

2+2 Articulation Agreement for Harford Community College and Towson University

Associate's Degree: A.A. in Psychology

Bachelor's Degree: B.S. in Psychology

Effective Term: Fall 2021

Section 1: Course Completion Plan for Harford Community College

This section outlines the courses to take for the Harford Community College general education and program requirements in order to complete both HCC and TU degrees within a total of 4 years and 120 credits. The following tables do not include any nontransferable or prerequisite coursework outside of the curriculum.

Table 1: General Education Courses Applied to TU Core Curriculum

HCC Requirement	HCC Course to Take	Credit	Towson University Equivalent Course
English Composition	ENG 101 English Composition (GE)	3	ENGL 102 Writing for a Liberal Education
Mathematics	Mathematics Elective (GM)	3	Equivalency will vary by course
Arts & Humanities	Arts/Humanities Elective (GH)	3	Equivalency will vary by course
Arts & Humanities	Arts/Humanities Elective (GH) (See Section 2 for recommended courses)	3	Equivalency will vary by course
Social & Behavioral Sciences	PSY 101 General Psychology (GB)	3	PSYC 101 Introduction to Psychology
Social & Behavioral Sciences	SOC 101 Introduction to Sociology (GB)	3	SOCI 101 Introduction to Sociology
Biological & Physical Sciences	Biological/Physical Lab Science Elective (GL) (See Section 2 for recommended courses)	4	Equivalency will vary by course
Biological & Physical Sciences	Biological/Physical Science Elect (GS)	3	Equivalency will vary by course
Program Requirement	CMST 101 Speech Fundamentals (GI)	3	COMM 131 Public Speaking
Program Requirement History Elective	History Elective (GB)	3	Equivalency will vary by course
Program Requirement Psychology Elective	PSY 209 Social Psychology (D)	3	PSYC 225 Introduction to Social Psychology
General Education Elective	General Education Elective	3	Equivalency will vary by course

Total general education applied to the TU Core Curriculum: 37 credits

Completing the courses above will satisfy the general education program at HCC. TU will transfer these courses without a course-by-course match to the Core Curriculum requirements. See section 2 for details.

Table 2: Program Requirements and Electives Applied to TU Degree

HCC Requirement	HCC Course to Take	Credit	Towson University Equivalent Course
Program Requirement	ENG 109 English Composition: Research Writing	3	ENGL TLL English Lower Level Elective
Program Requirement Psychology Elective	PSY 214 Human Development Across the Lifespan	3	PSYC 203 Human Development
Program Requirement Psychology Elective	PSY 204 Abnormal Psychology	3	PSYC 261 Introduction to Abnormal Psychology
Program Requirement Psychology Elective	Psychology Elective	3	Equivalency will vary by course
General Elective	General Elective	3	Equivalency will vary by course
General Elective	General Elective	3	Equivalency will vary by course
General Elective	General Elective	3	Equivalency will vary by course
Physical Education Elective	Physical Education Elective	1	Equivalency will vary by course
Physical Education Elective	Physical Education Elective	1	Equivalency will vary by course

Total program requirements applied to the TU degree: 23 credits

Total transferred to TU: 60 credits

Students may transfer a maximum of 64 credits. If students do not adhere to the courses outlined above in Tables 1 and 2, they are not guaranteed completion of the bachelor's degree in 2 years. Refer to section 2 for specific course details and transfer planning information.

Section 2: HCC Course Selection & Transfer Details

This section explains any specific course selections made in section 1 and provides transfer planning guidance specific to this degree plan. Students must follow the course selections outlined in this document. If students do not complete any or all of the courses outlined in this agreement, they will be required to complete outstanding requirements at TU.

GENERAL EDUCATION

- Mathematics Elective (GM): Must earn a C or better. MATH 216 Introduction to Statistics is recommended (but not required) to satisfy Mathematics General Education at HCC and Core 3 at TU. MATH 216 transfers as MATH 231 Basic Statistics.

- **Arts/Humanities Elective (GH):** An Ethics course is recommended to satisfy Arts & Humanities or General Education Electives at HCC and Core 14 at TU. Choose from PHIL 205 Ethics, PHIL 220 Bioethics, PHIL 221 Business Ethics. (PHIL 255 Environmental Ethics will also satisfy TU's Core requirement but will NOT satisfy General Education at HCC.) Students who transfer with PHIL 205, PHIL 220, PHIL 221 or PHIL 255 will not be required to take Core 14 at TU as listed in Section 3.
- **Biological/Physical Lab Science Elective (GL):** BIO 100 Fundamentals of Biology or BIO 120 General Biology I is recommended to satisfy Biological/Physical Science Lab General Education requirement at HCC and Core 7 at TU.

The following information explains the transfer of students' general education courses:

- TU will recognize the courses in Table 1 (see section 1) as a completed general education program. Students will receive a core package that satisfies most of the TU Core Curriculum without the need for course-by-course placement in specific Core Curriculum requirements.
- Students entering TU under this agreement will need to complete two Core Curriculum requirements at TU: Advanced Writing Seminar (Core 9) and Ethical Issues and Perspectives (Core 14). Students transferring with an Ethics course as indicated above will not be required to take Core 14 at TU provided they complete 37 units of General Education at HCC. Students who do not complete the associate's degree before transferring to TU or who do not complete 37 units of general education as specified in this agreement may be required to take additional Core Courses at TU.

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

- Students may wish to substitute ENG 102 English Composition and Literature for ENG 109 English Composition: Research Writing. To request this substitution, contact your academic advisor at HCC. TU will accept either ENG 109 or ENG 102. ENG 102 will transfer as ENGL TLL.

PROGRAM ELECTIVES

Students must take the following courses in order to also satisfy required courses in the major at TU:

- **Psychology Elective:** Take **PSY 209 Social Psychology** to satisfy the major requirement (Foundation Course) of PSYC 225 (Introduction to Social Psychology). This course will also apply to TU's Core Curriculum.
- **Psychology Elective:** Take **PSY 214 Human Development Across the Lifespan** to satisfy the major requirement (Foundation Course) of PSYC 203 (Human Development).
- **Psychology Elective:** Take **PSY 204 Abnormal Psychology** to satisfy the major requirement (Foundation Course) of PSYC 261 (Introduction to Abnormal Psychology). Students considering the Clinical Psychology Area of Focus Option at TU (main campus only) must earn a B or better in this course.
- **Psychology Elective:** Take **any psychology course** of interest to satisfy an elective for the major at TU. Students considering the Clinical Psychology Area of Focus Option at TU (main campus only) should take PSY 212 The Helping Relationship at HCC to satisfy this remaining psychology elective.
- **General Electives:** SOC 102 Social Problems and CIS 102 Introduction to Information Sciences are recommended.

Note: Students should complete TU's three foundation courses: 1) Social Psychology 2) Human Development 3) Abnormal Psychology before transferring to TU as listed above. Please note that these courses are not offered at TU's TUNE campus. Students who transfer to TUNE without these courses will be required to take them at TU's main campus or will need to take them at HCC during their first semester of enrollment. A Transfer Petition Form is required to take courses at HCC after transfer.

Section 3: Degree Requirements to Be Completed at TU

This section outlines the degree requirements for students transferring into the Psychology major at TU. Refer to section 4 for additional major requirements, recommendations, and university-wide degree requirements.

CORE CURRICULUM REQUIREMENT: 6 UNITS

Core 9 Advanced Writing Seminar (This will be satisfied by PSYC 313 or PSYC 314 in the major.)

Core 14 Ethical Issues and Perspectives (Students transferring with PHIL 205 Ethics, PHIL 220 Bioethics, PHIL 221 Business Ethics or PHIL 255 Environmental Ethics will not be required to take Core 14 at TU.)

MAJOR REQUIRED COURSES: 8 UNITS

Select one of the following for 8 units:

- PSYC 212 Behavioral Statistics AND PSYC 314 Research Methods in Psychology (Core 9)
- PSYC 213 Research Design and Statistical Analysis in Psychology I AND PSYC 313 Research Design and Statistical Analysis in Psychology II (Core 9). **Note:** PSYC 213 (offered only in the Fall) and PSYC 313 (offered only in the Spring) represent a two-course sequence that must be taken with the same faculty member in the same academic year. In order to receive credit for PSYC 213, students must complete PSYC 313.

MAJOR FOUNDATION COURSES: 3 UNITS

PSYC 285 Biological Psychology (3 units)

MAJOR SOCIOCULTURAL AWARENESS REQUIREMENT: 3 UNITS

Select one of the following for 3 units:

- PSYC 432 Cross-Cultural Psychology (3 units)
- PSYC 441 Psychology of the Black Experience (3 units)
- PSYC 447 Sex Differences: Psychological Perspectives (3 units)

MAJOR ELECTIVES: 15 UNITS

Select 15 units of other psychology (PSYC) courses (excluding PSYC 325, PSYC 361, PSYC 383, and PSYC 465). All 15 units must be upper (300-400) level. A maximum of 6 units can be experiential classes which include PSYC 381, PSYC 391, PSYC 433, PSYC 435, PSYC 454, PSYC 491, PSYC 494 and PSYC 499.

GENERAL ELECTIVES: 28 UNITS

The total number of elective units required will be determined by the total units completed within the major and the Core Curriculum. Electives can be additional major electives or courses for personal interests. Students may also consider one of the options below.

ADDITIONAL OPTIONS IN PSYCHOLOGY

The Department of Psychology offers undergraduates two options beyond the completion of the general undergraduate concentration: a Clinical Psychology Area of Focus and an Honors Thesis in Psychology option. Admission to each of these options is competitive; for full consideration, applications must be made to the appropriate program director by the third week in October of the student's junior year.

Please note that the Clinical Psychology Area of Focus and the Honors Thesis in Psychology options are offered at TU's main campus only. These options are not available at TUNE.

Clinical Psychology Area of Focus Option

The Clinical Psychology Area of Focus offers more extensive training in Clinical Psychology beyond that gained by completion of the Psychology major. The area of focus provides a three-term course sequence (14 units), beginning in the spring term of the junior year. Courses are organized around practicum experience with extensive supervision so that there is continuity between theory and practice of clinical skills.

For a student to be admitted to the Clinical Psychology Area of Focus, the following criteria must be met by the spring term of the junior year:

1. Completion of PSYC 205 Introduction to the Helping Relationship (PSY 212 The Helping Relationship at HCC) and PSYC 261 Introduction to Abnormal Psychology (PSY 204 Abnormal Psychology at HCC) with a grade of "B" (3.00) or better in both courses
2. A minimum cumulative GPA of 3.40 and a Psychology GPA of 3.60
3. Submission of a writing sample, a letter of recommendation from a TU faculty member (preferably from Psychology) or employer who has observed the applicant's interpersonal skills, maturity and professionalism, and an interview with the program director to determine the student's suitability to complete the Clinical Psychology Area of Focus

CLINICAL AREA OF FOCUS REQUIREMENTS: 14 UNITS

- PSYC 431 Group Dynamics (3 units) – taken spring of junior year
- PSYC 439 The Initial Interview (3 units) – taken spring of junior year
- PSYC 454 Internship in Psychotherapy (4 units) – taken fall of senior year

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Honors Thesis in Psychology Option

The honors thesis option provides students the opportunity to learn in-depth about the research process in psychology. Students complete an independent thesis in close collaboration with a faculty mentor, while taking a series of advanced courses on research methods, data analysis, thesis preparation and professional presentation. The three-term program (11 units) culminates in the student's senior year with the completion of the thesis and presentation of the findings in a symposium format. The honors thesis option begins during the spring term of the student's junior year and continues throughout the student's senior year.

For a student to be admitted to the Honors Thesis in Psychology option, the following criteria must be met by the spring term of the junior year:

1. Completion of PSYC 212/PSYC 213 and PSYC 313/PSYC 314 with a "B" grade or better
2. A minimum cumulative GPA of 3.40 and a Psychology GPA of 3.60
3. Identification of a Psychology faculty member who will supervise the thesis
4. Submission of a personal statement and writing sample and interview with the program director

Departmental honors will be posted to the transcript shortly after the bachelor's degree is conferred.

HONORS THESIS OPTION REQUIREMENTS: 12 UNITS

- PSYC 486 Advanced Experimental Design (3 units) – taken spring of junior year
- PSYC 497 Honors Seminar in Psychology (3 units) – taken fall of senior year
- PSYC 498 Honors Capstone Psychology (3 units) – taken spring of senior year
- PSYC 499 Honors Senior Thesis in Psychology (3 units) – taken spring of senior year

Section 4: Additional Requirements & Recommendations for TU Degree Completion

BACHELOR'S DEGREE REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL STUDENTS:

- A C (2.0) or higher is required in all major courses and prerequisites.
- A cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.0 is required.
- 32 units of the bachelor's degree must be completed at the upper level (courses numbered 300 or above).

Degree Completion Summary

Total Units Required for B.S. Degree	120 UNITS
HCC A.A. Degree in Psychology	60
Completion of Core Curriculum at TU	06
Completion of Psychology major at TU	26
General Electives Taken at TU	28