

Psychology Goals and SLOs

Program Goals

1. Students will know the major concepts, perspectives, historical trends, empirical findings, research methods, and ethics in the field of psychology (APG1).
2. Students will be able to demonstrate skills in research, communication, ethical behavior, complex cognitive processes, and professional development (APG2).

The Department non-academic goal is to provide service to the college and the wider community.

Learning Outcomes

1. Be able to describe the major concepts, language, and major theories of the discipline to account for psychological phenomena (APG1/LO1).
2. Be able to explain the major perspectives of psychology (e.g., biological, cognitive, behavioral, sociocultural, etc.) (APG1/LO2).
3. Be able to explain the historical trends in the discipline of psychology (APG1/LO3).
4. Be able to describe the major empirical findings in psychology (APG1/LO4).
5. Be able to describe the basic characteristics of the science of psychology and explain different research methods used by psychologists (APG1/LO5).
6. Describe the ethical principles pertaining to all aspects of the science and practice of psychology (APG1/LO6).
7. Be able to design, conduct, and evaluate research that address psychological questions (APG2/LO1).
8. Demonstrate effective written and oral skills in various formats and for various purposes (APG2/LO2).
9. Practice ethical behavior in all aspects of the science and practice of psychology (APG2/LO3).
10. Use critical thinking effectively in evaluating information quality, recognizing thinking fallacies, and making connections between observations, facts, and theories (APG2/LO4).
11. Apply psychological content and skills to professional work, exhibit self-regulation, refine project management skills, enhance team work ability, and develop life direction (APG2/LO5).