

*Institute of Psychology*  
*Objectives of courses to non-majors*

1. Students will learn an overview of the scientific study of behavior. Students will learn about the diverse areas of investigation by psychologists and how this research relates to other fields. Both general survey courses (e.g. 221, 222) and specific content courses (e.g. 303) contribute to the understanding of the field as a whole.

Measure: Performance on content based exams and content based writing assignments recorded by the instructor as a component of and/or reflected by the final course grade.

2. Students will gain an understanding of methods used to describe, understand, and analyze patterns of behavior.

Measure: Specific exam questions related to human and animal behavior research methodology.

3. Students will gain the knowledge necessary to be intelligent consumers of psychological service and research (e.g., as reported in the media).

Measure: Specific discussion reflected on the syllabus of topics related to psychological services, consultation, and research findings with parallel exam questions.

4. Students will practice skills of communications either individually or in groups including oral, written and/or electronic communications.

Measure: Assessment of performance using grades, frequency counts and/or rating checklists for writing assignments, class presentations, classroom participation and electronic communications modes.

5. Students will become sensitive to ethical dilemmas inherent in the study and practice of psychology.

Measure: Specific discussion and content reflected in the syllabus on ethics with parallel exam questions.