

Department Assessment Plan

DEPARTMENT: Psychology

Departmental Mission Statement:

Department Assessment Coordinator:

ASSESSMENT PLAN:

Objectives (identify type)	Method of Assessment (include timing)	Criterion
1. Disciplinary Content (knowledge): Students completing the psychology major will demonstrate knowledge of the ten areas of psychology: abnormal, clinical/counseling, development, research design, history, human learning/cognition, personality, physiological, social, and statistics.	Each spring all graduating psychology majors will take the PACAT achievement test.	All majors will answer correctly 70% of the items on 70% (8) of the content areas.
2. Research Methodology (knowledge): Students completing the psychology major will demonstrate knowledge of the principles of research methodology.	Each spring the records of all graduating psychology majors will be reviewed.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. All students will have passed Psychology 255 or its equivalent. b. All students will have completed at least one data analysis project.
3. Social Science Fundamentals (knowledge): Students completing the psychology major will demonstrate knowledge about the empirical fundamentals and their applications.	Each spring all graduating psychology majors will take the PACAT achievement test.	All majors will score 70% or better on the Experimental Design and Statistics sections of the PACAT.
4. Oral Communication (skill): Students completing the psychology major will demonstrate oral communication competence.	Each spring the records of all graduating psychology majors will be reviewed.	All students will have successfully given an oral presentation in at least one of the following classes: 255, 308, 330-334, 380, or 395.
5. Written Communication (skill): Students completing the psychology major will demonstrate written communication competence.	Each spring the records of all graduating psychology majors will be reviewed.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. All students will have will have successfully written five pages in response to Psych 151 assignments. b. All students will have received a passing grade, either individually or in a group, for a research paper

		that conforms to APA-style in either 255 or 330-334.
6. Interpersonal Skills (skill): Students completing the psychology major will demonstrate competence in interpersonal skills.	Each spring the records of all graduating psychology majors will be reviewed.	All students will have received a passing grade in one the following courses designed to teach some aspect of interpersonal skills: 310, 311, 313, 314, 380, or an appropriate interim.
7. Diversity (value): Students completing the psychology major will value the diversity of God's people.	Each spring the records of all graduating psychology majors will be reviewed.	All students will have successfully passed at least one course exploring diversity or cross-cultural issues.
8. Integration of Psychological Science and Christian Faith (value): Students completing the psychology major will achieve a personal integration of science and faith.	Each spring the records of all graduating psychology majors will be reviewed.	All students will have successfully passed 399.
9. Service (value): Students completing the psychology major will demonstrate a commitment to service.	Each spring the records of all graduating psychology majors will be reviewed.	All students will have participated in at least one academic service learning project sponsored by the Psychology Department or another department.

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