

Following the recommendations of the American Psychological Association, the following set of learning goals were established for the bachelor's degree in Psychology. The curriculum is designed to ensure that students earning a bachelor's degree in psychology will have achieved the following goals or learning outcomes.

Learning Goals for the Psychology Major at ISU

Goal 1: Develop a detailed knowledge of psychology

- 1.1 Describe key concepts, principles, and overarching themes in psychology
- 1.2 Develop a working knowledge of psychology's content domains
- 1.3 Understand the role of cognitive & learning, developmental, biological, and sociocultural factors in behavior

Goal 2: Develop an understanding of scientific inquiry and demonstrate critical thinking

- 2.1 Use scientific reasoning to interpret psychological phenomena
- 2.2 Demonstrate psychology information literacy
- 2.3 Interpret, design, and conduct basic psychological research

Goal 3: Understand the role of ethics and diversity in human behavior

- 3.1 Apply ethical standards to evaluate psychological science and practice
- 3.2 Demonstrate an understanding of the IRB process in research
- 3.3 Appreciate and respect others and their differences

Goal 4: Be able to communicate effectively in the discourse of psychology

- 4.1 Demonstrate skill in APA style writing
- 4.2 Demonstrate skill in visual and oral presentation of information

Goal 5: Develop skills supporting employment or graduate/professional education

- 5.1 Understand how psychological content and skills contribute to career goals
- 5.2 Demonstrate project management skills
- 5.3 Demonstrate the ability to work in a team