

# LEARNING GOALS & OUTCOMES

## APA Guidelines *for the* Undergraduate Psychology Major Version 2.0

### GOAL 1: KNOWLEDGE BASE

- 1.1 Describe key concepts, principles, and overarching themes in psychology
- 1.2 Develop a working knowledge of psychology's content domains
- 1.3 Describe applications of psychology

### GOAL 2: SCIENTIFIC INQUIRY & CRITICAL THINKING

- 2.1 Use scientific reasoning to interpret psychological phenomena
- 2.2 Demonstrate psychology information literacy
- 2.3 Engage in innovative and integrative thinking and problem solving
- 2.4 Interpret, design, and conduct basic psychological research
- 2.5 Incorporate sociocultural factors in scientific inquiry

### GOAL 3: ETHICAL & SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY IN A DIVERSE WORLD

- 3.1 Apply ethical standards to evaluate psychological science and practice
- 3.2 Build and enhance interpersonal relationships
- 3.3 Adopt values that build community at local, national, and global levels

### GOAL 4: COMMUNICATION

- 4.1 Demonstrate effective writing for different purposes
- 4.2 Exhibit effective presentation skills for different purposes
- 4.3 Interact effectively with others

### GOAL 5: PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- 5.1 Apply psychological content and skills to career goals
- 5.2 Exhibit self-efficacy and self-regulation
- 5.3 Refine project-management skills
- 5.4 Enhance teamwork capacity
- 5.5 Develop meaningful professional direction for life after graduation



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