

Psychology BS

Core Concepts In Psychology

Goal Description:

The Bachelor of Science Program in Psychology will provided students with a broad base of essential knowledge in the various subfields of psychology (e.g., developmental, social, clinical, school, etc.).

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RELATED ITEMS/ELEMENTS -----

RELATED ITEM LEVEL 1

Students Demonstrate Broad Knowledge Base

Learning Objective Description:

Students who complete the Bachelor of Science Program in Psychology will demonstrate knowledge of core concepts in the various sub-disciplines of Psychology.

RELATED ITEM LEVEL 2

PSY 1301 Exit Examination

Indicator Description:

Students' knowledge of the diverse areas within the field of psychology will be assessed using a common comprehensive final exam in PSY 1301 - Introduction to Psychology.

Criterion Description:

Criterion for success is to have 70% of the students respond successfully to questions in the following areas: Science of Psychology; Research Design; Physiological; Learning; Sensation/Perception; Developmental; Abnormal; Memory/Cognition; Personality; and Social Psychology. Our operational definition of "successfully" is a minimum of 70% correct on each of the subfields.

Attached Files

 [PSYC 1301 FINAL EXAM - S18 - KEY.pdf](#)

Findings Description:

Due to change in department leadership, these data are not available.

RELATED ITEM LEVEL 3

PSY 1301 Exit Examination

Action Description:

The Department will create an ad hoc committee to develop a new common final examination to assess outcomes in PSYC 1301.

Generate, Apply And Communicate Scientific Findings

Goal Description:

The Bachelor of Science program in Psychology will provide students with opportunities to apply and communicate the scientific findings of their discipline.

Attached Files

 [PSYC 3401-03 Syllabus - S19.pdf](#)

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RELATED ITEMS/ELEMENTS -----

RELATED ITEM LEVEL 1

Generate, Design, Apply And Communicate Scientific Knowledge

Learning Objective Description:

Students who complete the Bachelor of Science Program in Psychology will be able to generate, design and apply the results of scientific investigations and communicate their implications.

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 [PSYC 3401-03 Syllabus - S19.pdf](#)

RELATED ITEM LEVEL 2

PSYC 3401 (Statistics Lab) Assignments

Indicator Description:

The ability of students to conduct and understand research as well as apply and communicate results is assessed by means of a series of faculty-developed assignments for Psychology 3401 (Statistics Lab). The instruments requires students to: 1) choose research designs, compute statistics, and interpret outcomes. (Objectives 1 and 2); and interpreting results of scientific data, making decisions using the results based upon statistical probabilities, and making recommendations for follow-up work, either in the scientific or social environment. (Objectives 3 and 4). We're basically asking what do these data mean and why are they important?

Copies of the Assignments are attached.

Criterion Description:

Criterion for Objectives 1 and 2, 80% of psychology majors will receive a score that is deemed "acceptable" score (70% or higher) according to faculty-developed departmental rubric.

RELATED ITEM LEVEL 3

PSYC 3401 (Statistics Lab) Assignments

Action Description:

The Department will continue to monitor performance in Statistics Lab to ensure students are developing foundational skills in quantitative methods.

Update to Previous Cycle's Plan for Continuous Improvement Item

Previous Cycle's Plan For Continuous Improvement (Do Not Modify):

Closing Summary

The department will:

1. continue to increase online Psychology course offerings in order to support a fully online program.
2. explore curriculum changes to better align with student goals of either attending graduate school or securing employment after graduation.

Update of Progress to the Previous Cycle's PCI:

1. The Department has expanded it's online course offering to meet student needs during the COVID-19 pandemic
2. The Department has begun to review and revise the undergraduate curriculum with plans to revamp the structure of the degree plan of the B.S. in Psychology.

New Plan for Continuous Improvement Item

Closing Summary:

1. The Department will review and revise the curriculum for the B.S. degree in Psychology with the goal of ensuring students graduate with the requisite knowledge in psychology.
2. The Department will develop a new common final examination for PSYC 1301 to assess learning outcomes.