Mission/Vision Statement
The mission of the Department of Psychology is to provide students with a comprehensive program that emphasizes a scientific approach to the study of human and non-human behavior. Inherent within this mission is a focus on understanding and thinking critically about psychological research. The program addresses issues of diversity, emphasizes effective oral and written communication skills, and includes a professional capstone experience involving research. This research-based program prepares students to obtain employment or attend graduate school upon graduation.

The Department of Psychology shares with the University a commitment to educate individuals in a manner that provides a breadth of experience common to all students. At the same time, a flexible curriculum will be maintained so that students can take an increasingly active role in structuring individualized programs that provide more depth of education in their particular evolving area of personal or professional interest.

Students/Customer
The Department of Psychology concentrates on those students interested in the scientific study of human behavior. The Department of Psychology serves its majors through a curriculum designed for professional and graduate success. The Department also provides courses for the General Education curriculum and interdisciplinary programs.

Program Objectives (PO)
- To attempt to increase enrollment of full-time undergraduates.
- To continue to closely monitor our curriculum and capstone experience.
- To increase alumni relations and implement an alumni mentoring program.
- To explore the possibility of expanding the program to the graduate level.

Student Learning Objectives (SLO)
The psychology major will be able to:
- Demonstrate competence in a specific area of psychology, both orally and through written work.
- Demonstrate an understanding of statistical analyses related to a variety of research designs as well as an ability to test an empirical hypothesis statistically.
- Demonstrate breadth of knowledge in psychology.

Key Assessment Activities
- Written and oral presentation of the capstone project.
- The final examination in PSY 200 – Statistics
- Exit surveys.
- Major Field Test in Psychology

University Strategic Plan Goals (SPG)
1. Achieving excellence & growth in academic programs.
2. Developing a world-class support environment.
3. Valuing our people.
Institutional Student Learning Outcomes (ISLO)

Through coursework, learning experiences, co-curricular and extracurricular activities, students will develop and demonstrate:

1. Knowledge, skills, and scholarship appropriate to general and major field areas of study.
2. Effective written and oral communication skills and information literacy using an array of media and modalities.
3. Practical, critical, analytical, and quantitative reasoning skills.
4. Actions reflecting ethical reasoning, civic responsibility, environmental stewardship, and respect for diversity.
5. Interpersonal skills and knowledge of self as a learner that contribute to effective team work, mentoring, and life-long learning.

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