M.S. and Ph.D. in Psychology

Learning Outcomes

Students will be able to:

- Identify major theoretical concepts in psychology, trace their historical development, and integrate theory, research, and domain-specific knowledge to explain and interpret how the field of psychology currently advances knowledge.
- Critique and synthesize theoretical and empirical articles from peer-reviewed scholarly journals in terms of theory, methods, data analyses, and conclusions in order to compose novel perspectives and ideas.
- Develop testable research questions, identify the strengths and limitations of research designs and data analysis techniques, conduct appropriate research and analytic strategies, and interpret the findings to situate them within the extant research literature.
- Describe and discuss the ethical issues associated with human subjects/participant protection and the sequence of procedures needed for IRB approval of research projects, and apply these ethical practices in research.
- Exhibit effective communication skills for presenting at professional conferences and publishing in professional journals.
- Develop strategies for planning and engaging in professional development to acquire new skills and refresh and consolidate knowledge in accord with department, university and APA standards of professionalism.