

Program Goals and Learning Outcomes

GOALS ADAPTED FROM THE AMERICAN PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION

GUIDELINES FOR UNDERGRADUATE PSYCHOLOGY MAJOR

GOAL 1: Knowledge base in psychology

Outcome 1. ETS Major Field Test in Psychology administered to graduating psychology majors every third year with an overall score no lower than 65th % for both individual and institutional comparisons.

GOAL 2: Scientific Inquiry and Critical Thinking

Outcome 1. A score no lower than 65th % for both individual and institutional comparisons on the measurement and methodology subsection of the ETS Major Field Test in Psychology for graduating psychology majors

Outcome 2. The combined annual number of student presentations at research conferences, and student coauthored publications will average at least 15 students.

Outcome 3. Annual rate of student participation, as assessed on the Psychology Department Exit Survey, in the FSRP program and Undergraduate Research (PSYC 493 or 494) will average at least 20% of the graduating class.

GOAL 3: Ethical and Social Responsibility in a Diverse World

Outcome 1. Students successfully pass the CITI test for ethics in research.

Outcome 2. At least half of our graduating seniors report on our exit survey that they participated in one of our three student organizations.

Outcome 3. At least one third of our graduating seniors report on our exit survey that they engaged in a Psychology Department volunteer activity.

GOAL 4: Communication

Outcome 1. Students successfully complete the Department's two required writing intensive courses.

Outcome 2. Students successfully produce a poster as part of PSYC 330 Research Methods.

Outcome 3. At least 10 current psychology majors per year attend a convention to co-present a poster or paper with a faculty member.

GOAL 5: Professional Development

Outcome 1. At least 1/3 of graduating psychology majors will indicate an acceptance for graduate training on the annual Psychology Department survey of their immediate post-graduate plans.

Outcome 2. At least 90% of the previous year's psychology graduates responding to the Career Services survey on employment and graduate school attendance will be either employed full-time or pursuing additional education.