

Course Outcomes Guide

Course/Program Title: PSY 240 Research Methods

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Expected Learning Outcomes:

1. To think critically and skeptically.
2. To prepare students for other Psychology classes.
3. To write a research paper in APA format.
4. To appropriately interpret psychological findings.

Assessment (How do or will students demonstrate achievement of each outcome?)

Quizzes – multiple choice and short answer; paper review assignment; introduction/literature review; method section

Validation (What methods have you used or will you use to validate your assessment?)

Face validity will show that the assessments are valid.

Results (What do your assessment data show? If you have not yet assessed student achievement of your learning outcomes, when is assessment planned?) Grades significantly improved in the Fall 2017 semester.

	F13	F14	F15	F16	F17
A	50%	52%	67%	69%	83%
B	38%	37%	7%	31%	17%
C	8%	11%	7%	0%	0%
D	4%	0%	7%	0%	0%
F	0%	0%	15%	0%	0%

Follow-up (How have you used or how will you use the data to improve student learning?)

This course was offered as a hybrid for the first time this semester, and that may have contributed to student success. In addition, Credo modules were incorporated into the course in the online portion. These changes will be continued in the future.

Budget Justification (What resources are necessary to improve student learning?) none needed.