

BA Psychology Program Learning Goals and Outcomes

PROGRAM LEARNING GOAL	PROGRAM LEARNING OUTCOME
<p>Learning Goal 1: Knowledge Base in Psychology- Students should demonstrate fundamental knowledge and comprehension of the major concepts, theoretical perspectives, historical trends, and empirical findings to discuss how psychological principles apply to behavioral problems.</p>	<p>Learning Outcome 1.1: Students will be able to describe key concepts, principles, and overarching themes in psychology.</p>
<p>Learning Goal 2: Scientific Inquiry and Critical Thinking- Students should learn basic skills and concepts in interpreting behavior, studying research, and applying research design principles to draw conclusions about psychological phenomena.</p>	<p>Learning Outcome 2.1: Students will be able to interpret, design, and conduct psychological research.</p>
<p>Learning Goal 3: Ethical and Social Responsibility in a Diverse World- Students should become familiar with the formal regulations that govern professional ethics in psychology and begin to embrace the values that will contribute to positive outcomes in work settings and in building a society responsive to multicultural and global concerns.</p>	<p>Learning Outcome 3.1: Students will apply ethical standards to evaluate psychological science and practice</p>

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<p>Learning Goal 4: Communication- Students should demonstrate competence in writing and oral and interpersonal communication skills. Students should write a cogent scientific argument, present information using a scientific approach, engage in discussion of psychological concepts, explain the ideas of others, and express their ideas with clarity. Students should produce a research study or other psychological project, explain scientific results, and present information to a professional audience. Students should also develop flexible interpersonal approaches that optimize information exchange and relationship development.</p>	<p>Learning Outcome 4.1: Students will demonstrate effective writing for different purposes.</p>
	<p>Learning Outcome 4.2: Students will exhibit effective presentation skills for different purposes.</p>
	<p>Learning Outcome 4.3: Students will interact effectively with others.</p>
<p>Learning Goal 5: Professional Development- Students will be ready for post-baccalaureate employment, graduate school, or professional school.</p>	<p>Learning Outcome 5.1: Develop meaningful professional direction for life after graduation.</p>