

HSS Learning Outcomes

Psychology

Goal 1: Knowledge Base

Students will:

1. Demonstrate understanding of major psychological perspectives.
2. Demonstrate understanding of basic terminology relating to research methods.
3. Demonstrate basic psychological literacy in Statistics
4. Demonstrate basic psychological literacy in Biological Bases
5. Demonstrate basic psychological literacy in Learning
6. Demonstrate basic psychological literacy in Cognition
7. Demonstrate basic psychological literacy in Development
8. Demonstrate basic psychological literacy in Individual Differences
9. Demonstrate basic psychological literacy in Psychological Disorders & Treatments
10. Demonstrate basic psychological literacy in Social Psychology

Goal 2: Research Methods

Students will:

1. Explain the role of research in psychology
2. Demonstrate understanding of basic terminology relating to research methods
3. Place research in context of earlier work
4. Evaluate appropriateness of conclusions derived from psychological research
5. Design basic studies to address psychological questions.

Goal 3: Critical Thinking

Students will:

1. Question unsupported claims
2. Recognize psychological issues that have varying viewpoints
3. Formulate their own viewpoint
4. Recognize alternative viewpoints
5. Evaluate quality of supporting evidence
6. Describe implications and consequences that result from proposed conclusions

Goal 4: Application

Students will:

1. Generate acceptable examples of psychological concepts in everyday life
2. Evaluate applications of psychological concepts to everyday life

Goal 5: Ethics

Students will:

1. Recognize necessity of having ethical standards/acting ethically
2. Understand what it means to be ethical in writing
3. Understand what it means to be ethical in research
4. Understand what it means to be ethical in practice
5. Apply ethical standards in either research or practice

Goal 6: Writing

Students will:

1. Communicate ideas effectively
2. Write an effective review of literature
3. Use APA style documentation that is appropriate to the assignment
4. Use APA style formatting that is appropriate to the assignment

Goal 7: Quantitative Literacy

Students will:

1. Evaluate appropriateness of conclusions derived from psychological research
2. Select appropriate statistics
3. Conduct statistical analyses
4. Interpret statistical results
5. Decide how results should be presented

Goal 8: Career Planning & Development

Students will:

1. Demonstrate basic knowledge of careers in psychology
2. Demonstrate understanding of careers in psychology
3. Evaluate personal suitability for careers of interest
4. Develop a personal plan that addresses discrepancies & next steps