

Learning Goals for the Psychological Science Major and Minor

At the conclusion of the program, students will demonstrate

1. A fundamental knowledge base in the core areas of psychological science;
2. Critical thinking skills and their application;
3. Proficiency in the use of the language of psychological science in both written and verbal form;
4. Expertise in the methods of information gathering, organization, and synthesis as applied to psychological science;
5. Mastery of the experimental method and statistical analysis as practiced by psychologists;
6. An understanding of the ethics and values of the discipline;
7. A readiness for graduate study or for transition into the workforce; and
8. Recognition of how psychological science contributes to the understanding of human diversity.

Alignment with Academic Learning Goals

Graduates will	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Demonstrate an integrative knowledge of the human and natural worlds;	X						X	X
Develop habits of critical analysis and aesthetic appreciation;		X		X	X			
Apply creative and innovative thinking;		X		X	X			
Communicate skillfully in multiple forms of expression;			X	X				
Act competently in a global and diverse world;						X		X
Understand and promote social justice;						X		X
Apply a framework for examining ethical dilemmas;						X		X
Employ leadership and collaborative skills;						X	X	
Understand the religious dimensions of human experience.								X

Alignment with Assessment Measures

Measure	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Major Field Test (given as departmental comprehensive exam to seniors)	Direct	Direct		Direct	Direct	Direct		Direct
Experimental Design and Analysis Course (PS 301/301L) Performance [classwork, lab reports, full length APA-style manuscript]	Direct	Direct	Direct	Direct	Direct	Direct	Direct	Direct
Classroom Exams (PS 101)	Direct		Direct					
Coursework from PS318/318 L (Sensation and Perception) or 326 (Psychobiology)	Direct							
Classroom Exams (all 100- and 200-level courses)			Direct					
Paper/Oral Presentations (all 300- and 400-level courses)			Direct					
Practicum Evaluations (by supervisor and faculty member)				Direct		Direct	Direct	
CITI Program Completion						Direct		
Course Evaluations	Indirect	Indirect	Indirect	Indirect	Indirect	Indirect	Indirect	

The Psychological Science major offers concentrations in Child and Family Studies, Eating Disorders, Forensic Psychology, I/O Psychology, Mental Health Services, Psychology and Sports Sciences.

Each track has its own unique learning goal:

9. Students in a particular concentration will demonstrate proficiency in the use of the language and science of that subfield in both written and verbal form.

These goals will be measured via papers and oral presentations, practicum supervisor evaluations, exams, and course evaluations.