



Published on *College of Western Idaho* (<http://cwidaho.cc>)

[Home](#) > [Programs & Degrees](#) > [Academic Transfer](#) > Psychology

Psychology



Description

Interested in gaining insight into the science of why people think, feel, and act the way they do? Our psychology program will help you do just that. Consistent with the value psychology places on empirical evidence, students will explore human behavior with a psychological lens and gain an appreciation of scientific inquiry, ethics, interpersonal skills, and critical thinking. Additionally, opportunities exist for students to apply these skills in the community through service learning, internships, and Psychology Club.

Our associate's degree will provide insight into the human condition and is an excellent first step toward a bachelor's degree. Students with a bachelor's degree in Psychology often pursue careers in the helping professions such as human resources, crisis-intervention associate, rehabilitation worker, child-welfare worker, psychiatric technician, childcare assistant, mental-health technician, aide to geriatric clients, and social-welfare worker. Completion of the Associate of Arts degree connotes students are transfer ready and meets the general-education requirements at all Idaho public universities.

Mission

The mission of the psychology program at the College of Western Idaho is to stimulate thought and action informed by psychological science. Our goal is to provide students with challenging classes, inspiring teaching, and transformative educational opportunities that emphasize scientific thinking and opportunities to engage in the community. Students graduate transfer-ready with a greater understanding of the role psychology plays in informing lives and fostering career development.

Why This Program

In addition to helping you build skills that will enhance employability in many fields, studying psychology will help you learn about yourself and other people. Such insight can prove valuable in life both at home and at work.

What You Will Learn to Do

- Critical thinking
- Communication
- Information literacy
- Personal responsibility
- Data analysis
- Discipline specific knowledge and skills

Clubs



Psychology Club

The purpose of Psychology Club is to foster the development of social ties among students by creating opportunities for group interaction, emphasizing hands-on experience and involvement within the community by pursuing and facilitating service...

Additional Opportunities

In addition to learning in the classroom, the psychology program provides students with opportunities such as:

- Presentations by Guest Speakers
- Networking with Community Agencies
- Participation in Annual SHR Department Symposium
- Psychology Club
- Service Learning

Associate of Arts in Psychology

Degree Type:

AA

Length:

24 Months

Delivery Formats:

Traditional, Hybrid, Online

Important Dates for Credit Programs

	Fall 2014	Spring 2015	Summer 2015
Registration Open	April 14	November 10	April 13
Financial Aid Priority Date	July 14	December 1	May 11
Admission Deadline	August 8	December 22	May 15
Tuition and Fees Due	August 22	January 9	May 29
Last Day to Register	August 22	January 9	May 29
Classes Begin	August 25	January 12	June 1*

*Some classes begin before this date. See [class schedule](#) [1] for more information.

Please refer to our [Important Dates](#) [2] for more information.

Financial Aid Available

Did you know that as a student in this program you may be eligible for financial aid? Through grants, [scholarships](#) [3], and loans, more than 60 percent of first-time, full-time CWI students receive some form of financial assistance. To learn more about financial aid options and whether you may be eligible, visit [Financial Aid](#) [4].

Tuition and Fees

Tuition for a full-time CWI student averages half the cost of a state university and a third of the cost of a private college. Tuition and fees vary based on program and residence. Visit [Tuition and Fees](#) [5] for more information.

Advising

Navigating your way through college can be confusing, especially if you try to go it alone. CWI One Stop Student Services offers advising assistance, to help in deciding which courses you need to take to complete your educational goals. Visit [Advising](#) [6] for more information or contact [One Stop Student Services](#) [7] to schedule an appointment.

- Start taking your math and science classes early on, do not wait until your second year at CWI.
- Take the Computer Literacy Exam in your first semester to find out whether you are able to test out of the CISA 101 class partially or fully. If you do not pass all components of the Computer Literacy Exam, take the required CISA credits within your first semesters at CWI as those computer skills will come in handy in your other classes.
- MATH 143 is a required prerequisite for PSYC 217 (statistical methods).

- PSYC Class offerings by semester:
 - PSYC 101: Fall, Spring, and Summer
 - PSYC 120: Fall and Spring
 - PSYC 201: Fall, Spring, and some Summers
 - PSYC 211: Fall and Spring
 - PSYC 217: Fall and some Springs
 - PSYC 228: Spring
- PSYC 228 will transfer to BSU as an elective class. Therefore, some students may find a Liberal Arts major a better fit because it does not require PSYC 228. This is especially true if PSYC 228 is the only class a student needs to graduate.
- While not required, many students find taking BIOL 201 useful before enrolling in BIOL 227.
- PHYE 155 may be taken instead of two PHYA activities courses. This change would result in 1 less elective credit needed.

Transfer

Look beyond your degree at CWI and plan for continuing your education by working closely with CWI advising and representatives of your intended transfer school. Planning before you transfer can save you time and money. Visit [Transfer Information](#) [8] for more information or contact [One Stop Student Services](#) [7].

Faculty in the Psychology Program work closely with the following four-year schools to assist students with transfer:

- Boise State University
- University of Idaho
- Idaho State University
- Northwest Nazarene University
- College of Idaho

Career Information

Psychology as a discipline provides a strong foundation for pursuing many careers. If you visit <http://cwidaho.myplan.com> [9] and click on the Careers tab, you can search the careers for which psychology has practical application (search using words like - psychology, counseling, helping, human relations, health, etc.).

As you explore the MyPlan.com website, take the time to email CWI's One Stop Student Services at onestop@cwidaho.cc [10] to learn the access code that will allow you to complete Assessments of your interests, personality, values and skills. This will help you recognize some of the careers in the world of work that would be a good match for you as well as learn the educational path that will lead you to those careers.

To learn more about careers in psychology, here are some links you can explore:

- <http://www.apa.org/careers/resources/guides/careers.aspx> [11]

- <http://www.allpsychologycareers.com/> [12]

Professions

Locations



Nampa Campus Academic Building

5500 E. Opportunity Dr. Nampa, ID 83687



Ada County Campus Pintail Center

1360 S. Eagle Flight Way, Boise, ID 83709



Canyon County Center

2407 Caldwell Blvd., Nampa, ID 83651

Program Contact



[13]

[Martha Timberlake](#) [13]

Department Chair, Social and Human Relations

[Dept of Social & Human Rel](#) [14]

208.562.2611

marthatimberlake@cwidaho.cc [15]

Source URL: <http://cwidaho.cc/program/psychology>

Links

[1] <http://cwidaho.cc/current-students/class-schedule>

[2] <http://cwidaho.cc/dates>

[3] <http://cwidaho.cc/scholarships>

[4] <http://cwidaho.cc/financialaid>

[5] <http://cwidaho.cc/tuition>

[6] <http://cwidaho.cc/advising>

[7] <http://cwidaho.cc/contact>

[8] <http://cwidaho.cc/transfer>

[9] <http://cwidaho.myplan.com>

[10] <mailto:onestop@cwidaho.cc>

[11] <http://www.apa.org/careers/resources/guides/careers.aspx>

[12] <http://www.allpsychologycareers.com/>

[13] <http://cwidaho.cc/person/faculty/martha-timberlake>

[14] <http://cwidaho.cc/department/dept-social-human-rel>

[15] <mailto:marthatimberlake@cwidaho.cc>