university-parallel transfer degrees.
- A minimum cumulative GPA of 2.50 or higher for credits earned at the degree-granting institution is required.
- Students are required to earn a C or higher in each community college course applicable to the transfer degree from a VCCS institution.
- Students must meet all requirements to earn a transfer associate degree as determined by their VCCS institution, including a minimum of 60 credits. Additionally, students who were previously enrolled at RMC and transferred back to a VCCS college to complete the transfer-oriented associate degree are not eligible for participation in the GAA.

- A student may receive a maximum of 75 semester hours through transfer work from two-year and four-year institutions and/or credit-by-examination (e.g., Advanced Placement or International Baccalaureate). Additionally, no more than one-half of a student's major or minor coursework may be completed through transfer credit; at least one-half of the semester hours of the major or minor must be taken at Randolph-Macon.
- Students may register their intent to transfer by contacting the RMC Admissions Office at admissions@rmc.edu or (804) 752-7305. Students should have completed at least 45 college credits prior to registering their intent. Notification is recommended but not required.

Please visit the www.TransferVirginia.org portal to find course requirements for different majors (Transfer Tools) and **Transfer Guides** that outline course requirements for specific majors. (Resource Center)

IMPORTANT LINKS & DATES:

- **University Transfer Center:** www.rmc.edu/transfer
- **Register Intent to Transfer:** upon earning 45 college credits by contacting the RMC Admissions Office at admissions@rmc.edu or (804) 752-7305.

- **Admission Application:** By June 1 for fall admission and December 1 for spring admission at www.rmc.edu/apply
- **Financial Aid:** www.rmc.edu/financialaid
- **FAFSA - Free Application for Federal Student Aid:** February 1 for fall semester at studentaid.gov

WHAT SHOULD I CONSIDER WHEN SELECTING COURSES?

- 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 Randolph-Macon College within your first year. College Connect available in your account of www.TransferVirginia.org.

IS THIS DEGREE RIGHT FOR ME?

Psychology majors and minors at RMC study social relationships, mental illness, and the science of everyday thoughts and behavior in a program focused on research methods and how scientific decisions are made. Psychology majors may choose to focus on a specific area of emphasis including cognitive science, psychobiology, developmental psychology, social psychology, or clinical applications. These topics prepare students for a career in this wide-ranging field, or offer a broad-based understanding of how humans work that serves students on any career path.

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

- **Associate Transfer Degree Completion:** RMC divides its general education requirements into four sections: Effective Communication, The Pillars of the Liberal Arts, Cross-Area Requirements, and Wellness. Students who are admitted as traditional transfer students (not completing the GAA) will have their courses reviewed on a case-by-case basis to determine which of their prior coursework will satisfy these general education requirements. Students admitted to RMC who meet the terms of the GAA will be granted junior status and will be considered as having fulfilled RMC's lower division general education requirements, with the following exclusions and exceptions:
 - Students must complete any additional foreign language coursework necessary to satisfy the Effective Communication requirement of two consecutive courses in a foreign language or completion of a foreign language through the intermediate level (212 or 215).
 - All transfer students regardless of GAA completion must complete the college's Cross-Area Requirements, most of which can be fulfilled through major programs and should not significantly increase the time to completion of degree. These requirements include one course that is designated as non-western, one course that is attentive to diversity and inclusion, one course that is experiential in its delivery, and one course that fulfills the collegiate capstone requirement.
 - When applicable, GAA students may apply courses taken for the VCCS transfer-oriented associate degree program to these remaining requirements.
- **Associate Degree Concurrent with High School:** This GAA is not applicable to students earning an associate degree concurrent with high school. High school students earning a concurrent associate degree will apply for admission consideration as a first-year student (not transfer student), and transfer credit will be reviewed on a course-by-course basis.
- **Credit for Prior Learning:** Students having earned credits through prior learning are still eligible for guaranteed admission. VCCS credit for courses completed through Advanced Placement, International Baccalaureate, Armed Services experiences, and other prior learning assessments will not automatically be eligible for individual transfer to RMC; such courses will be evaluated according to RMC's policy on credit-by-examination.
- **Catalog Year:** For students maintaining continuous enrollment, this entitlement will be in effect for a minimum of four years from the time of the student's first enrollment at the two-year

institution. Students must enroll at the four-year institution within one year of completing their associate degree. Students must complete the degree requirements in effect at the time of their matriculation at RMC. GAA students may select an Academic Catalog from the two years prior to their matriculation, but this decision must be communicated to the Registrar's Office within the first semester of attendance at RMC.

IS THIS COLLEGE RIGHT FOR ME?

- Students enrolled at Randolph-Macon College attend classes primarily Monday-Friday between 8 am - 5 pm with very few evening courses.
- RMC is a residential college, and all students are generally required to live on campus. To learn more about the residential experience and policy for living off campus:
- <https://www.rmc.edu/campus-life/housing-and-dining/housing/policy-for-living-off-campus/>
- The large majority of RMC coursework is offered in-person and on campus. A very limited selection of online courses is offered in summer sessions.
- Learn more about our college at www.rmc.edu.

DID YOU KNOW THAT...

- 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 limited your future financial aid at RMC.
- 60% of transfer applicants are accepted at Randolph-Macon College.
- You have college experience, and that matters. We strive to make your transition to RMC as seamless as possible. We have been cited as a Phi Theta Kappa Honor Roll institution for our commitment to our transfer students.
- Learn more about applying at <https://www.rmc.edu/admissions-and-aid/how-to-apply/>.

WHAT CAN I DO WITH THIS DEGREE?

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

PROGRAM SUCCESSES & HIGHLIGHTS

At RMC, you learn by doing. Our internships include a variety of options that reflect the many industries and companies for which a psychology degree will benefit you. Psychology majors have recently interned at:

- Make-A-Wish Foundation
- Hanover Juvenile Court System
- Hanover County School Counseling
- Center for Neurorehabilitation Services
- Mental Health Association of Fauquier County
- Faison Center

After graduation, our alumni get PhDs in clinical psychology, like Rebecca Reidy Bunn ('17), become Doctors of Occupational Therapy, like Mia Koch ('19), get their master's degree in music therapy, like Eduardo Moreno ('22), and pursue careers in health care, counseling, education and law.

OTHER THAN CLASSES, ARE THERE OTHER PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS?

- Students are required to complete a capstone experience in their senior year.
- No more than one half of the courses on a major or minor can be transferred; at least one-half of the semester hours of the major or minor must be taken at Randolph-Macon.