PSYCHOLOGY, B.S. (LIBERAL ARTS)

Begin Campus: Any Penn State Campus
End Campus: World Campus, University Park

Program Learning Objectives

• Knowledge of concepts, theories, and findings: Demonstrate knowledge of major psychological concepts, theories, and empirical findings.

• Ability to apply concepts and theories to research and real life: Demonstrate the ability to apply psychological concepts and theories to research and real life situations.

• Demonstrate knowledge: Demonstrate knowledge about the history, values, and scientific foundations of the field of psychology.

• Use critical scientific approach to solve problems: Use critical and creative thinking, skeptical inquiry, and the scientific approach to solve problems related to behavior and mental processes.

• Critical thinking in application of science: Demonstrate critical thinking in the analysis, evaluation, and interpretation of information in the scientific literature to distinguish the scientific literature from other sources.

• Formulate and defend a scholarly opinion based on the literature: Demonstrate the ability to formulate and defend one’s own scholarly opinion based on reading, interpreting, and synthesizing psychological literature.

• Communicate results: Communicate effectively (in writing and/or orally) the results of a project or internship.

• Extract, summarize, and write using psychological research: Demonstrate the ability to effectively extract central points and summarize psychological research literature and to write in the format of psychological research.

• Translate psychological knowledge into everyday language: Demonstrate the ability to translate psychological knowledge into everyday language.

• Research methods and design: Differentiate among the research methods used in psychology and apply the designs in evaluation or development of a research study.

• Analyze data using stats, graphs, and tables: Demonstrate the ability to analyze and interpret quantitative psychological data using statistics, graphs, and data tables.

• Knowledge/appreciation of diversity: Show evidence of knowledge and appreciation for cultural diversity and relativity in human experience and for the complexity of human behavior and interactions.

• Application of scientific and professional ethics: Demonstrate knowledge, and the application of, basic principles of scientific and professional ethics.

• Demonstrate sensitivity to ethical concerns and professionalism: Demonstrate sensitivity to ethical concerns and professionalism (including cultural considerations) in settings where applications of psychology and/or psychological research occur.

• Knowledge of professional options and training: Demonstrate knowledge of professional options and required training for careers in the major subfields of psychology.

• Identify career options: Demonstrate the ability to identify personally-relevant career options to implement their psychological knowledge, skills, and values in occupational pursuits in a variety of settings.