

## Program Outcomes Guide

**Program Title:** AA.PSY Psychology

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**Expected Learning Outcomes:**

1. Students will demonstrate the ability to think critically and comprehend, use, and apply the scientific method.
2. Students will understand the core fields, paradigms, perspectives, and theories of psychology.
3. Students will develop an understanding of the ethical standards in academic and applied psychology.
4. Students will be able to compare and contrast theories and concepts as they relate to human behavior and mental processes.

**Assessment:**

A Psychology Option completer must receive a grade of “B” (80%) or better in a specific assignment identified in three of the upper level courses taken. Each assignment addresses all four of the expected learning outcomes to at least some degree.

These assignments are: PSY 203: Research/Experiential Paper  
PSY 204: Interview Project of Cognitive Development  
PSY 206: Movie Analysis Project  
PSY 208: Personal Theory of Personality Paper  
PSY 216: Multimedia Presentation/Social Psych Core Concept  
PSY 240: Final Paper (Research Methodology)

**Validation:**

Each assignment will be reviewed by the full time psychology faculty. A professional psychologist will serve as an external validator by reviewing samples of the submitted assignments.

**Results:**

Data collection will begin immediately. Students entering under the Fall 2014 catalog will be required to meet this assessment outcome in order to earn an AA.PSY.

**Follow-up:**

Data will be analyzed to identify areas of weakness. Those areas will be addressed with modifications to instruction and assignments.

**Budget Justification:**

Current resources are adequate.