

PSYCHOLOGY

Program Description

The Psychology program at MSJC is designed to develop skills and knowledge consistent with the study of psychology in a multicultural, global context. Successful students will cultivate the writing, reading, statistics, and research skills required for psychology inquiry and will develop the necessary background to be successful in the major at the university level. Furthermore, our program emphasizes how the course materials can be applied to one's own life through the promotion of self and cross cultural awareness. Our goal is to foster an appreciation for diversity, while creating community, support, and inclusion for our students.

Topics of interest and study:

Human development, consciousness, memory, psychological disorders, positive psychology, learning theory, personality development, personal growth, neuroscience, motivation, social psychology, research methodology, behavioral statistics, and others.

Psychology Department Page (<https://www.msjc.edu/psychology/>)

Transfer Preparation

MSJC offers a wide range of course work that prepares students for the workforce or for transfer to four-year colleges and universities. All four-year institutions prescribe their own standards for course evaluation and admissions. Courses that fulfill major requirements for an associate degree in a program at MSJC might not be the same as those required for transfer into a similar major at a four-year university. Please meet with a Counselor to confirm transfer requirements.

Transfer students are advised to do research on prospective majors and careers. The MSJC Transfer Center and MSJC catalog can be helpful tools. Students interested in transferring to CSU's or UC's can access major preparation by visiting ASSIST (<http://www.assist.org>). All students are advised to meet with a counselor at least once a semester to create or update their comprehensive education plan.

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Degrees/Certificates

Degrees

Transfer Degree

- Psychology, A.A-T (<https://catalog.msjc.edu/instructional-programs/psychology/psychology-aat/>)

Program Learning Outcomes

- Produce arguments or projects that apply psychological training, while demonstrating their ability to listen to others with understanding and empathy, and think interdependently.
- Illustrate healthy self awareness and metacognitive abilities, which demonstrate their commitment to persist in their current and lifelong learning pursuits.
- Design projects or research studies illustrating their ability to question ideas, think critically and flexibly, and formulate sound decisions based on their analysis, while integrating appropriate psychological principles, theories, and/or methodology.
- Integrate learning from psychology with their existing knowledge, and determine how they might assimilate new information into existing schemas, and/or accommodate mental structures in order to generate new mindsets or paradigms.
- Generate ideas that apply social science principles, reflecting the diversity of the human experience with a sense of creativity, imagination, innovation, wonderment and awe.

Careers and Salaries

Discover in-demand careers and education options based on your interests! See the list of careers below or explore further by searching for **Careers or Programs** (<https://msjc.emsicc.com>).

Note: There are no guaranteed positions for students completing these programs. Education and work experience required will vary by employer. The salary and benefits for specific occupations will be dependent on work experience, education, background, and employer. Labor market statistics are from the Bureau of Labor Statistics, US Census Bureau, O-NET, EMSI.

Career/Industries	CA Annual Median Salary or Range	Employment Demand or Opening CA
Social & Human Service Assistant (SC, A, B)	\$44,852	4,451
Psychology Teachers, Postsecondary (M, D)	\$100,889	12,878
Mental Health and Substance Abuse Social Worker (B, M)	\$76,839	1,238
Education, Guidance, Career Counselors and Advisors (M)	\$74,815	1,996
Marriage and Family Therapists (M, D)	\$51,001	2,176
Child, Family, and School Social Workers (B, M)	\$62,651	3,167

Human Factors	\$98,258	924
Engineers & Ergonomists (B, M)		

(degree required: SM some college, C: Certificate, A: Associate degree, B: Bachelor's degree, M: Master's degree, D: Doctorate)