UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, RIVERSIDE

Student Learning Outcomes for the
B.A./B.S. in Psychology

Students completing the B.A./B.S. major will be able to:

1. ability to formulate a testable research question, to test psychological hypotheses by designing a research study to address that question, to conduct the study, to perform basic statistical analyses of the data, and to write about the research with appropriate scientific style and precision
2. understand of the distinction between data, interpretation, and theory, and an understanding of the strengths and limitations of empirical research
3. critically evaluate psychological claims that are made in a variety of domains – from scholarly, scientific, academic journals, as well as from the popular media
4. obtain knowledge of research methods, theory, empirical findings, and human diversity in systems neuroscience, perception and cognition, personality and social psychology, and developmental psychology; students should also have the ability to apply this knowledge appropriately, in the "real" world, outside of the classroom and laboratory
5. obtain knowledge and understanding of the APA Ethical Guidelines regarding the conduct of ethical research practices, informed consent, confidentiality, privacy, and conflicts of interest

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