

2024-2025 ASSESSMENT PLAN

Department: Psychology

Program of Study:
Undergraduate BA Program

(1) Learning Objectives	(2) Justification for Learning Objective	(3) Courses in which Students Engage with the Learning Objective
<p>Knowledge base in psychology This should be accomplished by acquiring the following core competencies:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Students should be able to describe theoretical perspectives and key concepts in at least 4 areas of study within psychology Student will be able to identify historical trends with the development of the field. Students will be able to describe major empirical findings within the various subfields. 	<p>Students should be able to demonstrate a comprehension of the field's key concepts, theoretical perspectives, historical trends, and empirical findings.</p>	<p>Psych 101 – General Psychology Any 4 of the 200 level elective courses in various subfields of psychology Any 2 of the 300 level elective courses in various subfields of psychology</p>
<p>Scientific inquiry and critical thinking Upon completing their degree, students will have developed the following competencies:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Interpreting, evaluating and comparing research studies Formulating a clear research question. Gathering and summarizing relevant articles from peer-reviewed journals. Designing a research study using appropriate methodologies. Implementing the study and accurately collecting data with proper measurement techniques. Utilizing tools such as SPSS and Excel for data entry and analysis. Interpreting the results of their data analysis. Creating graphic representations of the data. Writing a research report that effectively communicates the study's details and findings. 	<p>Students should be able to use scientific reasoning and problem-solving skills, including research methods, to understand and interpret psychological phenomena.</p> <p>This program equips students with the skills to apply scientific reasoning in the exploration of psychological phenomena and to design, interpret, and evaluate psychological research.</p>	<p>Psych 1073 – Statistical Methods Psych 1071 – Statistical Methods Lab Psych 213W- Experimental Psychology One of the 6 Advanced Experimental Psychology Courses (Psych 311, 313, 314, 316, 317 or 321)</p>
<p>Ethical and social responsibility in a diverse world This will be demonstrated with the following core competencies upon completion of their degree:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Students will be able to identify and describe ethical concerns that have arisen within the field and how these concerns were addressed Students will be able to define and discuss socially responsible behaviors within professional practice and in everyday life as professional. 	<p>Students should be able to develop ethically and socially responsible behaviors in professional and personal settings.</p>	<p>Covered in our experimental courses (213W, 311, 313, 314, 316, 317 and 321). Discussed in our elective courses.</p>
<p>Professional development This will be accomplished through participation in fieldworks courses, work in clinical settings and participation in research laboratories.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> During the course of their study, students will be able to communicate through written work and oral presentations, their experiences and findings. 	<p>Students should be able to apply psychology-specific content and skills, and develop project-management, teamwork, and career preparation skills.</p>	<p>Part of our fieldwork and Internship courses (Psych 327- Undergraduate Internship & Psych 2813 – Fieldwork) VT: Variable Topics – Fieldwork</p>