

# Psychology Transfer Pathway (AA to BA)

for Ohio Community College students  
transferring to Bluffton University



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This document outlines the [Ohio Guaranteed Transfer Pathway \(OGTP\) in Psychology](#) that has been designed to provide clarity and consistency for college courses transferring between Ohio 2-year and 4-year public institutions.

This same transfer pathway in Psychology is now approved for students transferring to Bluffton University, through a partnership between 11 Ohio community colleges and 14 private colleges called the [Ohio Consortium for Transfer Pathways to the Liberal Arts](#), and whose faculty and administration have collaborated to expand access and credit clarity for students transferring with an associate's degree from an Ohio community college to an Ohio private college or university.

Pages 1 & 2 of this document outline **community college courses that are approved statewide** for transfer credit for the AA to BA degree in psychology at an approved 4-year institution. Pages 3-4 show the AS to BS degree. Pages 5-7 show how these courses transfer to Bluffton University to meet bachelor degree requirements.

COMMUNITY COLLEGE – ASSOCIATE OF ARTS DEGREE – TOTAL 60-65 CREDITS GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS/OHIO TRANSFER 36		Minimum Credit Hours
ENGLISH COMPOSITION AND ORAL COMMUNICATION:		3
Course 1:	Any OT36 approved First Writing course	3
MATHEMATICS, STATISTICS AND LOGIC		4-5
Course 1:	Introductory Statistics recommended <sup>1</sup>	3
ARTS AND HUMANITIES (Two courses from two different areas)		6
Course 1:	Any OT36 approved Arts and Humanities course	3
Course 2:	Any OT36 approved Arts and Humanities course	3
SOCIAL AND BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES (Two courses from two different areas)		6
Course 1:	Introduction to Psychology <sup>2</sup>	3
Course 2:	Any OT36 approved Social and Behavioral Sciences course (outside of psychology)	3
NATURAL SCIENCES		8-10
Course 1:	Any OTM approved Natural Science course with or without lab <sup>3</sup>	3
Course 2:	Any OTM approved Biological Science course with lab <sup>3</sup>	3-4
ADDITIONAL CREDITS		10
Course 1:	Any OT36 approved Second Writing course	3
Course 2:	Up to 9 additional hours of OT36 approved courses <sup>4</sup>	9
GENERAL EDUCATION/OHIO TRANSFER 36 TOTAL:		37-40

**Advising Notes:**

Where it indicates "Any OT36 approved," students should work closely with their advisors.

<sup>1</sup> Please note that some institutions may require College Algebra. Check with your receiving institution.

<sup>2</sup> Introduction to Psychology also counts toward pre-major/beginning major requirements.

<sup>3</sup> Only one natural sciences lab is required. In some cases, taking one Biological Science and one Physical Science is preferred. Check with your receiving institution.

<sup>4</sup> One recommended course is OT36 approved Oral Communication.

Due to the variability across institutions, students should work with their academic advisor to determine an appropriate program of study and appropriate amount of additional credits to satisfy the OT36.

COMMUNITY COLLEGE – ASSOCIATE OF ARTS DEGREE – <i>Continued from page 1</i>		Minimum Credit Hours
<b>PRE-MAJOR/BEGINNING MAJOR</b>		
Course 1:	Introduction to Psychology (counted as part of the OT36)	0
* Course 2:	Social Psychology	3
* Course 3:	Abnormal Psychology	3
* Course 4:	Psychology of Personality	3
* Course 5:	Choose only one Human Development or Lifespan Development Course from the list below. If no course equivalency at the receiving institution, course will transfer as a major elective. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Child Development Course</li> <li>• Adolescent Development Course</li> <li>• Adulthood and Aging Course</li> <li>• Lifespan Development Course</li> <li>• Child and Adolescent Development Course</li> </ul>	3
<b>PRE-MAJOR/BEGINNING MAJOR TOTAL:</b>		<b>12-15</b>
<b>OTHER REQUIREMENTS</b>		
Foreign Language:	Demonstrate competencies through the intermediate level (Statewide guaranteed transfer courses available in American Sign Language, Arabic, Chinese, Japanese, French, German, Italian, and Spanish)	6-8
Electives:	It is recommended for students to use these elective hours to explore pursuing a double major or minor using TAG approved courses. These hours can also be used to complete prerequisite coursework.	3-6
<b>OTHER REQUIREMENTS TOTAL:</b>		<b>8-18</b>
<b>Advising Notes:</b>		
(*) indicates that the course has a prerequisite of Introduction to Psychology. Introduction to Psychology simultaneously satisfies OTM and pre-major/beginning major requirements and is counted under the OTM Social and Behavioral Sciences requirement.		
A minimum of two semesters of foreign language should be taken if available. Additional foreign language courses may be needed as well – check with your receiving institution. If more foreign language courses are taken, then the number of elective hours will be lower.		
Some bachelor-degree granting institutions require additional general education courses outside of the Ohio Transfer Module and students may be required to take these courses in their junior or senior year. Students will still be able to follow this pathway and complete their bachelor’s degree in approximately 60 additional credit hours.		
<b>Associate Degree</b>		<b>Total Credit Hours</b>
<b>ASSOCIATE DEGREE TOTAL:</b>		<b>60-65</b>
<b>SPECIAL NOTES</b>		
A minimum of two semesters of foreign language should be taken if available. Additional foreign language courses may be needed as well – check with your receiving institution. If more foreign language courses are taken, then the number of elective hours will be lower.		
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Pages 3 & 4 of this document outline **community college courses that are approved statewide** for transfer credit toward the bachelor of science degree in psychology at an approved 4-year institution.

COMMUNITY COLLEGE – ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE DEGREE – TOTAL 60-65 CREDITS GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS/OHIO TRANSFER 36		Minimum Credit Hours
ENGLISH COMPOSITION AND ORAL COMMUNICATION:		3
Course 1:	Any OT36 approved First Writing course	3
MATHEMATICS, STATISTICS AND LOGIC		3
Course 1:	College Algebra	3
ARTS AND HUMANITIES (Two courses from two different areas)		6
Course 1:	Any OT36 approved Arts and Humanities course	3
Course 2:	Any OT36 approved Arts and Humanities course	3
SOCIAL AND BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES (Two courses from two different areas)		6
Course 1:	Introduction to Psychology <sup>1</sup>	3
Course 2:	Any OT36 approved Social and Behavioral Sciences course (outside of psychology)	3
NATURAL SCIENCES		6-8
Course 1:	Biology I or General Chemistry I <sup>2</sup>	3-4
Course 2:	Any OT36 approved Biological Science course with or without lab <sup>3</sup>	3-4
ADDITIONAL CREDITS		12
Course 1:	Any OT36 approved Second Writing course	3
Course 2:	Introduction to Statistics	3
Courses:	Up to 6 additional hours of OT36 approved courses <sup>4</sup>	6
GENERAL EDUCATION/OHIO TRANSFER 36 TOTAL:		36-38

**Advising Notes:**

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<sup>1</sup> Introduction to Psychology also counts toward pre-major/beginning major requirements.

<sup>3</sup> Only one natural sciences lab is required. In some cases, taking one Biological Science and one Physical Science is preferred. Check with your receiving institution.

<sup>4</sup> One recommended course is OT36 approved Oral Communication.

Students with plans of pursuing a pre-professional track such as pre-medicine or graduate studies in the future should work closely with their academic advisor and receiving institution starting in the first year of their program in order to adequately prepare themselves for those types of tracks.

COMMUNITY COLLEGE – ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE DEGREE– <i>Continued from page 3</i>		Minimum Credit Hours
Course 1:	Introduction to Psychology (counted as part of the OT36)	0
* Course 2:	Social Psychology	3
* Course 3:	Abnormal Psychology	3
* Course 4:	Psychology of Personality	3
* Course 5:	Choose only one Human Development or Lifespan Development Course from the list below. If no course equivalency at the receiving institution, course will transfer as a major elective. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Child Development Course</li> <li>• Adolescent Development Course</li> <li>• Adulthood and Aging Course</li> <li>• Lifespan Development Course</li> <li>• Child and Adolescent Development Course</li> </ul>	3
PRE-MAJOR/BEGINNING MAJOR TOTAL:		12-15
<b>OTHER REQUIREMENTS</b>		
Foreign Language:	Demonstrate competencies through the intermediate level (Statewide guaranteed transfer courses available in American Sign Language, Arabic, Chinese, Japanese, French, German, Italian, and Spanish)	6-8
Electives:	It is recommended for students to use these elective hours to explore pursuing a double major or minor using TAG approved courses. These hours can also be used to complete prerequisite coursework.	3-6
OTHER REQUIREMENTS TOTAL:		8-18
<p><b>Advising Notes:</b></p> <p>(*) indicates that the course has a prerequisite of Introduction to Psychology. Introduction to Psychology simultaneously satisfies OT36 and pre-major/beginning major requirements and is counted under the OT36 Social and Behavioral Sciences requirement.</p> <p>A minimum of two semesters of foreign language should be taken if available. Additional foreign language courses may be needed as well – check with your receiving institution. If more foreign language courses are taken, then the number of elective hours will be lower.</p> <p>Some bachelor-degree granting institutions require additional general education courses outside of the Ohio Transfer Module and students may be required to take these courses in their junior or senior year. Students will still be able to follow this pathway and complete their bachelor’s degree in approximately 60 additional credit hours.</p>		
<b>Associate Degree</b>		<b>Total Credit Hours</b>
<b>ASSOCIATE DEGREE TOTAL:</b>		<b>60-65</b>
<b>SPECIAL NOTES</b>		
<p>A minimum of two semesters of foreign language should be taken if available. Additional foreign language courses may be needed as well – check with your receiving institution. If more foreign language courses are taken, then the number of elective hours will be lower.</p> <p>Some bachelor-degree granting institutions require additional general education courses outside of the Ohio Transfer Module and students may be required to take these courses in their junior or senior year. Students will still be able to follow this pathway and complete their bachelor’s degree in approximately 60 additional credit hours.</p>		

## How Psychology Pathway Courses Transfer to Bluffton University



The following table outlines how transfer credits from the psychology transfer pathway and associate's degree will be applied to the bachelor's degree in Psychology at Bluffton University. Students interested in transferring to Bluffton University should meet with an admission counselor regarding optimal course selection and admission requirements.

BLUFFTON UNIVERSITY COURSE EQUIVALENCIES FROM THE ASSOCIATE DEGREE PATHWAY	Course Number	Credit Hours
<b>GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS/OHIO TRANSFER 36</b>		
Any OT36 approved First Writing course	ENG 110	3
Any OT36 approved Second Writing course	ENG 110	3
Introduction to Statistics	PSY 284	3
Any OT36 approved Arts and Humanities course	OT36 A&H Elective	3
Any OT36 approved Arts and Humanities course	OT36 A&H Elective	3
Introduction to Psychology	PSY 110	3
Any OT36 approved Social and Behavioral Sciences course (Introduction to Sociology (OSS021) recommended for pre-medicine)	OT36 S&BS Elective	3
Biology I (OSC003) or General Chemistry I (OSC008)	BIO XXX or CHM XXX	3-4
Any OT36 approved Biological Science course with or without lab	OT36 Elective	4-5
Up to 6 additional hours of OT36 approved courses	OT36 Electives	6
<b>PRE-MAJOR/BEGINNING MAJOR</b>		
Introduction to Psychology (counted as part of the OT36)	PSY 110	0
Social Psychology	PSY/SOC 258	3
Abnormal Psychology	PSY 250	3
Psychology of Personality	PSY 310	3
Choose only one Human Development or Lifespan Development Course from this list. If no course equivalency at the receiving institution, course will transfer as a major elective: Child Development, Adolescent Development, Adulthood & Aging, Lifespan Development or Child & Adolescent Development	PSY 235 Developmental Psych (Lifespan)	3
<b>OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS</b>		
Foreign Language - demonstrate competencies through the intermediate level (Statewide guaranteed transfer courses available in American Sign Language, Arabic, Chinese, Japanese, French, German, Italian, and Spanish)	OT36 Electives	6-8
Electives	OT36 Electives	3-6
<b>TOTAL HOURS FROM ASSOCIATE DEGREE:</b>		<b>60-65</b>
<p><b>Advising Notes:</b> Bluffton University requires courses in History and a Fine Art (Art, Music, or Theater) as part of its general education requirements, so it is recommended that students use the Arts and Humanities electives in this area. Additionally, Bluffton University requires 3 credits of Oral Communication (i.e. Public Speaking) and 2 hours of Wellness. (It is recommended that students use additional electives to complete these.) Bluffton University only requires <i>one</i> natural science course, which must have a lab component, and only <i>one</i> Social and Behavioral course.</p> <p>This Transfer Pathway completes the Associate of Arts degree, which must total at least 60 semester credits and includes 36 credits of the Ohio Transfer 36 (OT36), which are approved general education requirements. OT36 details can be found at <a href="https://transfercredit.ohio.gov/initiatives-upd/ohio-transfer-36">https://transfercredit.ohio.gov/initiatives-upd/ohio-transfer-36</a></p>		

## Psychology Transfer Pathway

Remaining Courses to Complete at  
Bluffton University

This table outlines the remaining coursework required for the bachelor of arts or science in psychology degree at Bluffton University. A student transferring to Bluffton University with the associate of arts degree and psychology transfer pathway completed will receive maximum credit, placing them at or near junior standing with introductory coursework in the psychology major completed. Students interested in transferring to Bluffton University should meet with an admission counselor regarding optimal course selection and admission requirements.

REMAINING COURSEWORK TO COMPLETE THE BACHELOR'S DEGREE AT BLUFFTON UNIVERSITY	Course Number	Credit Hours
<b>INSTITUTIONAL DEGREE REQUIREMENTS</b>		
Cross-cultural Experience	BENV300	3
Enduring Values Capstone	BENV400	2
<b>MAJOR REQUIREMENTS</b>		
Tests and Measurements	PSY 230	3
Biological Psychology	PSY 315	3
Special Topics in Psychology (could be filled by a transfer course; case-by-case basis)	PSY 325	3
Psychology of Learning	PSY 370	3
Basics of Social Research	PSY 360	3
Psychology Research Seminar (pre-req is PSY 360)	PSY 403	3
Psychology, Faith, and Ethics	PSY 412	3
Social Science Seminar (career prep for seniors)	PSY 414	1
Psychology Elective course (could be transferred in)	Pick from list of options	3
<b>OTHER BACHELOR DEGREE REQUIREMENTS</b>		
Reading the Bible Competency	REL100 or HON120	3
Religious Understanding Competency	variable	3
Students must attend 30 Arts & Lecture events on campus		1
Electives		Varies
<b>TOTAL REMAINING COURSEWORK TO COMPLETE BACHELOR'S DEGREE</b>		<b>60-65</b>

**Advising Notes:**

A total of 124 hours minimum is required for graduation. For students completing only two years at Bluffton, this includes one hour of credit for attending 30 Arts & Lecture events. To complete the BA with two years at Bluffton, students need to transfer in 60 semester hours of credit. Students matriculating with fewer hours may take additional hours at Bluffton to complete the 124 hours required for graduation. A minor is not required. A statistics course is recommended but not required. Students may enroll in up to 17 hours per semester. Enrolling in over 17 hours in one semester requires special permission plus an overload fee.

**Bluffton Enduring Values** courses (BENV) prepare students to succeed in local and international contexts. At Bluffton University, the cross-cultural experience is a pivotal element of the general education curriculum, which strives to place each student in an ever-expanding context from individual identity to global citizen. Through personal interactions in diverse settings within and outside of the United States, from Appalachian Kentucky to Guatemala to the Czech Republic, students are challenged to examine what it means to be a responsible citizen in the global community and to develop an ethic of justice, service, and peacemaking.

# Sample Degree Map for Psychology Transfer Pathway

## Bluffton University



This sample degree map shows how students who transfer to Bluffton University with the psychology transfer pathway can complete the bachelor's degree in four semesters.

### THIRD YEAR

SEMESTER 5	
Course Name & Number	Credit Hours
PSY 360 Basics of Social Research	3
PSY 412 Psychology, Faith, and Ethics	3
PSY 315 Biological Psychology	3
REL 100 Reading the Bible	3
Elective	3
Arts & Lecture credit	.5
<b>Total Semester Credit Hours</b>	<b>15.5</b>

SEMESTER 6	
Course Name & Number	Credit Hours
PSY 310 Personality Theory	3
PSY 230 Test and Measurements	3
BENV 300 Cross Cultural (if not transferred in through 6 language credits)	3
Religious Understanding Gen Ed course (if not transferred in.)	3
Elective	3
Arts & Lecture credit	.5
<b>Total Semester Credit Hours</b>	<b>15.5</b>

### FOURTH YEAR

SEMESTER 7	
Course Name & Number	Credit Hours
PSY 403 Psychology Research Seminar	3
PSY 325 Special Topics in Psychology (if not transferred in)	3
PSY 414 Social Science Seminar	1
Elective	3
Elective	3
Elective	3
<b>Total Semester Credit Hours</b>	<b>15</b>

SEMESTER 8	
Course Name & Number	Credit Hours
PSY 370 Psychology of Learning	3
BENV 400 Enduring Values in a Global Community	2
Psychology Elective course (or transfer in)	3
Elective	3
Elective	3
Elective	1
<b>Total Semester Credit Hours</b>	<b>15</b>