

Department of Psychology CSCI

LONG-TERM ASSESSMENT PLAN: BA in Psychology

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PROGRAM MISSION

[CSUEB Missions, Commitments, and ILOs, 2012](#)

PROGRAM LEARNING OUTCOMES (PLOs)

Students graduating with a BA in Psychology will be able to:

PLO 1	Identify key concepts, principles, and applications of psychology's content domains.
PLO 2	Apply scientific reasoning to interpret psychological phenomena and to design and conduct basic psychological research.
PLO 3	Evaluate the ethics of psychological science and practice.
PLO 4	Demonstrate effective communication skills.
PLO 5	Describe career options within psychology.

Year 1: 2023-2024

1. Which PLO(s) to assess	PLO 1
2. Is it aligned to an ILO?	No
3. If yes, list ILO.	N/A
4. Course name and number	PSYC 491A-F & 493A-B
5. SLO from course	Compare and contrast theories in the area of [insert topic area from specific 491/493 courses].
6. Assessment activity	Test of psychological content
7. Assessment Instrument	Test of psychological content from core areas of curriculum administered on Qualtrics to students at beginning and end of psychology program (PSYC 200 and PSYC 491A-F/493A-B, respectively).
8. How data will be reported	Quantitative
9. Responsible person(s)	Assessment Committee for Psychology Department
10. Time (which semester(s))	Spring 2024

11. <i>Ways of closing the loop</i>	Data will be reported in the Psychology Department Annual Report and discussed in faculty meetings to improve areas of weakness.
Year 2: 2024-2025	
1. <i>Which PLO(s) to assess</i>	PLO 2
2. <i>Is it aligned to an ILO?</i>	Yes
3. <i>If yes, list ILO.</i>	Thinking & Reasoning
4. <i>Course name and number</i>	PSYC 491A-F & 493A-B
5. <i>SLO from course</i>	Three relevant: Critically evaluate journal articles; Formulate a research hypothesis in the area of [insert topic area from specific 491/493 courses]; Design a methodologically sound study to test a hypothesis.
6. <i>Assessment activity</i>	Article analysis assignment
7. <i>Assessment Instrument</i>	Article analysis assignment given to students at the end of the program (PSYC 491A-F & 493 A-B).
8. <i>How data will be reported</i>	Quantitative
9. <i>Responsible person(s)</i>	Assessment Committee for Psychology Department
10. <i>Time (which semester(s))</i>	Spring 2025
11. <i>Ways of closing the loop</i>	Data will be reported in the Psychology Department Annual Report and discussed in faculty meetings to improve areas of weakness.

Year 3: 2025-2026	
1. <i>Which PLO(s) to assess</i>	PLO 3
2. <i>Is it aligned to an ILO?</i>	No
3. <i>If yes, list ILO.</i>	N/A
4. <i>Course name and number</i>	PSYC 491A-F & 493A-B
5. <i>SLO from course</i>	Apply principles of research ethics to a study.
6. <i>Assessment activity</i>	Ethics test
7. <i>Assessment Instrument</i>	Ethics test administered on Qualtrics to students at beginning and end of psychology program (PSYC 200 and PSYC 491A-F/493A-B, respectively).
8. <i>How data will be reported</i>	Quantitative
9. <i>Responsible person(s)</i>	Assessment Committee for Psychology Department
10. <i>Time (which semester(s))</i>	Spring 2026
11. <i>Ways of closing the loop</i>	Data will be reported in the Psychology Department Annual Report and discussed in faculty meetings to improve areas of weakness.

Year 4: 2026-2027	
1. <i>Which PLO(s) to assess</i>	PLO 4
2. <i>Is it aligned to an ILO?</i>	Yes
3. <i>If yes, list ILO.</i>	Communication

4. <i>Course name and number</i>	PSYC 491A-F & 493A-B
5. <i>SLO from course</i>	Present research findings in American Psychological Association format.
6. <i>Assessment activity</i>	Final Papers
7. <i>Assessment Instrument</i>	Assessment performed on sample of final papers in PSYC 491A-F & 493 A-B
8. <i>How data will be reported</i>	Quantitative
9. <i>Responsible person(s)</i>	Assessment Committee for Psychology Department
10. <i>Time (which semester(s))</i>	Spring 2027
11. <i>Ways of closing the loop</i>	Data will be reported in the Psychology Department Annual Report and discussed in faculty meetings to improve areas of weakness.

Year 5: 2027-2028

1. <i>Which PLO(s) to assess</i>	PLO 5
2. <i>Is it aligned to an ILO?</i>	No
3. <i>If yes, list ILO.</i>	N/A
4. <i>Course name and number</i>	PSYC 491A-F & 493A-B
5. <i>SLO from course</i>	In progress
6. <i>Assessment activity</i>	Careers Test
7. <i>Assessment Instrument</i>	Graduating seniors in PSYC 491A-F & 493A-B will complete a survey that assesses students' knowledge about careers in psychology in general and their own career paths.
8. <i>How data will be reported</i>	Quantitative and Qualitative
9. <i>Responsible person(s)</i>	Assessment Committee for Psychology Department
10. <i>Time (which semester(s))</i>	Spring 2028
11. <i>Ways of closing the loop</i>	Data will be reported in the Psychology Department Annual Report and discussed in faculty meetings to improve areas of weakness.