Psychology Learning Objectives

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**Content Knowledge**

Students will

1. demonstrate knowledge of major psychological concepts, theories, and empirical findings

2. demonstrate the ability to apply psychological concepts and theories to research and real life situations.

**Thinking Skills**

Students will

1. Use critical and creative thinking, skeptical inquiry, and the scientific approach to solve problems related to behavior and mental processes
2. Demonstrate critical thinking in the analysis, evaluation, and interpretation of information in the scientific literature to distinguish the scientific literature from other sources.

**Communication Skills**

Students will

1. Communicate effectively (in writing and/or orally) the results of a project or internship.
2. Demonstrate the ability to effectively extract central points and summarize psychological research literature and to write in the format of psychological research.

**Research Skills**

Students will

1.      Differentiate among the research methods used in psychology and apply the designs in evaluation or development of a research study.

2.      Demonstrate the ability to analyze and interpret quantitative psychological data using statistics, graphs, and data tables.

**Diversity and Ethical Considerations**

Students will

1. Show evidence of knowledge and appreciation for cultural diversity and relativity in human experience and for the complexity of human behavior and interactions.
2. Demonstrate knowledge, and the application of, basic principles of scientific and professional ethics
3. Demonstrate sensitivity to ethical concerns and professionalism (including cultural considerations)in settings where applications of psychology and/or psychological research occur

**Career-related Skills**

Students will

1. demonstrate knowledge of professional options and required training for careers in the major subfields of psychology
2. demonstrate the ability to identify personally-relevant career options to implement their psychological knowledge, skills, and values in occupational pursuits in a variety of settings