Program Goals and Student Learning Outcomes

Goal 1: Knowledge Base in Psychology: Students should demonstrate fundamental knowledge and comprehension of the major concepts, theoretical perspectives, historical trends, and empirical findings to discuss how psychological principles apply to behavioral problems.
   1.1 Describe key concepts, principles, and overarching themes in psychology
   1.2 Develop a working knowledge of psychology’s content domains
   1.3 Describe applications of psychology

Goal 2: Scientific Inquiry and Critical Thinking: The skills in this domain involve the development of scientific reasoning and problem solving, including effective research methods.
   2.1 Use scientific reasoning to interpret psychological phenomena
   2.2 Demonstrate psychology information literacy
   2.3 Engage in innovative and integrative thinking and problem solving
   2.4 Interpret, design, and conduct basic psychological research
   2.5 Incorporate sociocultural factors in scientific inquiry

Goal 3: Ethical and Social Responsibility in a Diverse World: The skills in this domain involve the development of ethically and socially responsible behaviors for professional and personal settings in a landscape that involves increasing diversity.
   3.1 Apply ethical standards to evaluate psychological science and practice
   3.2 Build and enhance interpersonal relationships
   3.3 Adopt values that build community at local, national, and global levels

Goal 4: Communication: Students should demonstrate competence in writing and in oral and interpersonal communication skills.
   4.1 Demonstrate effective writing for different purposes
   4.2 Exhibit effective presentation skills for different purposes
   4.3 Interact effectively with others

Goal 5: Professional Development: The emphasis in this goal is on application of psychology-specific content and skills, effective self-reflection, project-management skills, teamwork skills, and career preparation.
   5.1 Apply psychological content and skills to career goals
   5.2 Exhibit self-efficacy and self-regulation
   5.3 Refine project-management skills
   5.4 Enhance teamwork capacity
   5.5 Develop meaningful professional direction for life after graduation