

Undergraduate Psychology Program Learning Objectives

The psychology undergraduate training objectives are based on the 2013 Guidelines for the Undergraduate Psychology major: version 2.0. The full report can be found at <http://www.apa.org/ed/precollege/about/psymajor-guidelines.aspx>

1. Knowledge Base of Psychology

- Students should demonstrate fundamental knowledge of major concepts, theoretical perspectives, historical trends, and empirical findings.

Performance Indicators:

- Scores on Undergraduate Major Field Test
- Course grades

2. Scientific Inquiry and Critical Thinking

- Students should learn basic skills and concepts in interpreting behavior, studying research, and applying research design principles.

Performance Indicators:

- Exam Scores for Psychology 5330: Principles of Psychological Measurement and Test Theory
- Scores from Psychology 3500: Research Methods in Psychology

3. Ethical and Social Responsibility in a Diverse World

- Students should become familiar with professional ethics and begin to embrace the values that will contribute to positive outcomes in response to multicultural and global concerns.

Performance Indicators:

- Psychology 4230: Psychology of Gender Attitude Pre/Post Test added Spring 2016
- Psychology 4240: Multicultural Psychology Attitude Pre/Post Tests

4. Communication

- Students should demonstrate competence in writing and in oral and interpersonal communication skills.

Performance Indicators:

- Psychology 4950: Undergraduate Apprenticeship proposal papers, vita, and final papers.
- Psychology 3500: Scientific Thinking and Methods in Psychology research proposals, lit review, and paper

5. Professional Development

- Student should develop abilities that sharpen student readiness for postbaccalaureate employment, graduate school, or professional school.

Performance Indicators:

- Psychology 4950: Undergraduate Apprenticeship research and applied experiences
- Undergraduate participation in publications and presentations
- Independent coursework and experiences