ASSOCIATE IN ARTS

This degree is designed for a student planning to transfer to a four-year institution and concentration in psychology, human services, counseling, and social work. Please consult an advisor for guidance about electives.

### Concentration Requirements

- ECON 101 Issues in Today's Economy 3
- PSYC 101 General Psychology 3
- PSYC 201 Developmental Psychology 3
- PSYC 202 Psychology of Adjustment 3
- SOCI 101 Sociology 3

**Credits Required:** 15

### General Education Requirements

- COMM 101 Public Speaking 3
- EDUC 133 Research Skills 1
- ENGL 101 English Composition I 3
- ENGL 102 English Composition II 3
- MATH 115 College Algebra 3
- PED 116 Lifetime Fitness 1
- Physical Science Elective with Lab 5
- Natural Science Elective with Lab 5
- Humanities Electives (from at least three areas) 9
- Sociol and Behavioral Science Electives 6
- General Education Electives 6

**Credits Required:** 45

**Recommended Course Sequence**

**SEM 1:** PSYC 101
**SEM 2:** PSYC 201
**SEM 3:** PSYC 202, SOCI 101
**SEM 4:** ECON 101

### After Graduation

LCC has an articulation agreement with Kansas State University.

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics an Associates of Arts in Psychology provides a student the jump start they need to transfer to a four year bachelor’s degree program. Once a student completes their bachelors they can move on to a Master’s Degree and even a PhD but it all begins with the Associates of Arts in Psychology.

Additionally, the Associates of Arts in Psychology could mean about $130.00 extra a week in wages, more than a person would earn with only a high school diploma. Students who complete an Associates of Arts in Psychology may be eligible for social and human service assistance jobs. In these jobs the student might provide client services to individuals and/ or families from several different fields including: psychology, rehabilitation, and social work; assisting other workers such as social workers whose clients are seeking assistance or benefits from community programs/services.
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If you’re looking for a career with meaning, action, diversity, satisfaction, and an abundance of options, consider social work. Social workers are people who care about people, who want to make things better, who want to relieve suffering, who want their work to make a difference (Careers.socialworkers.org). Social workers work in social services, hospitals, mental health facilities, hospice centers, and schools. They work with children, the elderly, veterans, people with medical, behavioral, and mental health issues, individuals with substance abuse issues, and those on probation or parole. Social workers act as case workers, administrators, and counselors.

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Credits Required: 60

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Recommended Course Sequence
SEM 1: ECON 101, SOCI 101
SEM 2: PSYC 101
SEM 3: SOCI 112 (offered in the fall semester)
SEM 4: SOCI 122, SOCI 123 (offered in the spring semester)

After Graduation
This Associate's degree is designed for students who plan to transfer to a four-year college. Entry level positions in the field are available with an Associate's degree. However, there are greater opportunities for those with further education. Accredited Bachelor's programs prepare students for Licensed Baccalaureate Social Worker (LBSW) certification, which expands employment opportunities. A graduate degree in the field opens the doors to becoming a counselor with private practice options.

Overall employment of social workers is projected to grow 12 percent from 2014 to 2024, faster than the average for all occupations.

*Students should be aware that criminal background checks are required for most social work positions, as well as for Bachelor’s and graduate education programs. A criminal conviction or past infraction does not always mean that licensure will be denied. It can depend on the seriousness of the crime and other circumstances or mitigating factors.

For information on wages, job outlook, and more see: http://www.bls.gov/ooh/community-and-social-service/mobile/social-workers.htm
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Sociology is the scientific study of society, including social interactions, social organization, social behavior, and human groups. Topics of study include culture, socialization, deviance, social inequality (race, class, and gender), and social institutions (media, religion, government, economy, family, and education). Famous people with Sociology degrees include Rev. Martin Luther King Jr., Senator Daniel Patrick Moynihan, Congresswoman Shirley Chisholm, Congresswoman Maxine Waters, President Ronald Reagan, Michelle Obama, and sportscaster Ahmad Rashad.

Concentration Requirements 15

- ECON 101 Issues in Today's Economy 3
- PSYC 101 General Psychology 3
- SOCI 101 Sociology 3
- SOCI 201 Marriage and Family 3
- SOCI 203 Social Problems 3

General Education Requirements 45

- COMM 101 Public Speaking 3
- ENGL 101 English Composition I 3
- ENGL 102 English Composition II 3
- MATH 115 College Algebra 3
- EDUC 133 Research Skills or LEAR 101 College Success Skills
- PED 116 Lifetime Fitness 1

Physical Science Elective with Lab 5

Natural Science Elective with Lab 5

Humanities Electives (from at least three areas) 12

Social and Behavioral Science Electives 6

General Education Electives 3

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Recommended Course Sequence

SEM 1: PSYCH 101, SOCI 101
SEM 2: ECON 101
SEM 3: SOCI 203
SEM 4: SOCI 201

After Graduation

This Associate's degree is designed for students who plan to transfer to a four-year college. A graduate degree in the field opens the doors to a career in research or college level teaching. However, an Associate's degree paves the way into entry level positions in a number of fields such as social services, customer service, human resources, marketing, corrections, non-profit organizations, business, consumer research, government agencies, and more.