



BAKER COLLEGE

STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES

PSY1110 General Psychology
3 Semester Credit Hours

Student Learning Outcomes and Enabling Objectives

1. Explain why psychology is a science. (APA 1.1b)
 - a. Discuss the use of the scientific method. (APA 2.4g)
 - b. Describe research methods used by psychologists including their respective advantages and disadvantages. (APA 2.4a)
 - c. Discuss the importance of ethics in psychological research and practice. (APA, 3.1ABC)

2. Examine major historical events, theoretical perspectives, and figures in psychology. (APA 1.2c)
 - a. Identify significant historical contributions that have shaped the field and study of psychology. (APA 1.2c)
 - b. Describe multiple theoretical perspectives. (APA 1.2c)

3. Investigate key characteristics of major content domains in psychology. (APA 1.2a)
 - a. Describe the biological domain of psychology. (APA 1.2a-d)
 - i. Biological basis of behavior
 - ii. Sensation
 - iii. Consciousness
 - b. Explore the cognitive domain of psychology. (APA 1.2a-e)
 - i. Perception
 - ii. Intelligence
 - iii. Attention
 - iv. Memory
 - c. Examine the developmental domain of psychology. (APA 1.2a-e)
 - i. Learning theories
 - ii. Lifespan development phases and theories
 - d. Explore the social and personality domain of psychology. (APA 1.2a-e)
 - i. Personality theories
 - ii. Emotion and motivation

iii. Major concepts of social psychology

4. Examine primary categories of psychological disorders and treatments (APA 1.3c)

Note: Each SLO/EO is aligned to the American Psychological Association (APA) guidelines for undergraduate learning outcomes.

Big Ideas and Essential Questions

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- Psychology as a science
- Major domains
- Historical events
- Primary theories

Essential Questions

1. What makes psychology a science?
2. Why do we think and behave the way we do?
3. How has psychology evolved overtime?
4. How are psychological theories and concepts applied in real life settings?

These SLOs are not approved for experiential credit.

Effective: Fall 2022