

*Department of Psychology*  
*Learning Outcomes*

*The department of Psychology adopts the undergraduate learning outcomes as put forth by the American Psychological Association.*

***Learning Goals***

**I. Knowledge, Skills, and Values Consistent With the Science and Application of Psychology**

**Goal 1: Knowledge Base of Psychology**

Students will demonstrate familiarity with the major concepts, theoretical perspectives, empirical findings, and historical trends in psychology.

**Goal 2: Research Methods in Psychology**

Students will understand and apply basic research methods in **9** psychology, including research design, data analysis, and interpretation.

**Goal 3: Critical Thinking Skills in Psychology**

Students will respect and use critical and creative thinking, skeptical inquiry, and, when possible, the scientific approach to solve problems related to behavior and mental processes.

**Goal 4: Application of Psychology**

Students will understand and apply psychological principles to personal, social, and organizational issues.

**Goal 5: Values in Psychology**

Students will be able to weigh evidence, tolerate ambiguity, act ethically, and reflect other values that are the underpinnings of psychology as a discipline.

**II. Knowledge, Skills, and Values Consistent With Liberal Arts Education That Are Further Developed in Psychology**

**Goal 6: Information and Technological Literacy**

Students will demonstrate information competence and the ability to use computers and other technology for many purposes.

**Goal 7: Communication Skills**

Students will be able to communicate effectively in a variety of formats.

**Goal 8: Socio-cultural and International Awareness**

Students will recognize, understand, and respect the complexity of socio-cultural and international diversity.

**Goal 9: Personal Development**

Students will develop insight into their own and others' behavior and mental processes and apply effective strategies for self-management and self-improvement.

**Goal 10: Career Planning and Development**

Students will emerge from the major with realistic ideas about how to implement their psychological knowledge, skills, and values in occupational pursuits in a variety of settings.