

Marketable Skills for Psychology BA/BS Undergraduate Programs

The graduates of our undergraduate psychology program will have the following marketable skills:

- I. Communication skills
 - a. Students will demonstrate effective scientific writing skills.
 - b. Students will exhibit effective oral presentation skills.
 - c. Students will demonstrate productive interpersonal skills through experience in group and collaboration.
- II. Collaboration skills
 - a. Students will gain experience working with diverse groups of people who are collaborating to achieve a goal.
 - b. Students will learn to balance individual and group goals to achieve a desired outcome in a collaborative setting.
 - c. Students will exhibit the communication skills needed to bring together and organize complex group projects.
- III. Critical thinking and research skills
 - a. Students will use scientific reasoning to interpret psychological phenomena.
 - b. Students will demonstrate psychology information literacy.
 - c. Students will engage in innovative and integrative thinking and problem solving.
 - d. Students will design, conduct, and interpret basic psychological research by developing creative research hypotheses and testing those hypotheses.
- IV. Professional and technology skills
 - a. Students will refine their skills in planning, organizing, and carrying out complex projects both individually and in group settings.
 - b. Students will enhance teamwork capacity through group research collaboration projects.
 - c. Students will demonstrate proficiency in writing scientific papers in word-processing programs.
 - d. Students will gain experience in organizing and manipulating data in spreadsheets and other statistical software programs.
 - e. Students will become proficient in basic data analysis through spreadsheet programs.
 - f. Students will demonstrate proficiency in creating visual representations of data through appropriate APA format graphs and tables.
 - g. Students will gain experience in creating oral presentations using presentation software.
- V. Ethical reasoning skills
 - a. Students will apply ethical standards to evaluate psychological science and practice.
 - b. Students will learn about and apply the ethical standards of research to the research proposal practice, including experience with Internal Review Board processes.
 - c. Students will become proficient in strategies aimed at minding and caring for the privacy and confidentiality of research participants.