

PSYCHOLOGY UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES

SLO 1: Knowledge Base of Psychology

Students will examine, integrate, and evaluate the major concepts, theoretical perspectives, empirical findings, and historical trends in psychology.

Methodology 1

Student scores on the ACAT will demonstrate that they have examined, evaluated and integrated the major concepts, theoretical perspectives, empirical findings, and historical trends in psychology.

Measure of Success for Methodology 1

Eighty percent of students will score at the 16th percentile or above on the ACAT (higher than 1 standard deviation below the mean) on the ACAT.

Methodology 2

Student scores on a poster presentation of major counseling theories will indicate that they have the capacity to examine, evaluate, and synthesize an understanding of the major theories and concepts of psychology.

Measure of Success for Methodology 2

Eighty percent of students will score 80/100 or higher on their major theory poster presentation.

SLO 2: Research Methods in Psychology

Students will understand and apply basic research methods in psychology, including design, data analysis, and interpretation.

Methodology 1

Students will demonstrate an ability to understand and apply basic research methods including design, data analysis, and interpretation by scores on the ACAT.

Measure of Success for Methodology 1

Eighty percent of students will score higher than the 16th percentile (higher than 1 standard deviation below the mean) on the Research portion of the ACAT.

Methodology 2

Students will design and complete a research project.

Measure of Success for Methodology 2

Students will design and complete a research project including data analysis and interpretation with 80% receiving a score of 80/100.

SLO 3: Critical Thinking Skills in Psychology

Students will evaluate the quality of general information and scientific conclusions, found in both research and in the public media, through the use of critical and creative thinking, skeptical inquiry, and the scientific method of inquiry utilized in solving problems related to behavior and mental processes.

Methodology 1

Students will prepare a written reaction paper that demonstrates an ability to analyze the credibility of behavioral claims and sources, challenge claims that arise from myth, stereotype, or untested assumption, evaluate popular media reports of psychological research, and demonstrate use of critical thinking characteristics including persistence, open-mindedness, tolerance for ambiguity, and intellectual engagement.

Measure of Success for Methodology 1

Students in General Psychology will prepare a reaction paper using critical thinking skills to evaluate a current myth or stereotype from popular media sources. Eighty percent of those writing papers will score an 80/100.

Methodology 2

Students will critically evaluate by comparing and contrasting, research reports from two psychological journal articles.

Measure of Success for Methodology 2

Students in Statistics will prepare a paper using critical thinking skills to compare and contrast research reported in psychology journals.

SLO 4: Application of Psychology

Students will evaluate and incorporate psychological principles into personal, social, and organizational issues in major areas such as clinical, industrial, and counseling psychology, as well as emerging areas such as health, social, and forensic areas of applied psychology.

Methodology 1

Students in Psychology of Adjustment will prepare a poster presentation on one of a variety of personal adjustment issues.

Measure of Success for Methodology 1

Students in Psychology of Adjustment will prepare a poster presentation on one of a variety of personal adjustment issues and 80% will score an 80/100 or above.

Methodology 2

Students in Abnormal Psychology will prepare a term paper or presentation/power point on a psychological disorder.

Measure of Success for Methodology 2

Students in Abnormal Psychology will prepare a term paper or power point presentation on a psychological disorder and 80% of those students will score an 80/100 or above.