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Student Outcomes for BA / BS in Psychology

Mission and Goals:

The focus of the psychology department is to provide breadth and depth in the science and profession of psychology with a commitment to honoring diversity and promoting human welfare. The curriculum develops cross-cultural knowledge, critical thinking, imagination, creativity, ethical principles, concern for social justice, as well as respect for and knowledge of diverse perspectives that include feminist, multicultural, indigenous, gay and lesbian. In addition to active engagement in the classroom, students participate in research and community service. Our programs in psychology facilitate an understanding of the human experience as the interaction of biological, psychological, social, and cultural processes.

Intended Outcomes / Objectives:

- (1) Students will display critical thought and proficiency in the **scientific foundation of psychology**, including the following areas:
 - a. Critical evaluation of research
 - b. Research ethics
 - c. Research design
 - d. Quantitative data analysis

- (2) Students will demonstrate an understanding of how to **apply theoretical psychological concepts** to:
 - a. science (creating knowledge, asking questions, pursuing answers)
 - b. service (addressing community needs – local or global)
 - c. support (learning and practicing service delivery skills)

- (3) Students will display proficiency in basic technical **writing skills**, including:
 - a. Thought development
 - b. Clarity (grammar, essay structure, sentence structure)
 - c. APA Style

- (4) Students will develop **knowledge of and respect for diverse perspectives**. They will demonstrate the ability to address psychological issues from diverse perspectives, which could be represented by attention to sensitivity, tolerance, respect, and/or open-mindedness in how individual behavior is impacted.