

Messiah College

Biopsychology (BS)

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Annual Assessment Plan



2 PLO #1 - ULO 2

Students will identify and explain the major concepts, theoretical perspectives, empirical findings, and historical trends in psychology. A sophisticated understanding of individual human behavior.

Outcome(s)

Choose one or more accreditor outcome that aligns with your Program Learning Outcome.

There is no selected outcome.

Choose one or more Institution outcome that aligns with your Program Learning Outcome.

Selected Outcomes:

• ULO 2 - Breadth and Depth of Knowledge

Please Enter The Following Information Below:

Measures - Need to name specific course/ required experience plus exact exam items, assignments, rubric lines, etc. used for the analysis of performance on the PLO.

Targets - Percentage of students expected to earn a particular score on the measure.

Timeline - The frequency with which the department will analyze and report student performance on the PLO.

Measures	Targets	Timeline
ETS Major Field Test	50% of the students will score above the national average of the field test.	Annually

Results - Was the target met? What was the faculty discussion about these results?

Action Plans

Closing the Loop - What actions were taken to Improve Student Learning on This PLO during this academic year?

PLO #2 - ULO 4 (A)

Students will input and analyze data using appropriate SPSS methods.

Outcome(s)

Choose one or more accreditor outcome that aligns with your Program Learning Outcome.

There is no selected outcome.

Choose one or more Institution outcome that aligns with your Program Learning Outcome.

Selected Outcomes:

• ULO 4 - Specialized Skills and Scholarship

Please Enter The Following Information Below:

Measures - Need to name specific course/ required experience plus exact exam items, assignments, rubric lines, etc. used for the analysis of performance on the PLO.

Targets - Percentage of students expected to earn a particular score on the measure.

Timeline - The frequency with which the department will analyze and report student performance on the PLO.

Measures	Targets	Timeline
PSYC 271 SPSS project	80 % of the students will achieve a score of 3 or higher on the assessment rubric	Annually

Results - Was the target met? What was the faculty discussion about these results?

Action Plans

Closing the Loop - What actions were taken to Improve Student Learning on This PLO during this academic year?

PLO #3 - ULO 4 (B)

SWDAT: design, execute, analyze, and systematically report research results.

Outcome(s)



Choose one or more accreditor outcome that aligns with your Program Learning Outcome.

There is no selected outcome.

Choose one or more Institution outcome that aligns with your Program Learning Outcome.

Selected Outcomes:

• ULO 4 - Specialized Skills and Scholarship

Please Enter The Following Information Below:

Measures - Need to name specific course/ required experience plus exact exam items, assignments, rubric lines, etc. used for the analysis of performance on the PLO.

Targets - Percentage of students expected to earn a particular score on the measure.

Timeline - The frequency with which the department will analyze and report student performance on the PLO.

Measures	Targets	Timeline
PSYC 408 Research project	80% of the students will score 3 or higher.	Annually

Results - Was the target met? What was the faculty discussion about these results?

5	Action	Plans
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Closing the Loop - What actions were taken to Improve Student Learning on This PLO during this academic year?

5 PLO #4 - ULO 4 (C)

SWDAT: integrate and interpret multiple test data to make appropriate clinical recommendations

Outcome(s)

Choose one or more accreditor outcome that aligns with your Program Learning Outcome.

There is no selected outcome.

Choose one or more Institution outcome that aligns with your Program Learning Outcome.

Selected Outcomes:

• ULO 4 - Specialized Skills and Scholarship

Please Enter The Following Information Below:

Measures - Need to name specific course/ required experience plus exact exam items, assignments, rubric lines, etc. used for the analysis of performance on the PLO.

Targets - Percentage of students expected to earn a particular score on the measure.

Timeline - The frequency with which the department will analyze and report student performance on the PLO.

Measures	Targets	Timeline
PSYC 409 Assessment project	80% of the students will score 3 or higher	Annually

Results - Was the target met? What was the faculty discussion about these results?

5 Action Plans

Closing the Loop - What actions were taken to Improve Student Learning on This PLO during this academic year?

6 PLO #5 - ULO 5

SWDAT reflect on experiences (academic/volunteer/internship/employment) that shaped their current sense of vocation and articulate how those experiences impact future vocational goals

Outcome(s)

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Choose one or more accreditor outcome that aligns with your Program Learning Outcome.

There is no selected outcome.

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Choose one or more Institution outcome that aligns with your Program Learning Outcome.

Selected Outcomes:

• ULO 5 - Self-Awareness

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Targets - Percentage of students expected to earn a particular score on the measure.

Timeline - The frequency with which the department will analyze and report student performance on the PLO.

Measures	Targets	Timeline
PSYC 494 Story of Vocation presentation	80 % of the students will achieve a score of 3 or higher on the assessment rubric	Annually

Results - Was the target met? What was the faculty discussion about these results?

5 Action Plans

6 Closing the Loop - What actions were taken to Improve Student Learning on This PLO during this academic year?

7 PLO #6 - ULO 3

Students will articulate how faith connects to Psychology and to potential career options in the field of Psychology

Outcome(s)



Choose one or more accreditor outcome that aligns with your Program Learning Outcome.

There is no selected outcome.



Choose one or more Institution outcome that aligns with your Program Learning Outcome.

Selected Outcomes:

• ULO 3 - Faith Knowledge & Application



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Targets - Percentage of students expected to earn a particular score on the measure.

Timeline - The frequency with which the department will analyze and report student performance on the PLO.

Measures	Targets	Timeline
PSYC 494 Senior Capstone Course Integration Reflection Paper	80 % of the students will achieve a score of 3 or higher on the assessment rubric	Annually

Results - Was the target met? What was the faculty discussion about these results?

5 Action Plans

Closing the Loop - What actions were taken to Improve Student Learning on This PLO during this academic year?

Assessment Rubric



Process

	1	2	3	4
Is the plan being implemented faithfully and revised as needed?	Assessment plan is not implemented.	Most aspects of plan are being implemented or all aspects are implemented to some degree.	Assessment plan is fully implemented.	Plan is faithfully executed and modified/evaluated as needed.

Explanations:

Engagement

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Are all relevant parties are meaningfully involved in the creation/revision, implementation, analysis, interpretation and learning improvement process?	Limited involvement beyond chair/director	All department faculty are aware of process and result	All department faculty participate in conversations regarding the use of assessment data to improve student learning	All relevant stakeholders (students, employers, alumni) are meaningfully involved in the creation/revision implementation, analysis, interpretation, and/or improvement processes associated with this assessment plan.	
Explanations: Program Learning Objectives					
	1	2	3	4	
Are the student learning objectives clear, measurable, aligned with ULOs/GLOs, and representative of the range of learning for that major/program?	Objectives are problematic (vague, abstract, not aligned with ULOs/GLOs) or missing.	Objectives are clear, mostly measurable, partially aligned with ULOs/GLOs.	Objectives are clear, measureable, aligned with ULOs/GLOs, and represent an overview of the knowledge, skills, beliefs, and values that are important for a graduate of this major/program, accounting for variations in learning outcomes due to tracks/concentrations	Objectives are clear, measurable, aligned with ULOs/GLOs, and representative of the range of learning that is important for this program. The learning objectives provide a comprehensive view of the knowledge, skills, beliefs, and values that are	

Measures

	1	2	3	4
Are the instruments used to assess learning relevant to the objective? Do measures yield information/data you can use to drive improvement?	Not all objectives have a measure identified. OR Measures do not directly connect to the objectives.	All objectives have at least one direct measure. Measures connect to learning objectives superficially or tangentially and/or include learning other than stated objectives. Relies almost exclusively on the same form of assessment (survey, exam, project). Relies almost exclusively on data from a single source (course, program, activity).	All objectives have at least one direct measure. Some objectives have multiple measures. Measures clearly connect to learning objectives. And two of the following four criteria: Objective measures more than one point in time (formative). Indirect measure are used strategically. Plan Incorporates different forms of assessment (survey, exam, project). Plan incorporates from a variety of sources (course, program, activity).	Measures meet all of the following criteria: All objectives have at least one direct measure. Some objectives have multiple measures. Measures clearly connect to learning objectives. Objectives measured more than one point in time (formative). Indirect measures are used strategically. Plan incorporates different forms of assessment (survey, exam, project). Plan incorporates data from a variety of sources (course, program, activity).



Explanations:



Targets

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	Are the targets based on professional standards and/or experience with student work? Are targets challenging and achievable?	Some targets are missing.	Targets are arbitrarily chosen or reflect minimal expectations.	Targets are challenging and achievable based on prior data, and reflect the level of performance a novice professional knows/can do.	Targets are challenging and achievable. Targets are based on professional standards and/or prior data and experience with student work and reflect the level of performance a novice professional knows/can do. Targets are set at a level to inspire program improvement.
10	Explanations:				
1	Timeline				

	Is the timeline for data collection manageable with sufficient data points to effectively inform decision making and program review?	Not identified clearly for all measures.	Clearly states semester/year for each objective/measure. Data analysis delayed from data collection. Time between collection points may not facilitate informed decision making.	Clearly stated and manageable schedule. At least two data points for each objective per review cycle.	Timeline for data collection is manageable and allows for continuous improvement with timely and meaningful decision making even before program
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	Explanations:				
13	Action Plan				
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Assessment data not Data collected, documented Data collected, documented Department collected/analyzed/used for and discussed by department. and discussed by department. collected and decisions and/or results not Department reviewed Department and dean discussed documented in AEFIS. confirmed confidence in confidence in measures and follow-up data data as sufficient indicators of after the measures and data as student performance. If data sufficient indicators of student implementation indicated changes were performance. Action plans (e.g. of action plans needed, action plans were improving outcomes, in order to developed in consultation with measures, targets, curriculum determine dean (e.g. improving outcomes, or pedagogy) developed in whether measures, targets, curriculum consultation with dean. If prior changes or pedagogy). resulted in year data warranted action Is the department plans, the department improvement or effectively examining and implemented the changes. whether using assessment data to additional revise curriculum and action is pedagogy to support necessary. student learning? Data confirms effective curriculum and pedagogy for learning outcomes. Score of 4 should be assigned only if objectives, measures, targets and timeline all score a 4. Explanations: Dissemination 2 3 1 4

